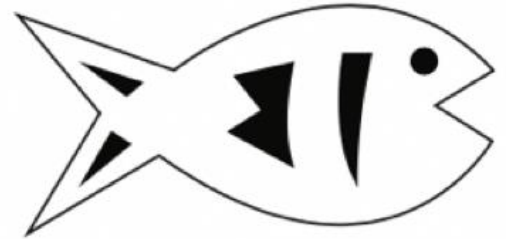
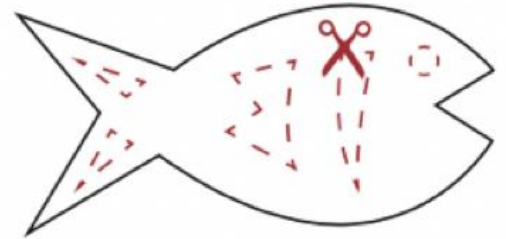
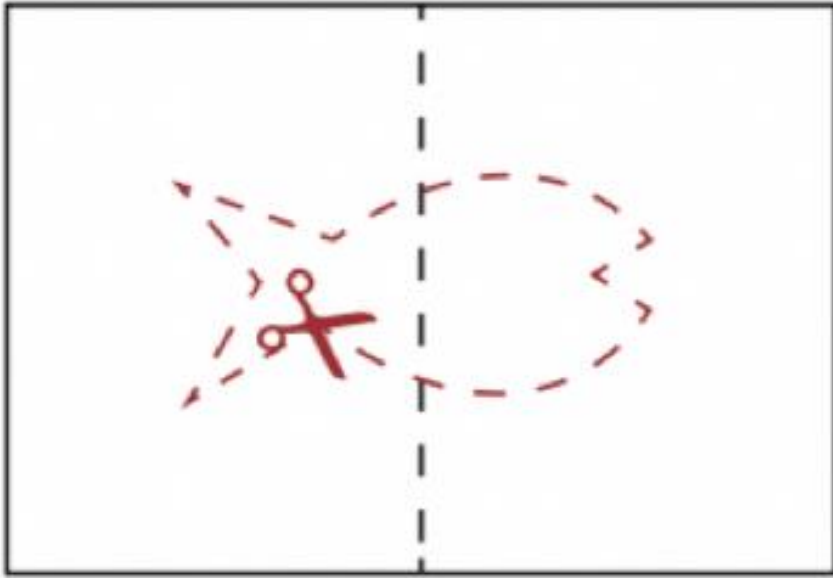


How to Make a Fish Stencil



Materials: Acrylic or water-based outdoor house paint (for outdoors), tempera paint and paper for indoors, cardboard (alternative material: used file folders), scissors and tape.

Step 1 Design your own fish on cardboard or manila file folders. Keep the design simple for ease of cutting. Leave a half-inch around the outline to make a stencil. See parts of fish reference: <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/fish/anatomy.html>

Step 2 Bend a manila folder in half and make center cut to cut out the positive shape. This helps getting started cutting.

Step 3 Keep the positive fish shape. Hole punch or cut shapes out of this to add colors to the first stenciled image once it is dry.

Step 4 Holding stencil in place on paper, use small sponges or rags and dab paint inside stencil.

Step 5 Experiment and personalize your stencil by adding dots or stripes or freehand details. Be creative: a handprint as a tail can be added to an oval stencil to make a fun fish.