









Swimmin' Sharks

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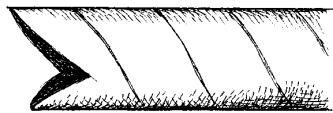
Students make a shark and sing a shark song.

Have students make their own "swimmin' sharks" to reinforce some characteristics of sharks. The finished sharks can be used as props for the fun shark song on page 20. Give each student a copy of the templates on page 21 and the following supplies:

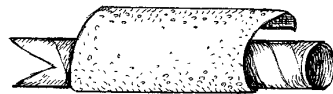
-  pencil, glue, and scissors
-  empty paper-towel roll (or one-third of a cardboard wrapping-paper tube)
-  fine sandpaper, approximately 11- by 6-inches (large enough to wrap around the cardboard tube)
-  6- by 6-inch square of fine sandpaper (or several smaller scraps)
-  12-inch piece of white rickrack
-  2 movable eyes (or small construction paper circles)

Then show students how to make a swimmin' leopard shark by following these simple directions:

1 Cut a mouth out of one end of the tube, as shown.

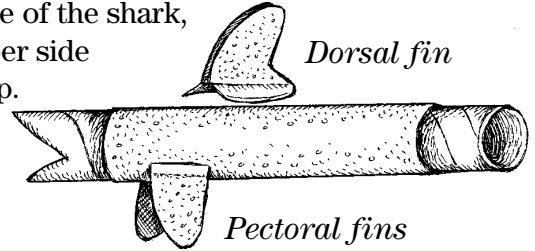


2 Glue the larger piece of sandpaper around the middle of the tube.

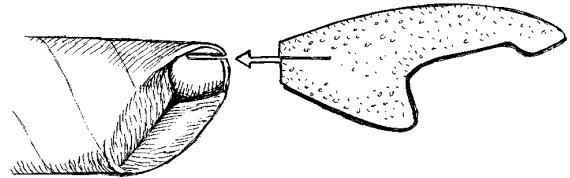


3 Cut out the fin and tail templates on page 21. Trace the templates onto sandpaper, and cut them out. Glue the two halves of the dorsal fin together. Then glue the two halves of the tail together.

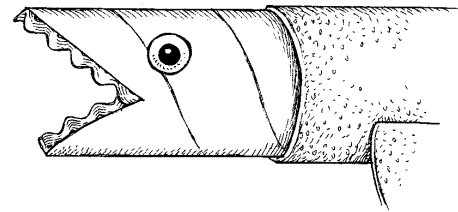
4 For the dorsal fin, fold out the bottom edges slightly, as shown, so it will be easy to glue it to the shark. Glue a pectoral fin on each side of the shark, sandpaper side facing up.



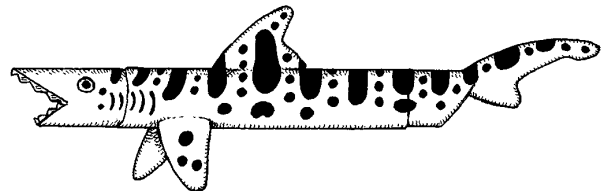
5 Make the tail by first pushing the bottom section of the tube inside, as shown. Cut a half-inch slit in the top of the tube. Cut a 1-inch slit in the front of the sandpaper tail. Slide the tail slit into the tube slit, and adjust the tail so it stands up properly.



6 Run a line of glue along the inside edges of the mouth, and attach rickrack teeth. Glue a movable eye to each side of the head.



7 Use a black marker to draw the shark's gills and spots.



Make copies of the song lyrics on page 20. Sing the song a few times (to the tune of the theme song from the television show *The Addams Family*) until students become familiar with the tune and words. Invite children to sing

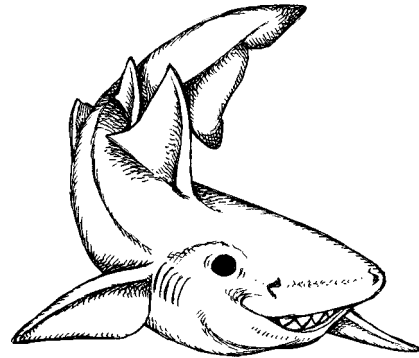


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"Swimmin' Sharks Are We"

(to the tune of "The Addams Family")

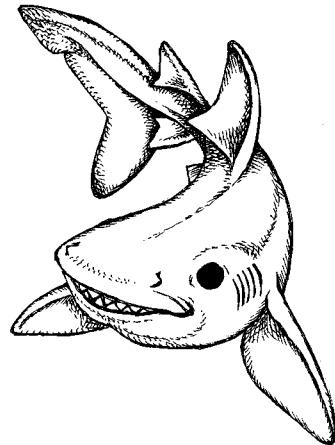
We're toothy ocean fishes.
Other fishes taste delicious.
We are not mean; the fact is—
Swimmin' sharks are we.



Chorus:

Da da da dum—sharp teeth!
Da da da dum—eat meat!
Da da da dum. Da da da dum. Da da da dum—sharks are neat!

We don't have bones—who needs 'em?
Our skin is rough, no teasin'.
Loose tooth? Then more will squeeze in.
Swimmin' sharks are we.

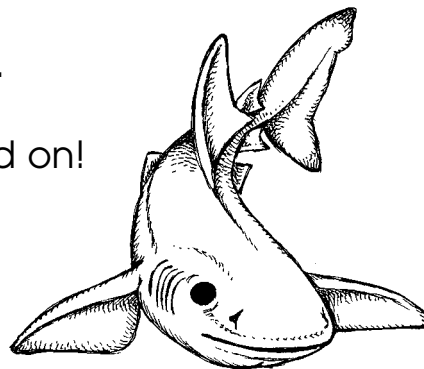


Repeat chorus

We're not like in the movies.
Biting people isn't groovy.
Jaws is a bunch of hooey!
Swimmin' sharks are we.

Repeat chorus

We've swum the seas for so long.
But soon we could be all gone.
Save sharks! Please pass the word on!
Swimmin' sharks are we.



Repeat chorus



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Make Your Own Swimmin' Shark

Cut out the fins. Then follow your teacher's directions to make a swimmin' leopard shark.

