

Make your own aquarium!

Activity Sheet

This is a great activity for younger primary school children – create your own aquarium at home and fill it with your favourite sea creatures!



Here's what you will need:

- A shoe box or other small cardboard box
- Paper
- Scissors
- Glue or Sticky Tape
- String, cotton, fishing wire or similar to hang your marine life



Step 1

Draw or print out pictures of fish, sharks, star fish and other marine life and colour them in. We have added a few for you below to get you started!

WOW!

Check out the final page for colouring in templates!



Step 2

Paint the background for your aquarium – you can either paint it all one colour or get creative and add some detail in too. Once you're happy with it, let it dry.



Step 3

While your background is drying, carefully cut out all the sea creatures you'd like to include in your aquarium.



Step 4

Once the background is dry, add it to the base and sides of your cardboard box using glue or sticky tape.



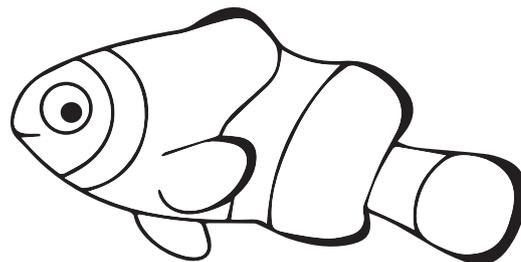
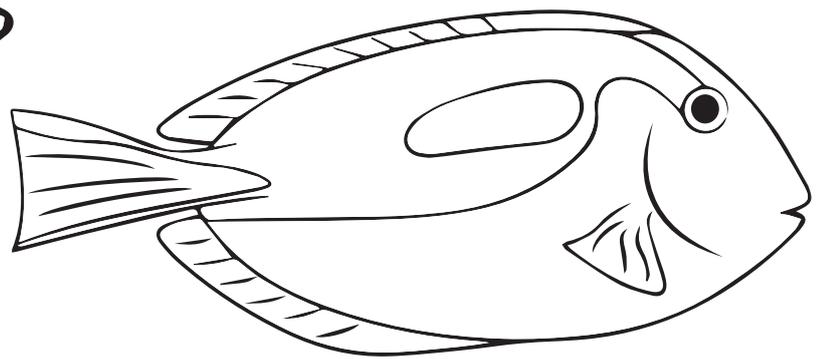
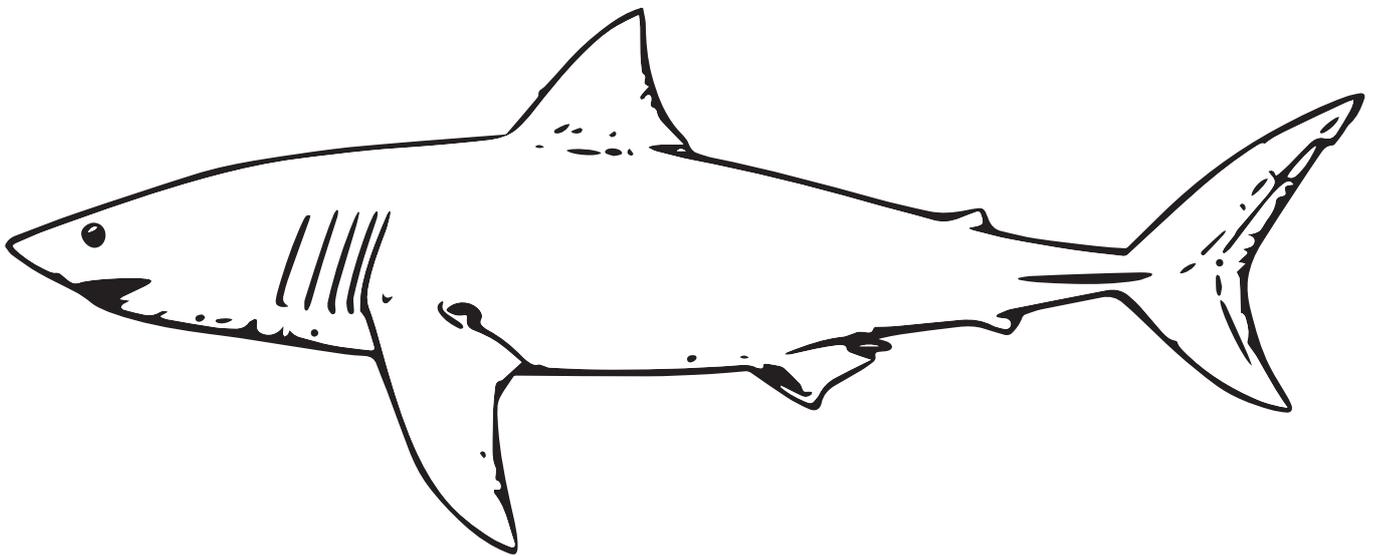
Step 5

Now it's time to start adding your fish to the aquarium. Each fish will need a length of string, cotton or fishing wire to hang it from the top of the box. You will need to make a hole in the fish to thread your string through. This could be done with a hole punch or even a needle and thread with the help of an adult. Once each animal has a length of sting attached they can be attached to the roof of the box with sticky tape so they hang down at different lengths throughout the aquarium.



Finishing touches

Use your creativity to add any finishing touches. You could make some rocks out of egg cartons like in this picture, or use crepe paper or wool to create seaweed and coral along the bottom. You could even add in some glitter to add a bit of sparkle!



WOW!
Even more
creatures on the
next page!

