



SeaWorld/Busch Gardens Baby Animals

K-3 Classroom Activities

Baby Shamu Suit

OBJECTIVE

The student will be able to name whale body parts (flipper, flukes, fins) and describe the function of each. They will role-play whale behavior.

ACTION

1. Distribute pre-cut grocery bags to students. This bag is their killer whale body or "suit." Tell students that they will wear the bag like a vest with the cut side in the front. During assembly, bags should sit flat on the table with the back facing up.
2. Before distributing the whale body parts, review the name of each: dorsal fins and flukes.
3. Distribute flukes. Students glue the flukes to the bottom of the bag.
4. Distribute dorsal fins. Show students how to fold the flaps at the bottom of the fin. Fold flaps in the opposite direction for stability. Students glue flap bottoms to the back of the bag so that the fin stands up. Glue fin in the center of the bag. Make sure the fin curves back toward the flukes.
5. Students color and decorate the fronts and backs of their bags.
6. Students put on their suits. Role-play whale behavior including swimming (flukes move up and down), jumping, diving, steering and turning with their flippers, and chasing and catching food.
7. Students pretend to move their noses to the top of their heads to make a blowhole. Role-play how a whale breathes out, then in to get oxygen.

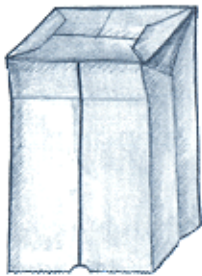
BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In 1985, a killer whale was born at Sea World of Florida. It was the first killer whale ever to be born and thrive in a zoological park, and it was named Baby Shamu. Since then, 14 calves have been born at Sea World parks, and we look forward to more in the future.

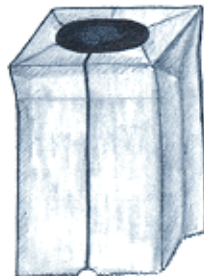
MATERIALS

- glue
 - crayons
- one set per student:**
- pre-cut black construction paper flukes
 - pre-cut black construction paper dorsal fins
 - pre-cut large brown paper grocery bags

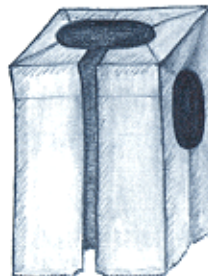
How to cut the grocery bag:



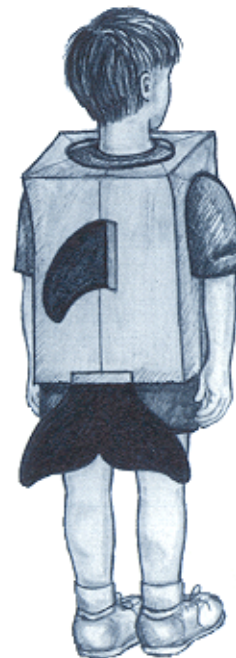
Starting at the bag opening, cut straight up the middle of one wide side.



Cut a large hole in the bottom of the bag (for student's head).

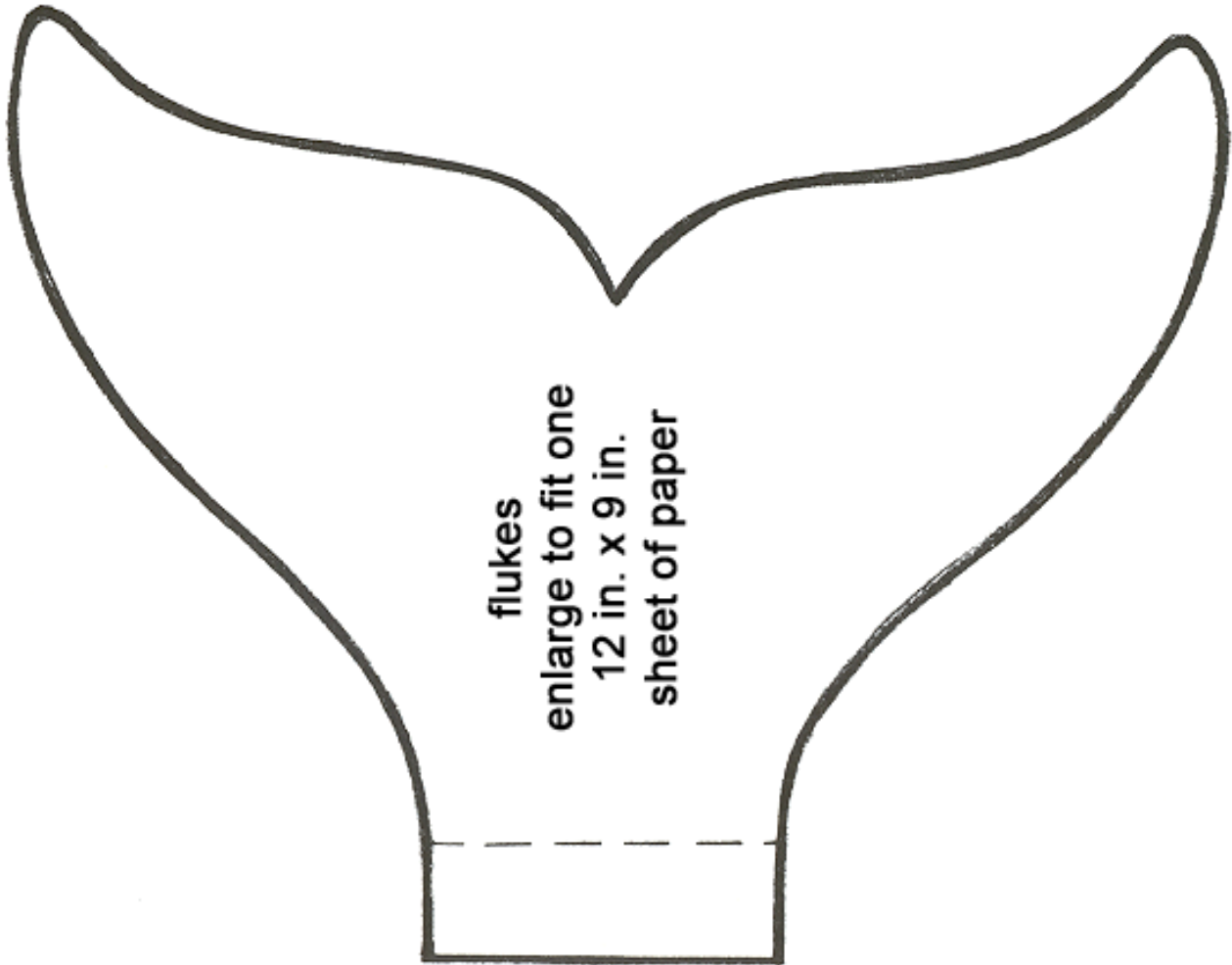


Cut one hole on each narrow side of the bag (for student's arms).

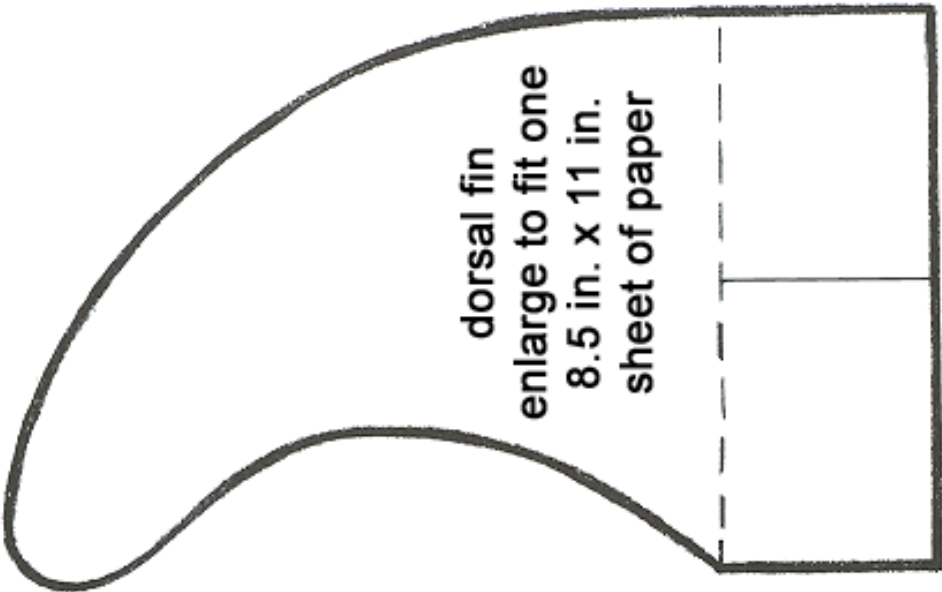


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From SeaWorld Education Department *Whales* K-3 Teacher's Guide



flukes
enlarge to fit one
12 in. x 9 in.
sheet of paper



dorsal fin
enlarge to fit one
8.5 in. x 11 in.
sheet of paper