



# Under the Sea

Grades 4-6

w/ Erin Rehberg and friends



# Welcome, from Erin!

Welcome to *Under the Sea*! I'm so happy to have you here! My friends and I have put together a bunch of different sea-centered projects to help you explore, move, and create your own ocean world. I hope you'll use all your creations to build an *Under the Sea* Gallery in your home and then share it with me. I can't wait to see what you create. Share your projects, ask questions, or just say "hi" to me at [erin@sidestreetstudioarts.org](mailto:erin@sidestreetstudioarts.org). I look forward to hearing from everyone.

Sincerely,

Erin

Below is a list of ALL the supplies you will need to complete all of the projects in this class:

- Watercolor Paint Set
- Watercolor Paper (2)
- Salt
- Glue
- Oil Pastels
- Square blue paper (2)
- White paper (4)
- Pink paper (2)
- Googly eyes
- Set of markers
- Scissors
- Cardboard
- Paper plates (5)
- Glitter
- Paper cups (2)
- Yellow paper
- Colored Pencil Set
- Paint brush
- Glitter
- One color of paint, black paint, white paint
- You can purchase an *Under the Sea* Brown Bag Art Kit that includes all supplies for \$20. Place your order [HERE](#), and supplies will be delivered within one week.

# Project #1:

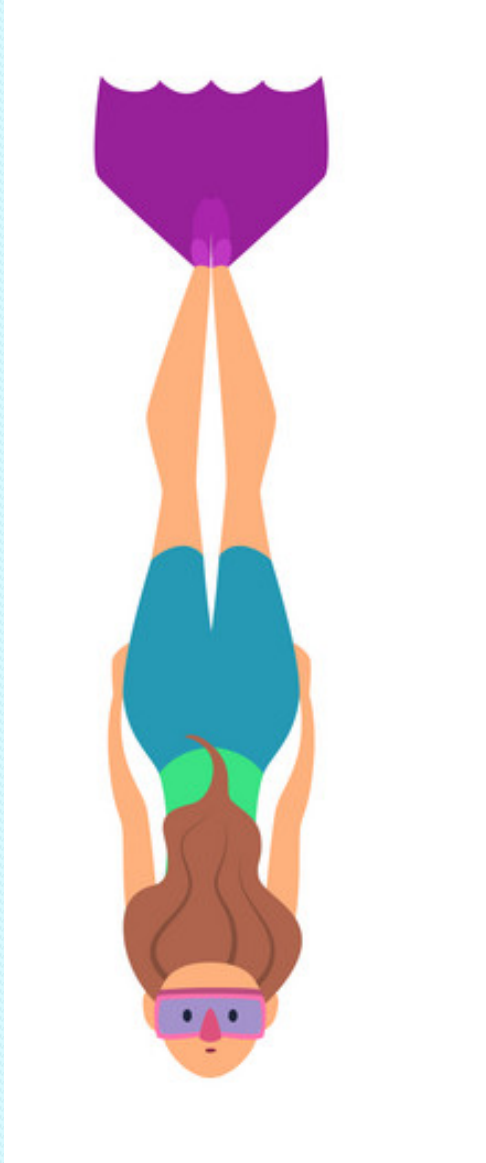
## Create your own ocean scene



For this project,  
you will need your:

- Watercolor set
- Oil Pastels
- Salt
- 2 sheets of Watercolor Paper
- Glue
- Scissors





Let's  
Dive  
in!

1. On one piece of watercolor paper, draw lots of white wavy lines with your white oil pastel.
2. Using your watercolor set, paint your favorite ocean colors all over the paper.
3. *Before your paint dries,* sprinkle salt all over the paper.
4. Set aside to dry.

5. On another piece of watercolor paper, use your oil pastels to draw any sort of ocean creatures you like. Maybe you'll draw blowfish or turtles or sharks. Maybe you'll draw seaweed. Maybe you'll make up an all new sea creature!
6. Then, paint your sea creatures with your watercolor paint.
7. Once your sea creatures are dry. Carefully cut them out.



8. Glue your sea creatures to your salty ocean painting, and you're done!

Did you know?

Pufferfish can inflate into a ball shape to evade predators. Also known as blowfish, these clumsy swimmers fill their elastic stomachs with huge amounts of water (and sometimes air) and blow themselves up to several times their normal size. Check out a pufferfish in action [HERE](#).





# Dance Break!





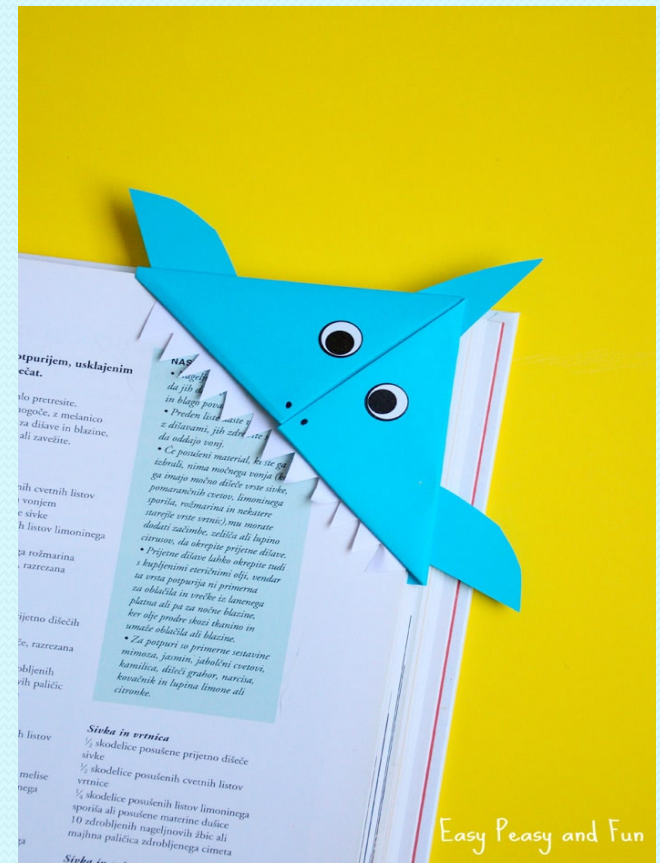
# Project #2: Shark Corner Bookmark

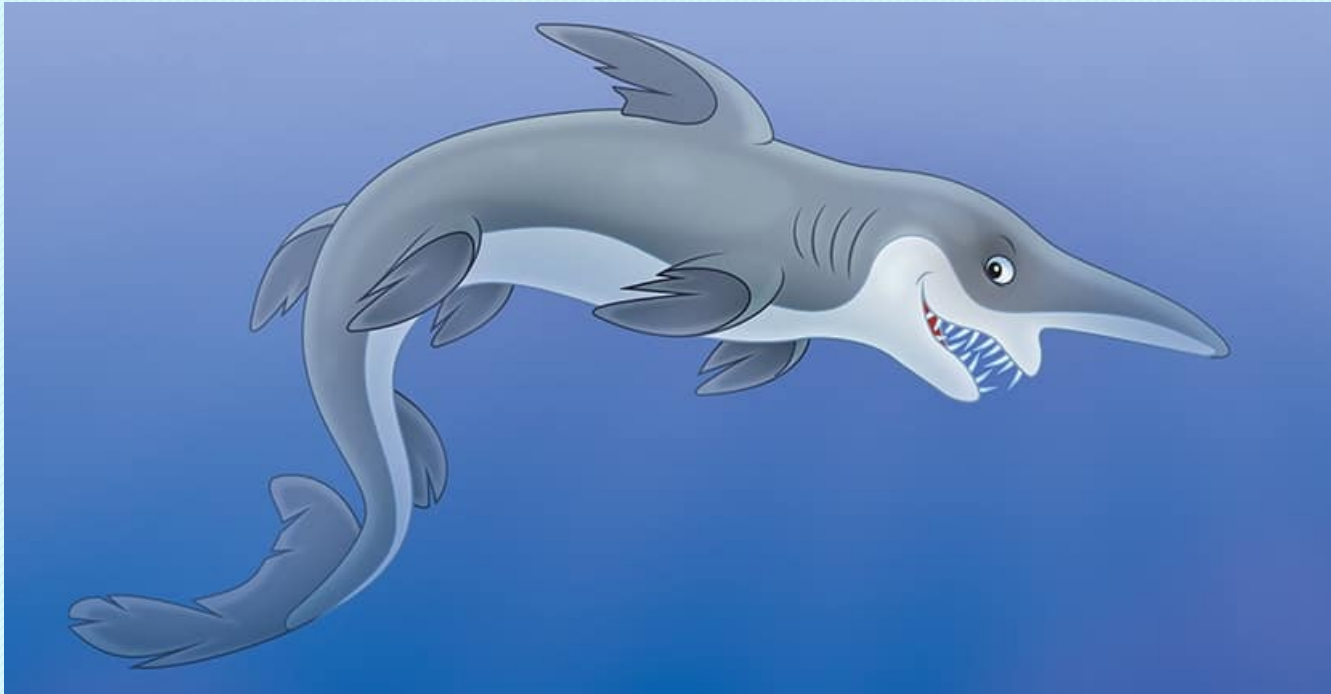
I love this project from Easy Peasy and Fun!

For this project you will need your:

- Blue, white, and pink paper
- Googly eyes
- Glue
- Scissors
- Black marker

Click [HERE](#) for a video tutorial and instructions.





Sharks are awesome! Check out [this video](#) about  
Goblin Sharks.  
So cool!

# Project #3: Scaly Letters

For this project you will need your:

- Cardboard
- Scissors
- Glue
- Paper plates
- Paint
- Paint brush
- Glitter







1. We'll start with our scales. Find something circular to trace small(ish) circles all over the back of your paper plates. I'm going to use a bottle cap.
2. Choose or mix up your favorite paint color, and paint two to five paper plates that color. My favorite color is green. So, I'm painting half of each paper plate a different shade of green by slowly adding small amounts of white or black paint to my green.
3. If you would like to use glitter, carefully sprinkle on to each plate before the paint dries. You all know I rarely use glitter, but this is a good one for it.
4. Set your plates aside to dry. (Maybe a good time to wash your brushes.)
5. Now grab your cardboard. On your cardboard, draw out the first letter of your first name in a large block letter format. If you need some help, check out [these](#) free Google Image stencils.
6. Carefully cut out your letter. If your cardboard is thick, you may need some adult assistance.





6. Once your plates are dry, cut out all your scales.
7. Using your glue, start adding your scales to your cardboard letter. Make sure they are all headed in the same direction, if you want. I like a little bit of crazy. So, I put mine wherever I wanted. You may want to jump around with your color shades or go from light to dark. There is no wrong way to scale up!
8. Cover your entire letter with your scales.
9. Set aside to dry, and you're done! If you need to trim the edge of your letter, because scales are hanging off the edge of your cardboard, do it...carefully.

**What a great door decoration for your bedroom! Maybe you want to do your whole name or your initials. Go for it!**

# Have you ever heard of David Bowie?



David Bowie was a very famous and talented artist, and many of his looks were inspired by sea creatures! Check out more of his sea-inspired fashions [HERE](#).

More info about David Bowie [HERE](#).



## Project #4: Yellow Submarine with Janelle O'Malley

For this project you will need your:

- Scissors
- Glue
- Markers, colored pencils, or crayons
- White paper
- Yellow paper
- Blue paper cup
- Yellow paper cup



Check out Janelle's artwork [HERE](#).





# Beatles fans?

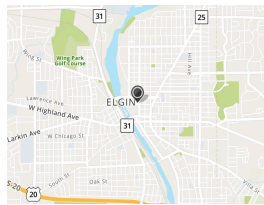
I know some of you are. Here are some *Yellow Submarine* coloring pages for you! And, here's the *Yellow Submarine* cartoon for you to check out!



# The Fox River

## A mighty river runs right through the middle of Elgin

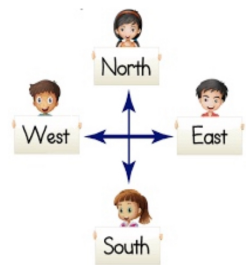
Sometimes rivers are the dividing line, or border, between different cities or states. Look at this map of Illinois and the nearby states. See how the Mississippi River divides Illinois from Iowa and Missouri? The Mississippi River makes a border between 10 states.



But the Fox River is the center of Elgin; it doesn't divide our community into two separate cities. Both sides of the river make up one city, the City of Elgin. This was the way our town was planned.

In 1835, James T. Gifford founded the first permanent settlement here.

James T. Gifford had come from New York to found a new town in Illinois. He wanted the new town to be on a river because he knew the river could help the town grow. The river could provide fish to eat and water to drink. The powerful water could also turn water wheels that ran machinery in saw and grain mills.



James T. Gifford knew that the river would be an important part of the new town. He wanted farmers to settle on the West side of the Fox River and businesses to build on the East side. James T. Gifford helped farmers and business owners find the right places to build their farms, stores and factories.

Elgin was growing on both sides of the Fox River and James T. Gifford knew the community would need a bridge so they could travel safely across the water. James T. Gifford and Joseph Kimball, a farmer on the West side of the River, worked together to build Elgin's first bridge in 1837.

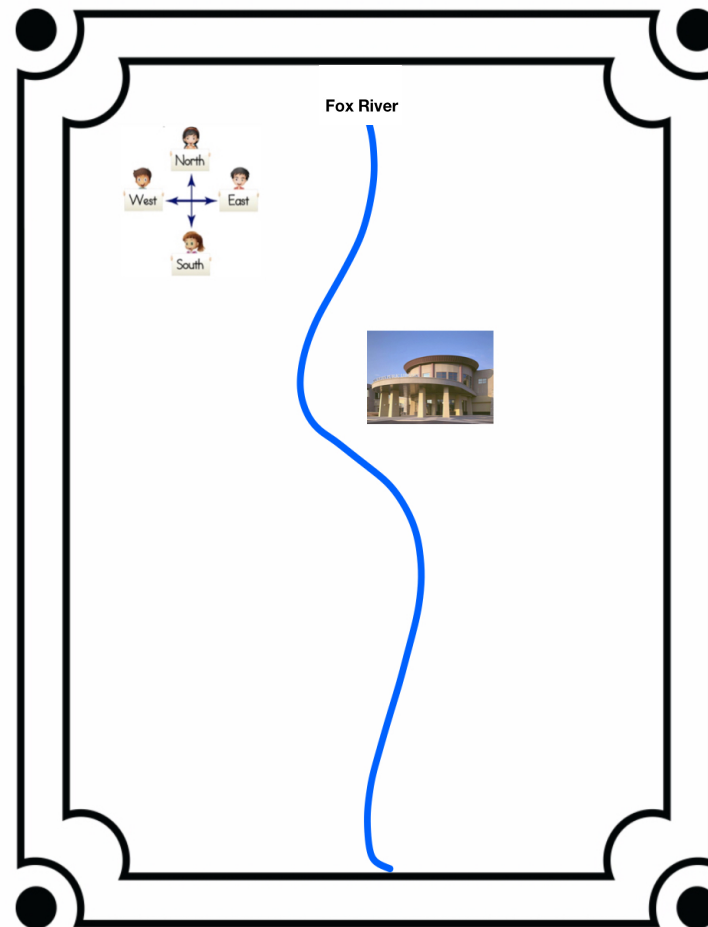
Today there are many bridges across the Fox River and the people of Elgin live, shop, work and go to school on both sides. Do you live on the East Side or the West Side of Elgin?

Do you cross the river to go to school?

Do you cross the river to shop or go to the library?

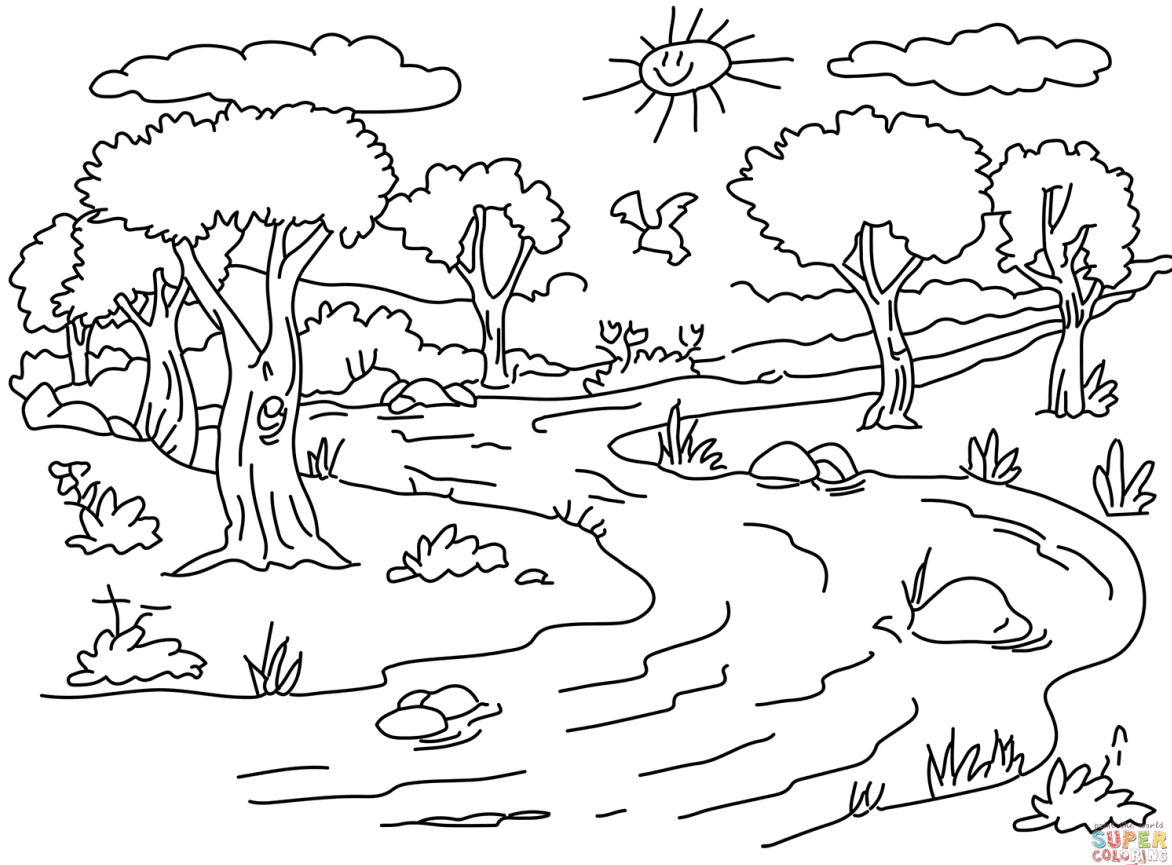
## Make A Map of Elgin

Do you know where these places are in Elgin? Cut out the pictures and put them on the map on the correct side of the Fox River. Which are on the East side of the Fox River? Which are on the West side? Mark your home and school too. The Gail Borden Library is already marked, to give you a head start. Pay attention next time you travel around Elgin. Did you use a bridge to cross the Fox River on your trip?



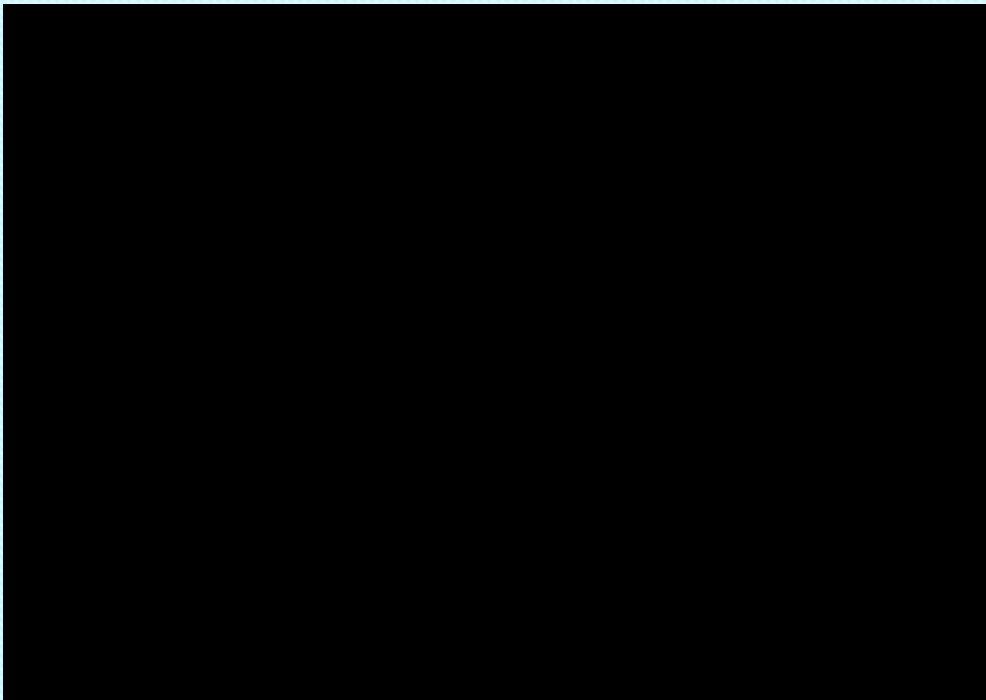
## Color the Fox River

When James T. Gifford arrived in 1835 the Fox River was a very wide river and the water was shallow, not too deep. The banks of the river were covered on each side with trees, shrubs and prairie grasses. Prairie grasses are taller and more yellow than the grass you see on your front lawn today. Native Americans hunted along the Fox River for deer, wild turkey, and rabbits.



Thanks to  
our friends  
from the  
Elgin History  
Museum  
for this  
awesome Fox  
River  
information!

# A performance by our friends from Chamber Music on the Fox



*Water Music*, suite of short pieces for small orchestra by German-born English composer George Frideric Handel, known particularly for its highly spirited movements in dance form. Most of the pieces were originally intended for outdoor performance, and the work premiered on a barge on the River Thames, where it provided entertainment for a royal cruise hosted by King George I of Great Britain on July 17, 1717. Selections from the suite were published during Handel's lifetime, but the entire collection did not come into print until 1788, nearly three decades after the composers death.



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