

# Sparkle Fish

(art + literature; art + character studies)

Everyone has something unique and wonderful to share with the world, as illustrated in the sparkling story of the “The Rainbow Fish”, by Marcus Pfister. This is a simple and tidy art project with a special surprise for students — what they think are “ugly” black scales are revealed to be sparkly, holographic ones!

**Grade Levels** K-2

## Preparation

1. Use a punch to cut circles out of Scratch® & Sparkle Board®, Have enough circles available for each student to have 4 or 5.
2. Trace or copy an 8-1/2" x 11" fish shape onto white paper for each student. Use the template on page 2 or fish from Roylco® Child's First Stencil Set™ fish (enlarge 200%).

## Process

1. Place dampened sponges in the center of table so that students can reach them. Beginning with the tail end, stick Roylco® Sticky Shapes® Circles onto the fish by moistening the back side (non-color side) against the sponge. Overlap circles slightly as scales.
2. Randomly apply black scales (Sparkle Board) by placing a dab of glue stick on the fish and placing the black scales carefully so that glue doesn't get on the front side. The colorful circles can overlap the black scales slightly, but shouldn't cover them.
3. Fill the body with scales from tail to gill, then cut the fish out with scissors. Use the glue stick to attach the fish to a piece of heavy construction paper. Marble Construction Paper looks wavy, like water reflections.
4. Give each student a penny and have them scratch away the black to reveal the prismatic glitter beneath. The “ugly” black scales are now shimmering sparkles!



## Materials

- Scratch-Art® Scratch® & Sparkle Board® 10 sheet pack (13520-1010), 1 pack
  - Stacking Circles™ Punch 13/16" size, (61825-1005), 1 punch
  - Roylco® Sticky Shapes® 1" Circles (61421-1020), pack of 500, 2 packs per class
  - Blick Glue Stick 28-oz small size (23872-1010), 1 per student
  - Tonic Studios® Kid's Scissors 5" blunt (57150-6005), 1 per student
  - Blick Economy Construction Paper 9" x 12" white (11420-1023), 1 sheet per student
  - Heavyweight Marble Construction Paper 9" x 12" (11418-1023), 1 sheet per student
  - Cellulose Sponge 7-1/2" x 4-1/4" x 1-1/2" (32901-0000), 5 or 6 per class
- OPTIONAL:
- Roylco® Child's First Stencil Set™ (61719-1003), 1 set, use just the fish stencil

## National Standards

Content Standard #1 — Understanding and applying media, techniques, and processes

**K-4** Students use different media, techniques, and processes to communicate ideas, experiences, and stories

Content Standard #4 — Making connections between visual arts and other disciplines

**K-4** Students identify connections between the visual arts and other disciplines in the curriculum

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