

# Crayola.com Inspiring Ideas

## Whale of a Tale



### Crayola Supplies

- Washable Crayons
- Washable Markers

### Other Supplies

- construction paper or craft paper on a roll

## Why?

This whale of an art project is the perfect way to blow creative steam. Kids make waves and spout off cool facts on marine life.

## How?

1. The whale is the largest mammal and the biggest sea creature. Like all mammals, whales are warm-blooded, breathe air, and nourish their young. Research facts about whales on the Internet or in books and then choose one type to draw. Humpbacks, Orcas, and gray whales are examples of different kinds of whales you can create.
2. With Crayola® Washable Crayons and Crayola® Washable Markers, draw your whale on large paper. Easel or craft paper that comes on a roll works well.
3. Create an undersea environment by drawing other marine creatures and plants. Try to draw the whale's surroundings in proportion to its size. Fish and plants look very small next to a 30-foot (9 m) whale! Challenge yourself to figure out the scale on your drawing.
4. Make up a whale of tale to go along with your picture. What's your whale's name? What ocean does he or she live? What does your whale eat? How long can it breathe underwater? Where does your whale roam? What adventures does it have along the way?

## When and Where Suggestions?

- "Our trip to the aquarium was SO meaningful after we made our Whale of a Tale mural. So many details!"  
Sanjeeve M., summer enrichment program advisor.
- "This was a fun way for me to pick up on my kids' marine life classes. I feel more connected to their school now."

Agathe D., mom of kids ages 7 and 9.

## Interesting Information

There are 75 different types of whales. The blue whale is the biggest animal, growing up to 94 feet (28.6 m) in length, which is larger than any dinosaur ever was.

## Safety Guidelines

Safety guidelines recommend this art project is suitable for all ages of children, including those 3 years and younger. Whenever an art project is done with children ages 3 or younger, close adult supervision is required to ensure safety.

## Related Books

Do Whales Have Bellybuttons? by Melvin Berger

Big Blue Whale by Nicola Davies

Humphrey the Lost Whale by Wendy Tokuda

The Whale Song by Dyan Sheldon

The Blue Whale by Melissa Kim

## Related Videos

Whale Adventures

Widget's Great Whale Adventure

## Related Software

Crayola® Magic 3-D Amazing Animals

Crayola® 3D Cool Critters

Whale Watching: Children's Sea Animal Songs

Mammals: Echidna Through Whales

The Magic School Bus Whales and Dolphins

Whales

## Related Games

Eyewitness Kit: Whale

Crayola® Collecting Keepsakes

Blue Whale Kit

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