

Tarpon Art Lesson



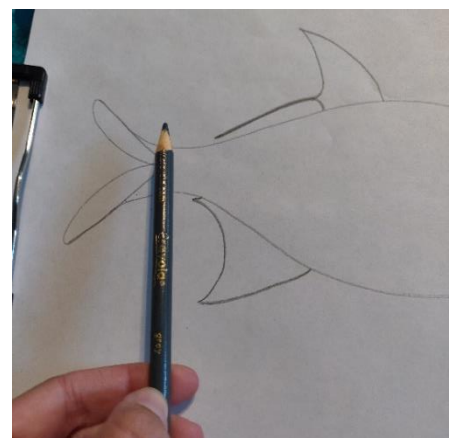
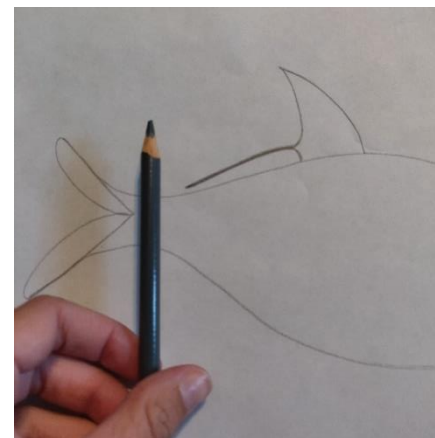
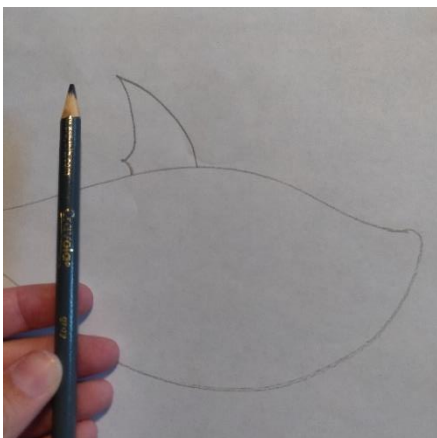
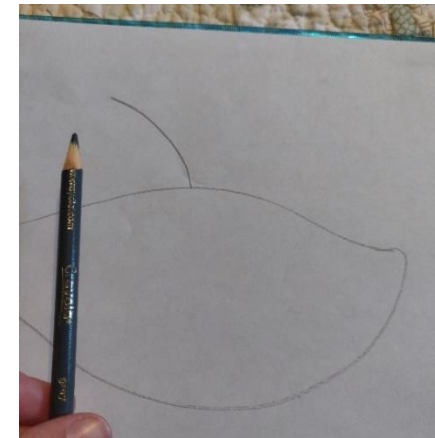
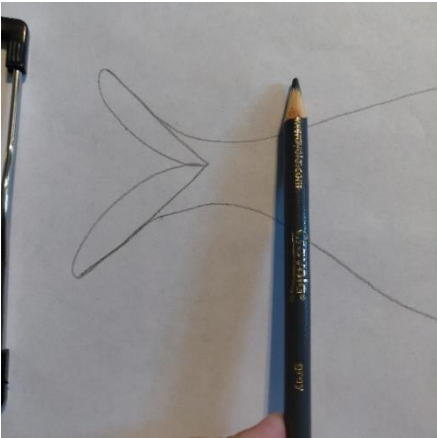
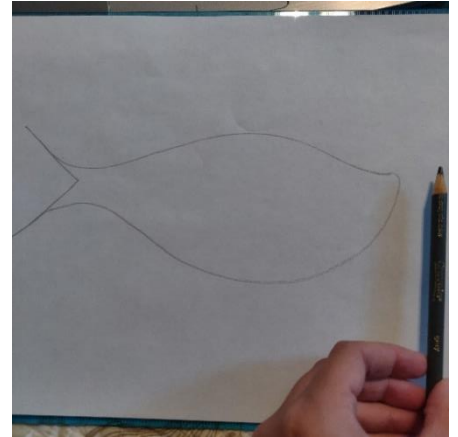
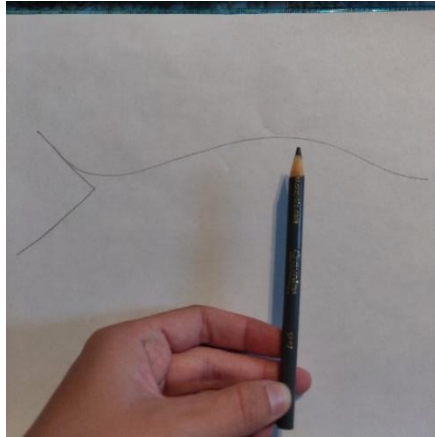
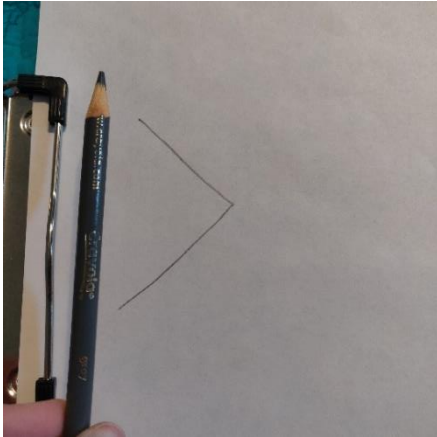
Materials Needed

- Paper or canvas
- Colored pencils, crayons, markers or paints in the following colors:
 - Light Blue
 - Tan or gold
 - Black
 - Gray
 - Silver
 - Dark green

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Step 1

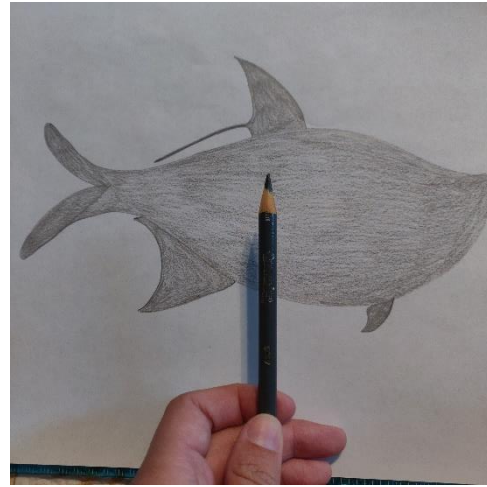
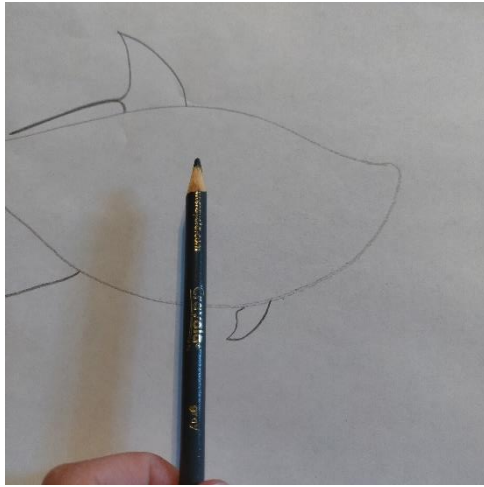
Using the gray, create the following lines to outline the tarpon's body and fins.



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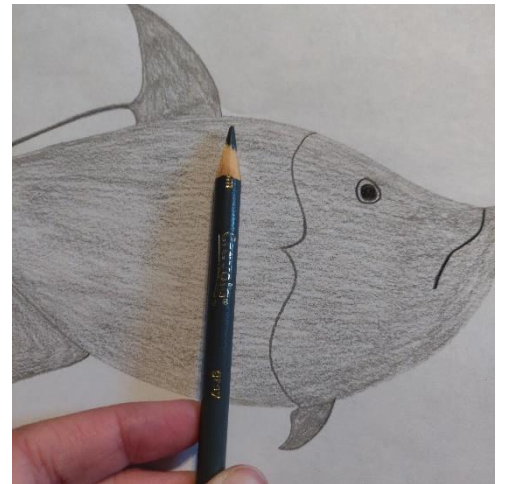
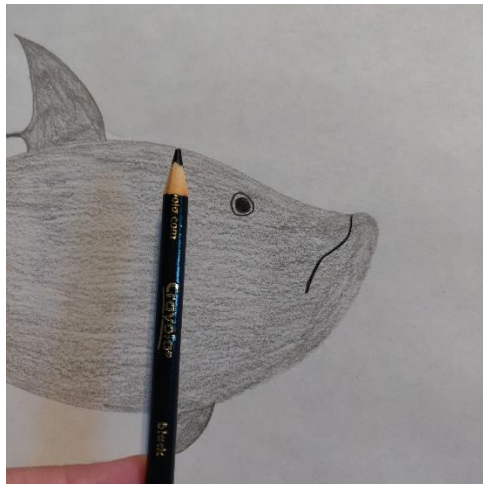
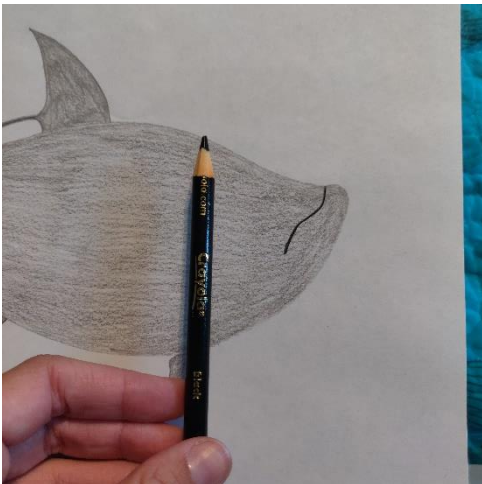
Step 2

Continue using the gray to create the following lines to make the tarpon's bottom fin. Next, color in the body and fins.



Step 3

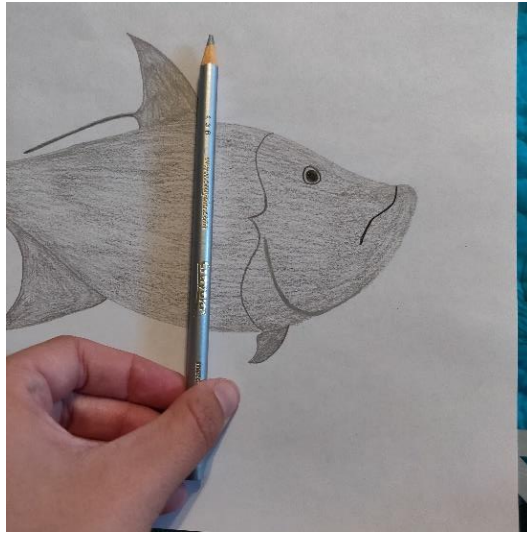
Using the black, create the mouth and eye. Then, use the gray to create the curved line below:



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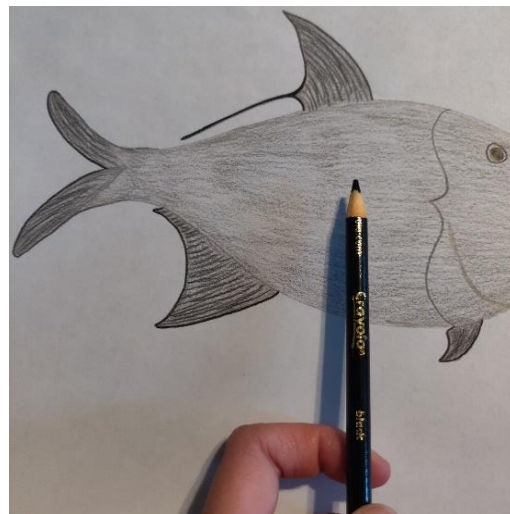
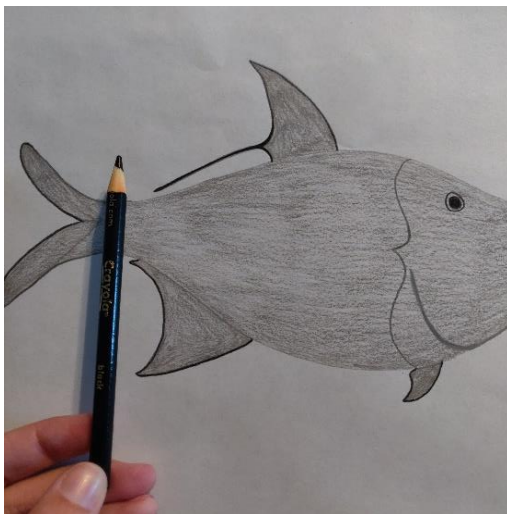
Step 4

Using the silver color, create the curved line as seen below:



Step 5

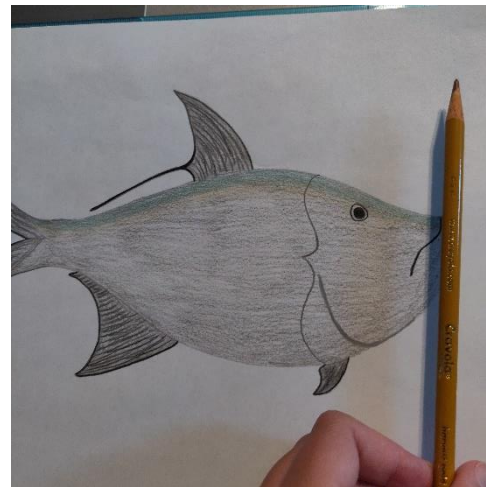
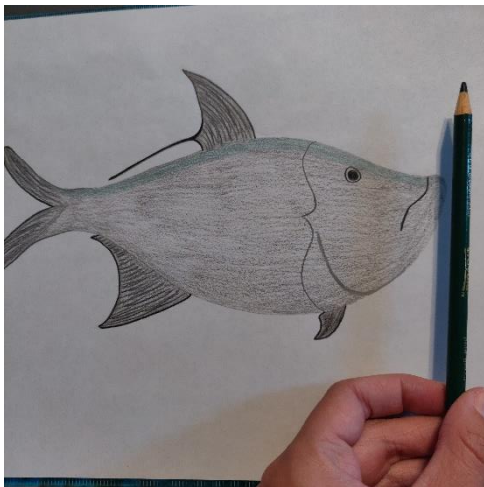
Using the black, outline the fins and add lines on each fin to create more detail.



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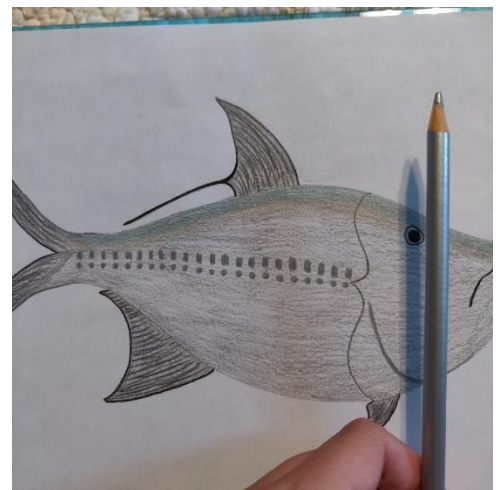
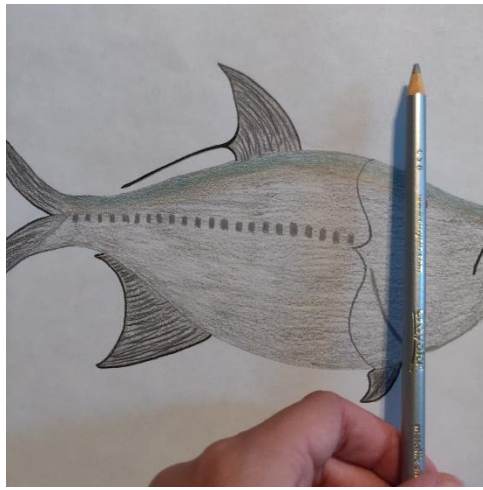
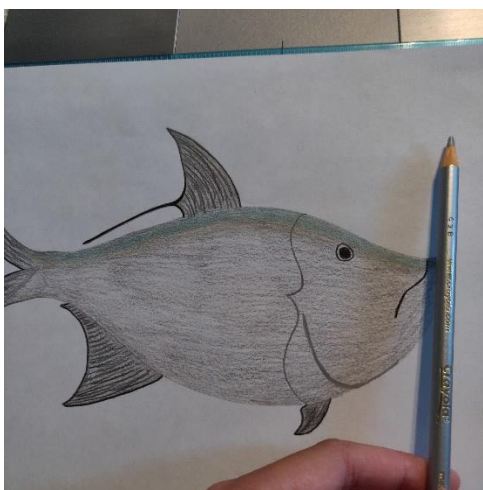
Step 6

Using the dark green, lightly shade in a thin layer along the top of the tarpon's body. Then use the gold/tan color to shade a thin layer beneath the green.



Step 7

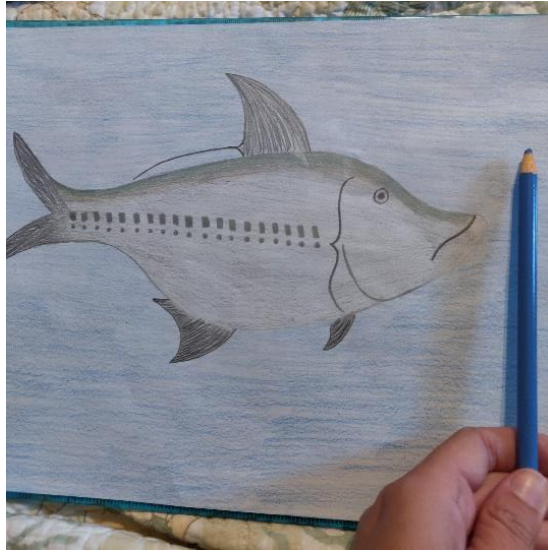
Using the silver, color a thin layer between the green and gold/tan color. Then, using the silver, create small squares and dots along the middle of the fish's body.



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Step 8

Using the light blue, lightly color in the background behind the fish.



Step 9

Be sure to sign your initials somewhere on your masterpiece to complete it and make it yours!



Tarpon Facts



- Scientific name: *Megalops atlanticus*
- Adult tarpon can be between 4 to 8 feet long, and weigh up to 300 pounds.
- Tarpon are the only fully marine species of fish able to breathe air. They have gills like other fish, but they can also breathe air at the surface of the water by gulping the air and using their swim bladder.
- Tarpon can tolerate a wide range of salinity, which is the level of salt in the water.
- They have dark upper bodies and light bellies to camouflage themselves for protection from predators. This adaptation is called countershading.

Tarpon Coloring Sheet

