

The project on the next page goes along with the book *The Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister.

In this story, a little blue fish asks Rainbow Fish for one of his glittering, shining scales. He refuses to give them up, upsetting all the other fish. Lonely, he seeks out a wise octopus for advice. Rainbow Fish, while unsure, gives away his prized scales and realizes that sharing with his new friends made him happier than he could have imagined.

For this art activity we will be making shiny rainbow fish using markers and aluminum foil! The aluminum foil not only makes the scales shiny, but gives it texture as well!



Dish with Two Unglazed Carp, 12th - 13th Century.
Porcelainous ceramic with two unglazed carp and celadon glaze, Longquan type, 1 3/4 x 7 3/4 in.
Gift of Ira and Nancy Koger, 2001. SN11122.39

MUSEUM CONNECTION

This activity was inspired by the design on *Dish with Two Unglazed Carp* from our Asian Art collection.

These two beautiful fish swimming together reminded us of Rainbow Fish and his friends swimming in a big blue ocean! This Chinese ceramic dish is glazed with a pale blueish-green color called celadon. The two fish, as noted in the title, are not glazed with celadon which keeps them a bright white instead.

If you'd like to see some real fish, be sure to visit our koi pond at the museum located by the Visitors Pavilion on your next visit! From the bridge you can see koi fish, minnows, softshell turtles, and even birds swimming around. You can also visit *Dish with Two Unglazed Carp* in the Chao Gallery located inside the Museum of Asian Art.

STANDARDS:

IV.A.1

IV.A.2

IV.A.3

IV.F.1

IV.F.2

IV.F.3

IV.F.4

I.C.1

I.C.2

VIII.A.1

VIII.E.1

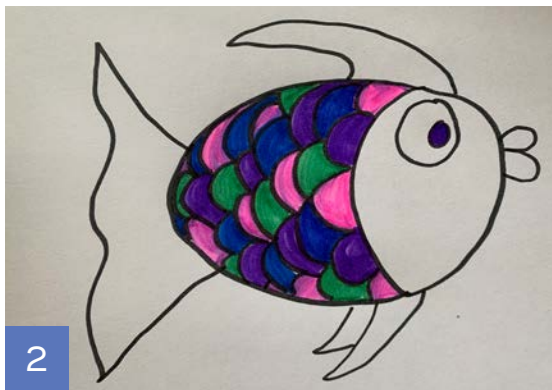
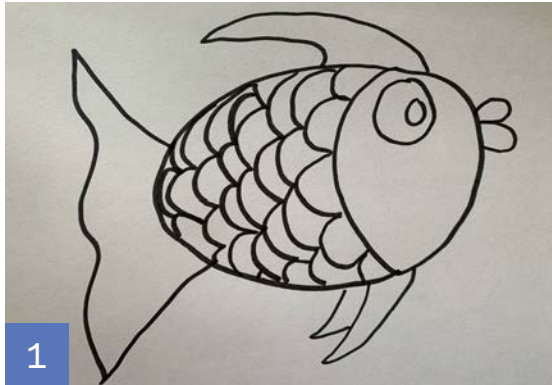
VIII.E.2

ACTIVITY

TINFOIL SCALES

MATERIALS:
ALUMINUM FOIL; MARKERS, CRAYONS,
OR COLORED PENCILS; SCISSORS; GLUE;
CONSTRUCTION OR HEAVY PAPER

DIFFICULTY LEVEL:
SIMPLE



DIRECTIONS

1. On your paper, draw the outline of a big fish using markers, colored pencils, or crayons.
2. Fill in your fish with different colors to create scales.
3. Use your scissors to cut or tear out pieces of tin foil, and glue the pieces to your fish to make sparkling silver scales just like Rainbow Fish!
4. Check out how the new scales feel! What do they feel like? Are they different from the drawn scales?

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE WHAT YOU CREATE!

Click [here](#) to share your masterpiece on our Family Programs Facebook Group!

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