

# Family Art from Home

## Colorful Foil Fish

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This project is inspired by colorful fish paintings in the Museum's collection created by Alexander Robinson. In this artwork you will use foil to make your fish shimmer. Head to Tingley Beach or the Aquarium to get a close look at real fish in action!



Alexander Robinson, *Five Fish*, date unknown, oil on canvas, 10 ¾ x 13 5/8, Albuquerque Museum, gift of the Betty Parsons Foundation, PC1985.106.47.G

### Supplies Needed

- Heavy duty tin foil found at a supermarket
- Acrylic or tempera paint
- Thick paper (Cardstock, tagboard or poster board)
- Pencil
- Paintbrush
- Scissors

### How to do it

Using your pencil, lightly draw a large oval on the thick paper for the fish body, and add the head, tail, and fins. Cut it out using scissors. (See Image 1).

Place your fish on the foil and cut the foil out, leaving an extra inch of foil all around. Cut slits in your foil where needed to facilitate wrapping, then wrap your fish. (See Image 2).

Using a dull pencil, lightly emboss designs into the foil. Experiment with patterns and designs or create a more lifelike fish with scales and fins. (See Image 3).

Take some time to mix your own beautiful paint colors and add them to the foil fish. (See sample). Let your paint dry.

Using some slightly wet tissue, cloth, or paper towel, rub off some areas of paint until the shiny foil shows through giving your fish a captivating reflective quality. Add glitter or glitter glue if desired.

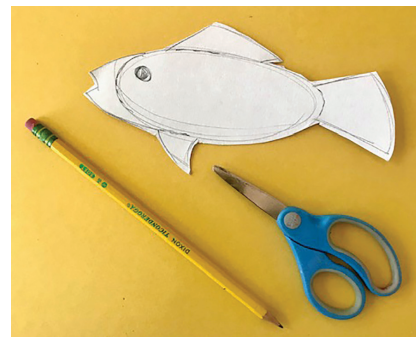


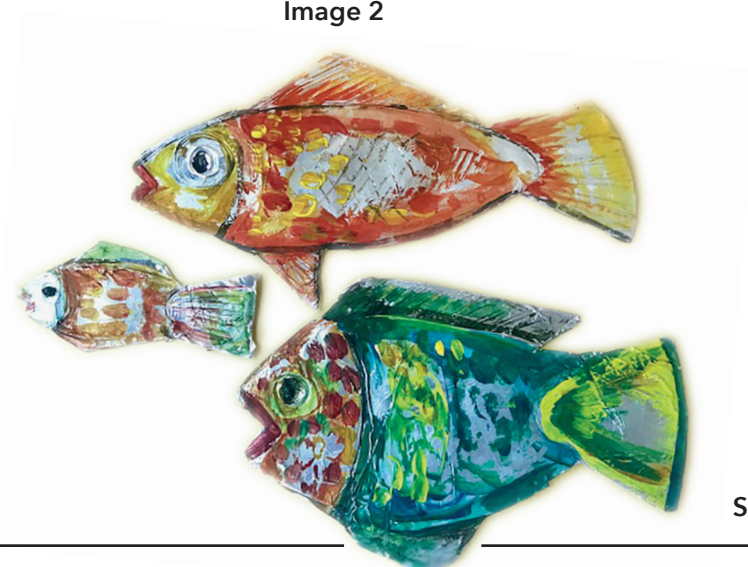
Image 1



Image 2



Image 3



Sample



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