

Crayola.com Inspiring Ideas

Diving Penguins



Crayola Supplies

- Crayons (Regular)
- Watercolor Brushes
- Washable Watercolors

Other Supplies

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

Why?

Crayon penguins dive into a watercolor sea. They also hop, jump, slide, and swim. Make your own fascinating scene from the Southern Hemisphere!

How?

1. Penguins are birds. They do their flying through water, flapping their short, paddle-like flippers. These birds can swim faster than 25 mph (40 kph). By diving, penguins are able to go deeper under water than any other birds. Some go as far down as 1500 ft (450 m). Learn more about these amazing creatures that live in the Southern Hemisphere.

2. Some penguins live in quite warm waters and others live where it's cold. All hop, jump, slide, dive, and swim! Watch them at a zoo near you if you can.

3. Draw your black and white penguins with Crayola® Crayons. There are at least 17 different species, so show your favorites. Make each one in a different pose.

4. Cover your art area with newspaper. With Crayola® Washable Watercolors and Watercolor Brushes, add water and ice formations like those in Antarctica. Blend and mix colors with water to create a backdrop for your penguins' aquatic antics. The crayon wax will resist the paint, leaving an icy background. Air dry flat.

When and Where Suggestions?

- "The best part about seeing penguins is hearing the noises they make when they play games." Mary

Catherine B., mother of 5-year-old.

- "Penguins are the exception to many natural history 'rules.' These crayon-resist drawings are a perfect zoo tour follow-up." Renee M., zoo guide.

Interesting Information

After the female penguin lays her egg, she gives it to the male penguin to keep warm until it hatches. She goes off to sea to eat. The male carries the egg on the top of his feet, kept warm by a flap from his belly. It gets up to 126 degrees F (70 degrees C) in this brood pouch.

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.

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Related Books

Antarctica Antics: Book of Penguin Poems by Judy Sierra

Emperor's Egg by Martin Jenkins

My Season With the Penguins: An Antarctic Journal by Sophie Webb

Penguin by Keith Reid

Visual Introduction to Penguins by Bernard Storehouse

What's a Penguin Doing in a Place Like This? by Miriam Schlein

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