



UNDERWATER WATERCOLOR PAINTING GRADES K-4

Materials:

1. Watercolor Paints
2. Palette to mix colors
3. Watercolor Paper
4. Paintbrushes
5. Cup of Water
6. 1 Paper Towel
7. Crayon(s)



[Art Kits are also available for purchase from Blue Line Arts](#)

Instructions:

1. Set up your workstation

Begin by setting up your watercolor painting workstation. Lay your watercolor paper out in front of you and your paints, palette, paintbrushes, cup of water, paper towel, and white crayon next to you.

2. Technique: Crayon Resist

Use your white crayon to draw directly onto your watercolor paper. This is an underwater painting, so you might want to draw bubbles, waves, sea creatures, or underwater plants. This technique is called Resist.

3. Mix your colors

Dip your paintbrush into your cup of water and then into the color paint of your choice. Use your palette to mix the color with the water and add more colors to mix along with it. Think underwater or ocean colors: deep blue, purples, even blue-greens.

4. Technique: Wet/Wet Wash

Wet your paper using your paintbrush and clean water. Then, on top of the wet surface, paint with one of the colors you mixed. This is called a Wet/Wet Wash technique, where you paint with wet paints on top of wet paper. Your paint should spread and flow all across the wet

surface. Add more paint and different colors. Experiment with using more water and less paint or less water and more paint to see what kinds of colors you get.

5. Final Touches

Let your painting dry a bit before adding final touches. Try using more paint and less water to create deeper colors to add on top of your painting, perhaps around the edges of your paper, creating a deep sea feeling.

6. Let it dry

Let your painting dry completely before displaying.

7. Sign It

Now that your painting is complete, make sure you sign your name on a front corner, or on the back with the date you completed your work.

8. Congratulations!

Your painting and work of art is complete! Take a photo with your work to share with classmates, teacher, and the Blue Line Arts Gallery: Info@bluelinearts.org

This watercolor project is inspired by the work [“Fish Symbol Dream Search” by Qinqin Liu](#) on display in the Waterworks Group Show at Blue Line Arts.

