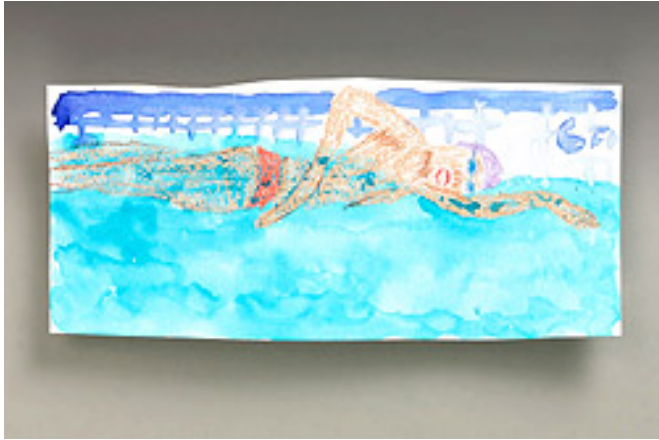


Crayola.com Inspiring Ideas

Seeing Swimmers



Crayola Supplies

- Crayons or Construction Paper™ Crayons
- Paint Brushes
- Washable Watercolors

Other Supplies

- recycled newspaper
- paper towels
- white paper
- water containers

Why?

These crayon-resist swimmers are cool in the pool! Paint your underwater adventure at a camp, water park, or in a swim meet.

How?

1. Swimming started out as a survival skill. Now it is a popular recreational and competitive sport. Swimming strokes include the crawl, breaststroke, and sidestroke. The butterfly stroke is the most recent. Do you know how these various strokes are performed? Check out a book or video to see what the swimmer's arms, legs, and head do while in the water.
2. Using Crayola® Crayons, draw one or more swimmers in the water. Show which body parts are above water (face and arms) and below (legs). Design colorful swimsuits! Make a thick layer of crayon so the colors are brilliant.
3. Cover your art area with newspaper. With Crayola® Washable Watercolors and Brushes, paint the water line across the swimmer's body. The waxy crayon resists the paint, giving your scene a watery look. Mix colors to create the water the swimmer is immersed in, such as a pool, ocean, or lake, in the foreground.
4. For the background, paint a pool wall, sky, or trees, depending upon where you're Seeing Swimmers. Add lane markers, diving platforms, or other details if you're showing a competitive event.

When and Where Suggestions?

- "Swimsuit designs have really changed. We drew swimmers from long ago up until today." Robin S., summer camp rec leader.
- "After watching competitive swimmers on TV and making these paintings, my kids are far more eager to get in the water." Trudy W., mom of 4- and 6-year-olds.

Interesting Information

Who swam the English Channel? The first confirmed crossing was made (1875) by Matthew Webb of England; Gertrude Ederle of the United States was the first woman to perform (1926) this feat.

Safety Guidelines

Safety guidelines recommend this art project is suitable for children age 4 years and older. Close adult supervision is required to ensure children's safety.

Related Books

Albie the Lifeguard. by Louis Borden

Ben Goes Swimming: A Novelty Action Book by Jan Ormerod

Let's Go Swimming With Mr. Sillypants by M.K. Brown

Superguides: Swimming by Jeff Rouse

The Deep by Tim Winton

Tuck in the Pool by Martha Weston

When the Water Closes Over My Head by Donna Jo Napoli

Related Videos

ESPN Instructional: Teaching Kids Swimming with John Naber

Swimming for Toddlers

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