Sea Life Directed Drawing

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Octopus

1. Draw a rainbow for the head/body.

2. Draw a hot dog going up on the side for one leg and connect it to the head.

3. Draw a hot dog going up on the other side for the other leg and connect it to the head also.

4. Draw six more hot dogs for the legs under the octopus, but don't close them on the top!

5. Connect those six legs to each other and to the first two legs by drawing lines between them. Just connect the legs.

6. Make a face on your octopus. He can be happy, sad, or mad. A mad octopus

has a frown and eyebrows that point in like a V without the point in the middle.

7. An angry octopus can turn red. If your octopus is mad, you can color him red.

Jellyfish

- 1. Draw a rainbow for the body/head.
- 2. Draw a wavy line for the bottom of the jellyfish.
- 3. Draw lots of wavy tentacles on the jellyfish.
- 4. Give your jellyfish a face.

Manta Ray

1. Draw an oval for the body/head.

2. Draw a big smile for one fin or "wing" by going out

and up. (Demonstrate this while the children watch without drawing. When I do this, I say, "Smile UP, then back in." I do it a couple of times on a white

board while they watch and repeat it with me, and then I release them to try it themselves.)

3. For the tail, draw a small rainbow, and then another small rainbow right next to it. You might tell them that it is the "bendy part of the lower case R," if you think that will help. Connect them at the top.



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4. Draw a heart at the top for the stinger. When I have my kids draw a heart, I tell them to draw two "M bumps" and then put a V underneath them.
5. Draw a face on the manta ray and some gills on each side of it. The gills are just shallow or skinny letter C's.

Starfish

1. Draw a capital A for the top of the starfish, but don't put the line through the middle.

2. Draw a line going out to the side of the starfish on either side for the "arms."

3. Draw a "slide" (diagonal line) going in towards the middle of the starfish on either side to complete the arms.

4. To draw the last two points on the star, (or the "legs" on the starfish,") have the children stop drawing and just watch you for a moment. Then show them how you go "out, then in" to the middle of the starfish for one leg, and then the other.

5. Give your starfish a face.

Turtle

- 1. Draw a rainbow for the shell.
- 2. Draw a small oval for the head.

3. Draw four skinny hot dogs for the legs, and then draw some claws on the feet.

- 4. Draw a tiny little hot dog for the tail.
- 5. Give the turtle a face.

6. Starting at the top, make a bunch of small smiles on the shell of the turtle to make it look like a real turtle shell.

Sea Horse

(Note: If you draw your sea horse as a mirror image of mine, you could describe the basic shape as a lower case g with a head and long nose rather than a P.)

1. Draw a large capital letter P for the body and part of the tail. (Or a lower case g, if you are going the other direction.)

2. Put an oval head on top of the P. Give that head a long hot dog nose.

3. On the bottom of the P, draw a curl so that the sea horse's tail curls. (Skip this step if you started with a g.)





4. Give your sea horse only one eye, since we are looking at him from the side.

5. The sea horse has a fin on his back that looks like capital K. Have the kids make the two diagonal lines of a K on the back of the seahorse, and then make lots of "smiley bumps" to close the triangle fin. I usually say, "Smile, smile, smile, smile, "while I draw.
6. Give the same instructions for the small fin on the seahorse's head.

7. Male seahorses have a pouch. Make a small smile on the seahorse's tummy to form a pouch.

8. To add the exoskeleton (the bumps around the

outside of the body,) I just tell the kids to add

pointy smiles all around the outside on top of their lines.

Shark

1. Draw a large oval for the head/body.

2. Draw a very large smile for the mouth, and then put a lid on it.

3. Draw V's on the top of the mouth for the top row of teeth, and M's on the bottom of the mouth for the bottom row of teeth.

4. Draw a smile for the bottom of one eye, and then put a rainbow on top of it. Trace over the

lines a little bit to darken them up. Then add a circle in the middle of them for the eye ball and color it in. I usually show my kids how eyes the "point in together like a letter V" make something look mean or mad before I have them make the eyes. I have them just watch me first while I do it a couple of times- once with eyes that look mean because they point inward, and once with eyes that do not. Then I also show them how if you make the eyes point the other direction (like a capital A) the character winds up looking sad! They just love doing this, especially on white boards! It is a really fun thing to do, and the children will all give their sharks their own personality.

5. Give the shark eyebrows by making a letter V above the eyes and erasing the point. This will make him look mean.

6. Draw a capital D on top of the sharks head for a dorsal fin. Show the children how the D winds up a little bit curvy like a rainbow as it does in the picture.
7. Draw capital D's for the bottom fins on either side of the shark's lower





body. One of them will be backwards, of course!

8. To add a tail, draw a large rainbow behind the shark's head going off to one side, and then another rainbow underneath it. Connect them at the end with a triangle. To make that triangle, I usually tell the kids to make the "sticks on a K" or a couple of "slides" and then put a lid on it. Those diagonal lines are hard to describe!

Fish

(Note: Giving this fish lots of big teeth and a large dorsal fin will make him look like a shark!)
1. Draw a big smile that goes way up too far on the end. This will be the bottom of the fish's body and tail.

2. Starting at the same place that you started the first smile, (the fish's nose,) draw a rainbow to form the top of the body and the rest of the tail. It must cross over the other smile to form something like an X. The hardest part of this is trying to get the kids to make the rainbow go UP first, and then down to cross the other line. They want to make it go straight down.

3. Draw a lid to close the fish's tail.

4. Draw an A for the fin on top and a V for the fin on the bottom.

5. Give the fish one eye, half a smile, and some gills.

Puffer Fish/ Rainbow Fish

1. Draw a large round circle for the body, but don't quite finish that circle. Leave a hole at the end of it for the tail.

2. Draw the "sticks of a K" to form the tail. Put a lid on it by making wavy lines or letter S's to close it.

3. Make the fins on the top or bottom by drawing a slide and then closing it with a wavy line or some 5's.

4. Give the fish one eye, half a smile, and some gills.

5. Draw lines all over it for the spikes. The lines should cross over the outside of the body as shown so that they are sticking out of the fish. OR, for the rainbow fish, color it in with lots of pretty colors.





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