

Fish Patterns

If you looked underwater in any ocean or sea you would see a stunning variety of patterns on all of the fish. From polka dots and stripes to zig-zags and geometric designs, fish are unique creatures with an incredible variety of features. These naturally occurring looks are popular in fashion, too. This activity combines math patterns with design. Using markers and construction paper, your child will design his own fashionable fish while practicing how to create a variety of patterns.

What You Need:

- Construction paper
- White paper
- Markers
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Craft glue

What You Do:

1. Help your child draw the outline of a fish on a sheet of white paper. Try to make it as large as possible to fill the page.
2. Have your child cut the fish out of the paper.
3. Encourage him to divide the fish up with lines. Within each of these shapes he creates with his lines will be a different pattern.
4. Ask your child to name as many patterns as he can think of before he begins drawing. Some of these patterns may include: Zig-zags, polka dots, plaid, stripes, argyle, diamonds, and geometric patterns.
5. Have him use markers to create a completely different pattern in each section of the fish. They can be as colorful and complex as he likes.
6. Glue the patterned fish to a solid sheet of construction paper and hang it on a wall to help remember the variety of patterns that your child can create!



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