Smart Art Sea Creatures Lesson Plan

Sea Creatures

Materials List:

- Pencil
- White Paper
- Coloured Crayon, Pencils, Markers or Oil Pastel
- Black Paper (Optional)

STEPS

1. Start with a white square piece of paper (optional sizes of 20x20, 30x30 or 40x40) drawing your choice of sea creature (in this lesson a fish, but you'll have options for seahorse, octopus, or seashell)

2. Place the paper diagonally so that it looks like a diamond and start by drawing a line in the middle of the paper, diagonally, that's approximately the size of your hand

3. Draw half a circle on top and half a circle on the bottom of your line. You've now created the body of the fish

4. At the very top of the body where the head will be, draw a small circle with a dot in the middle

5. At about the width of two fingers from the top of the head, draw a small wavy line connecting the two sides of the body of the fish (see drawing guide)
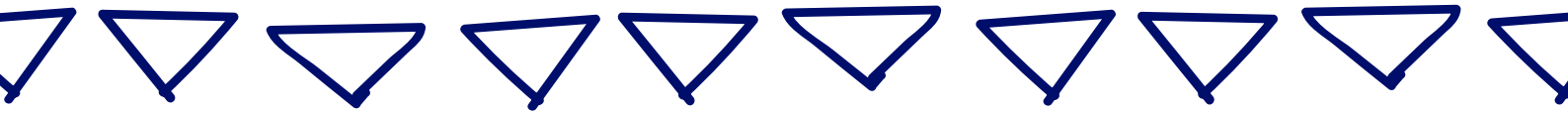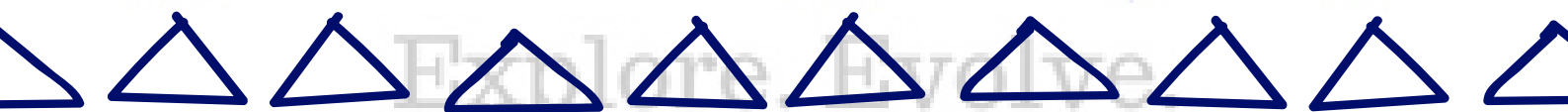
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6. At the top of the head, draw a big smiley line vertically. From the top of that line, draw a long wavy line extending to three quarters of the body of the fish, finish with another vertical line connecting to the body of the fish

7. At the bottom of the fish draw a big curved line (similar to an open bracket) slightly past the halfway point on the bottom half of the fish. Then you'll draw another curved line parallel to it, but it will extend a bit further up. Connect both lines with a wavy line like you did in the fins up top. Repeat the process on the left hand side of the fin you just drew, creating two bottom fins to your fish.

8. At the very end of the body of the fish, you'll draw the tail, which will appear similar to two leaves, one on the top half and one on the bottom half of the body of the fish

STEPS

9. To create the corals surrounding the fish, you'll simply create lots of wavy lines parallel to one another, and connected at the top

10. Make sure to create a variety of corals by drawing thin, thick, long, short corals and vary the directions.

11. Retrace the pencil outline with a black marker before adding the colours

12. Using the black marker, add scales to the body of the fish. Simply start by small half circles and repeat until the entire body is covered.

13. Add short, straight lines to the fins and tail

14. Start by choosing your favourite colour, and add it to all the different parts of the fish you want. Once you're done, move on to another colour and repeat. You can use as many or as little colours as you want

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15. Colour the background using a light, coloured pencil to allow the fish and corals to stand out
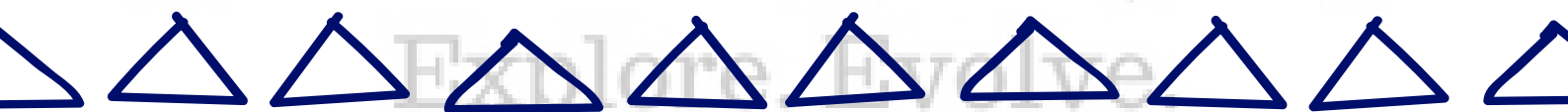
16. Optional frame; cut out four strips of black paper (size 27x3 cm)

17. If you don't have black paper, you can use cut out white strips of paper and colour them in using a black marker
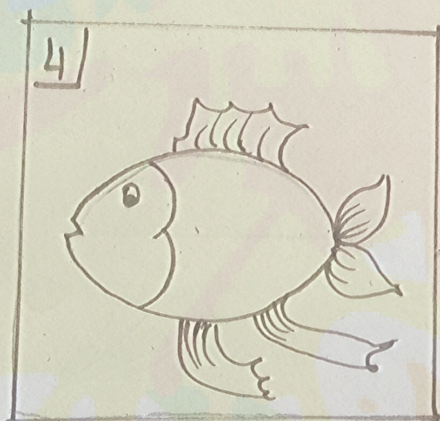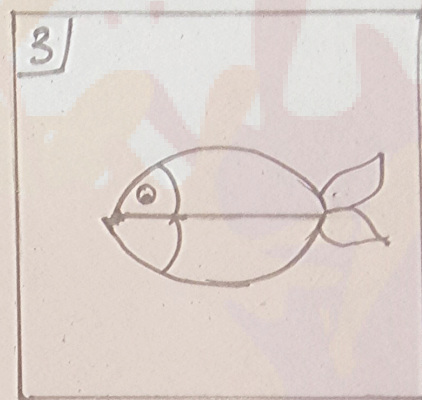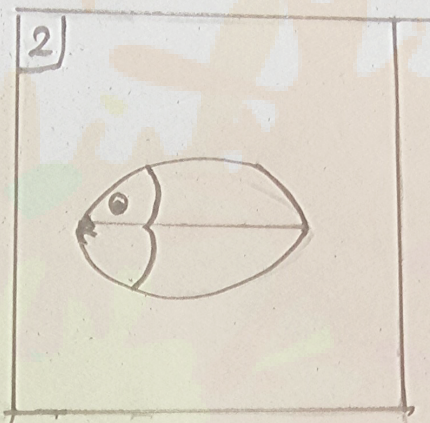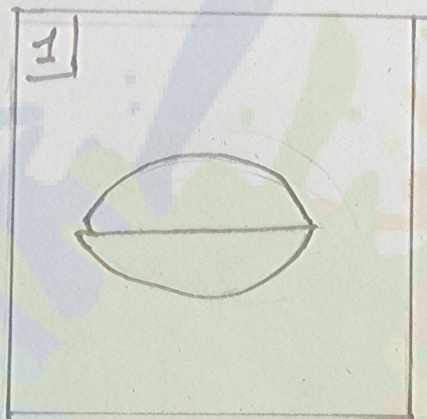
18. Start with one of the black strips and cover it with glue on the back, then glue it to one side of your artwork. Once in place, glue the other three strips all around the artwork

STEPS – Fish

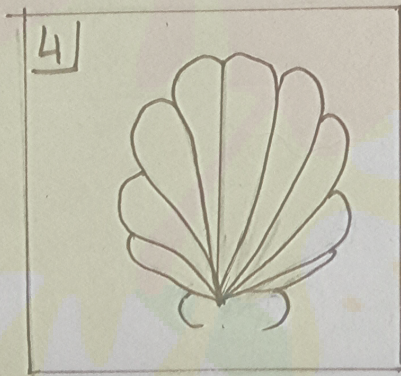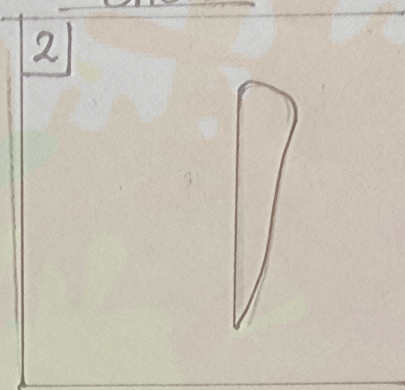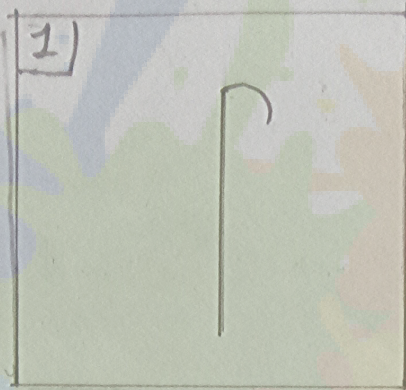# STEPS – Seahorse
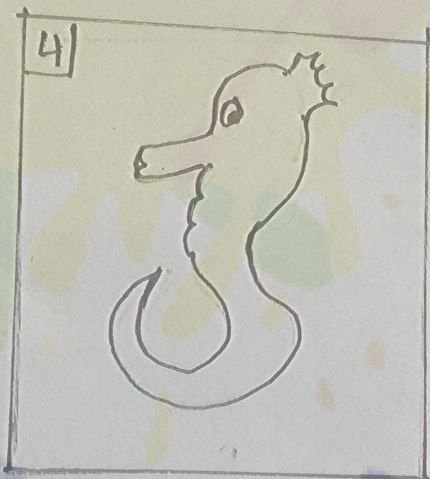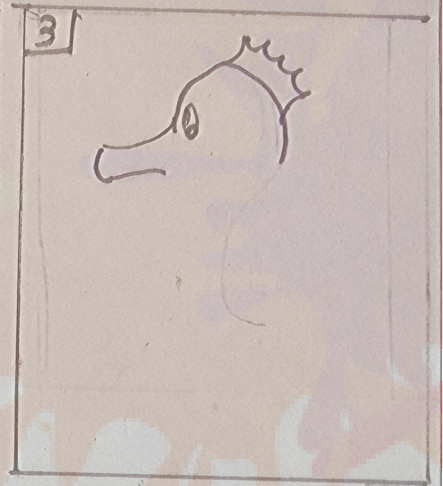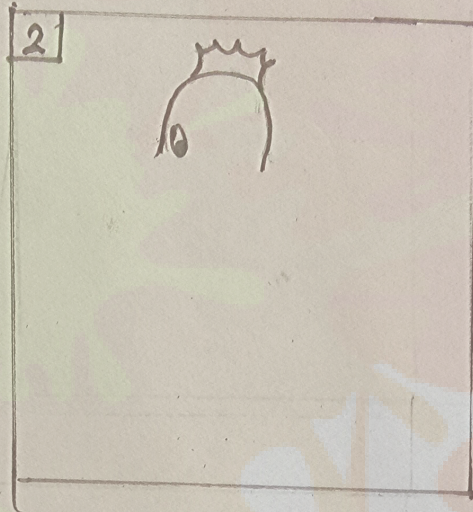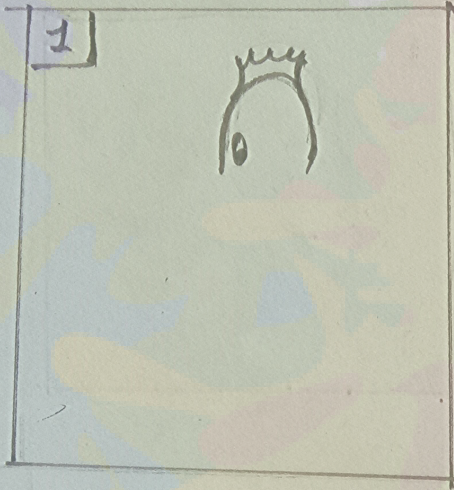
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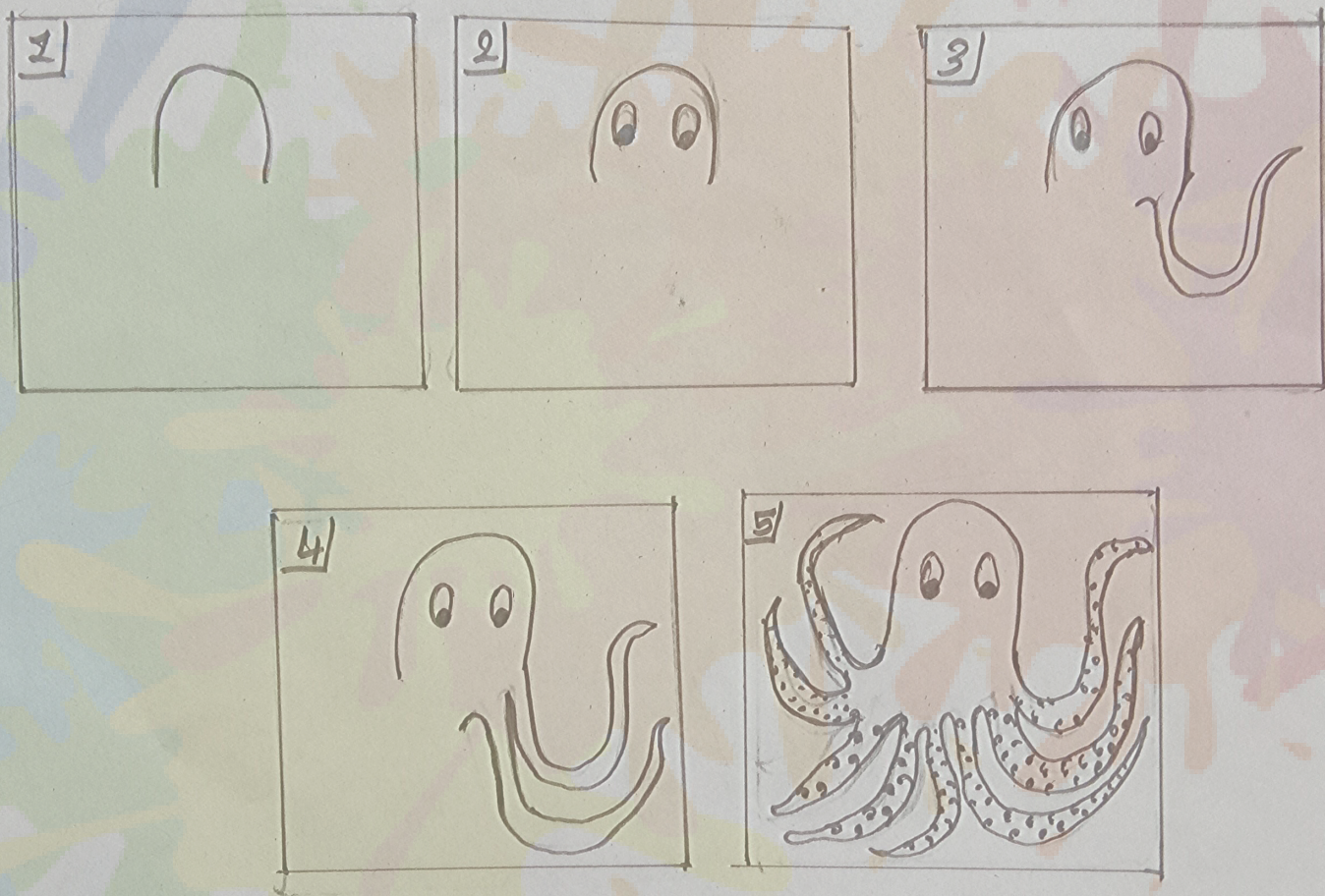
STEPS – Sea shell

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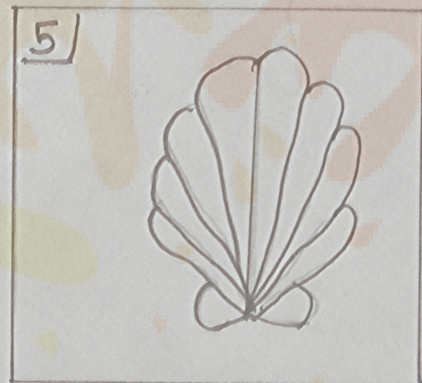
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