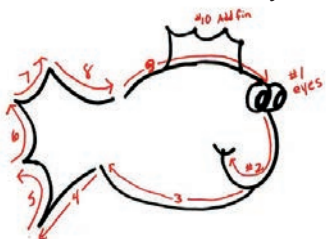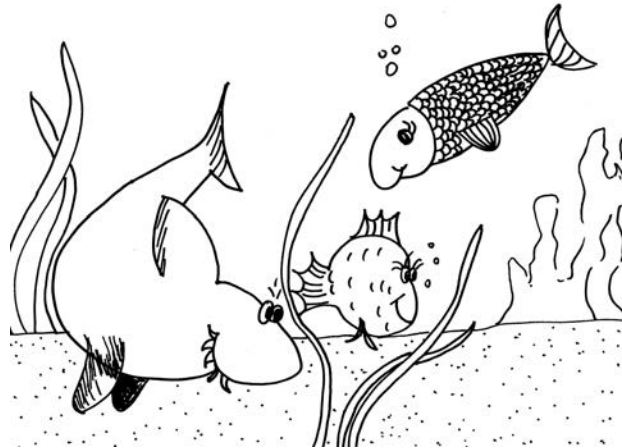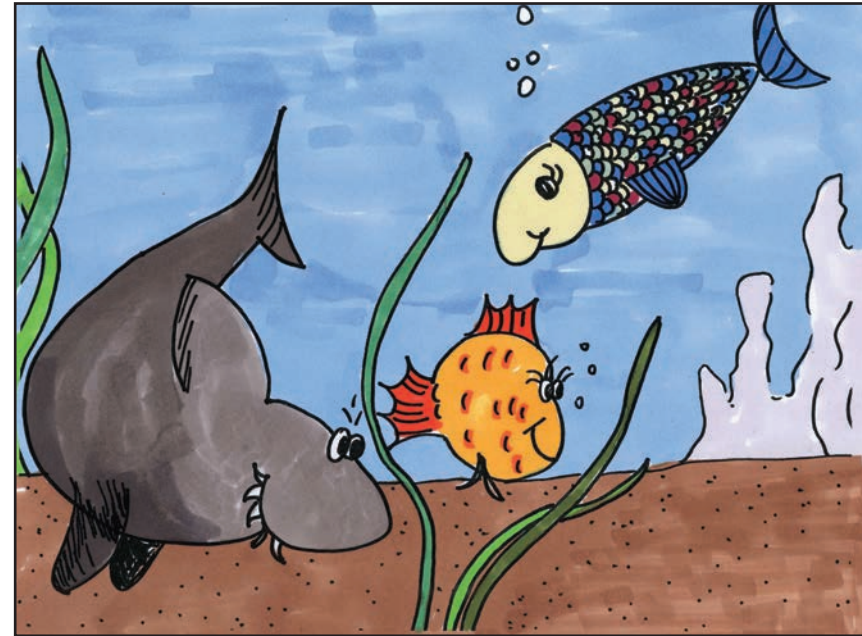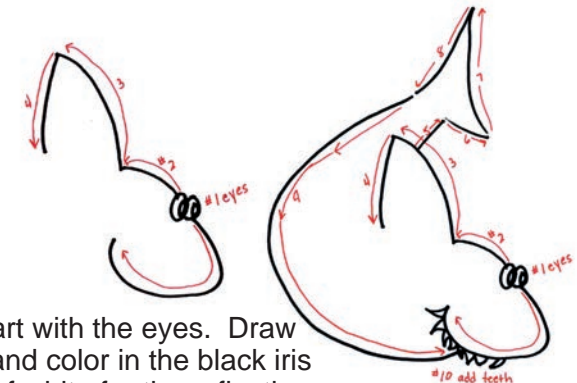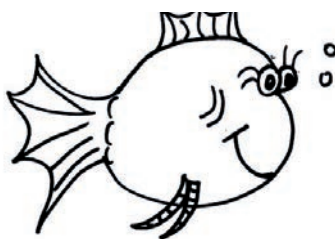# A Water World of Wonder

Have you ever found yourself starring into an aquarium watching the fish swim and discovering coral, crabs and beautiful star fish? I love to look for the hidden treasures of tiny creatures as I take the time to really observe a world below the surface. The shapes and colors of nature's marine life are incredible. As an artist, drawing aquatic life is fun because fish come in countless shapes and sizes. Some are round and others are long. Some fish swim along happily while others are swift hunters. Create your own fish by using your imagination. There is no wrong way to create your fish. Grab a pencil, markers or crayons and discover a world of wonder by using your imagination to create an underwater world. Have fun!
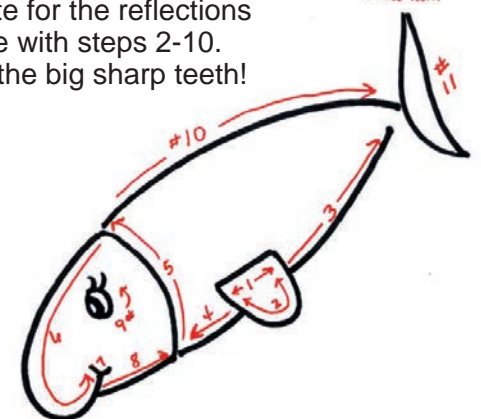
Create a Water World

1. Supplies: Paper. Pencil for drawing. Black fine point marker for outlining your drawing. Crayon, markers, colored pencils, or watercolors.

2. Warm up your drawing skills by practicing the three fish shown step by step. Practice creating other marine life such as an octopus, star fish, or clams.

3. Take a clean paper and begin your drawing using your pencil to add fish. You can add several long fish or round fish and even add a scary shark. For interest, draw in some sea grass, shells or even a crab running along a sandy ocean bottom.

4. When your pencil drawing is complete, use a black fine point marker to outline your drawing.

5. Color your fish brightly and use interesting patterns. Make sure to color your entire background with blue and create a sandy ocean floor.

Shark: Start with the eyes. Draw large ovals and color in the black iris leaving a bit of white for the reflections details. Continue with steps 2-10. Then last, draw in the big sharp teeth!

Long Fish: Start with the fin. Add details such as scales, other fins and bubbles!

Round Fish: Start with the eyes, then add your own details.