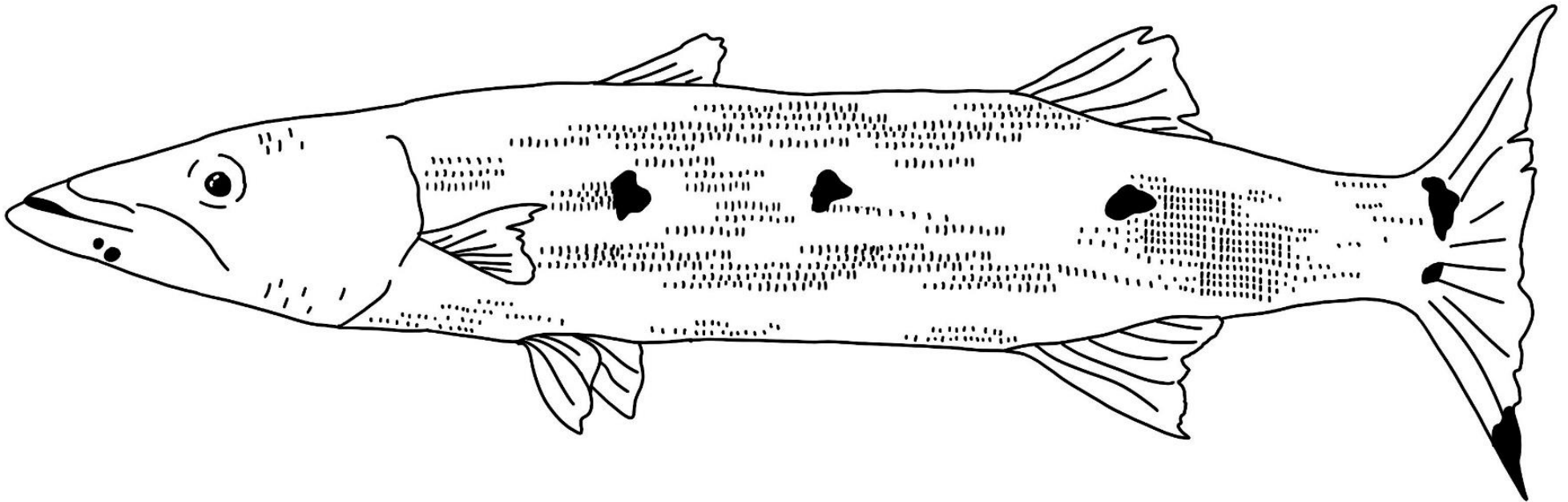


Great Barracuda Facts



- Scientific name: *Sphyraena barracuda*
- Great barracuda are generally solitary animals, but we see them in large groups in our outflow.
- They are carnivorous, meaning they eat other animals.
- Barracuda meat is not safe for human consumption due to ciguatoxin, a toxin that can be found in barracuda flesh.
- Although it may look frightening, barracuda open and close their mouth, showing their teeth, to assist their respiration, not to threaten anyone!

Great Barracuda Coloring Sheet



Barracuda Art Lesson



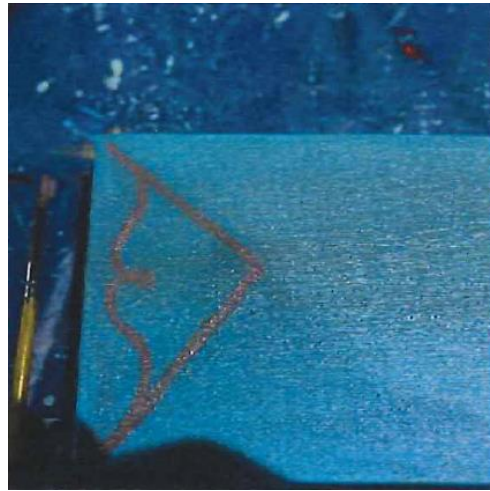
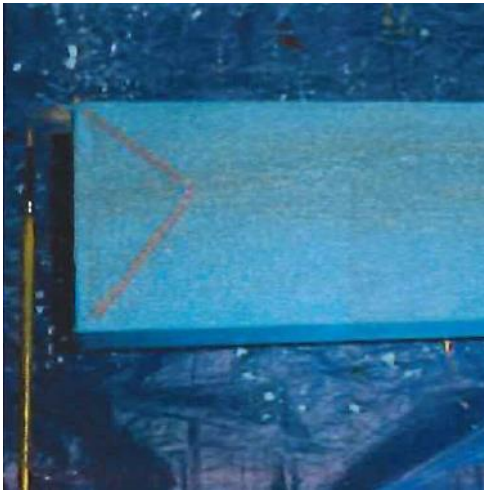
Materials Needed

- Paper or canvas
- Colored pencils, crayons, markers or paints in the following colors:
 - Blue
 - Gray
 - Black
 - White
 - Orange
 - Red

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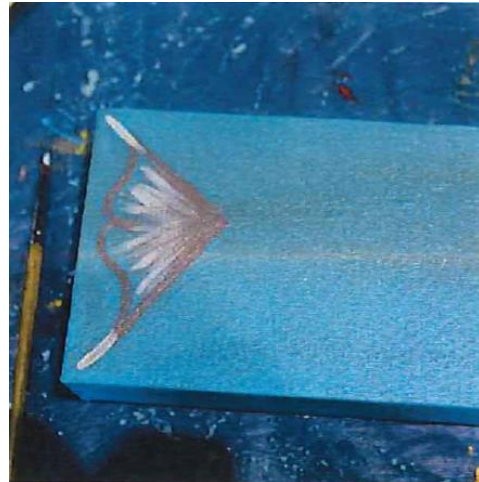
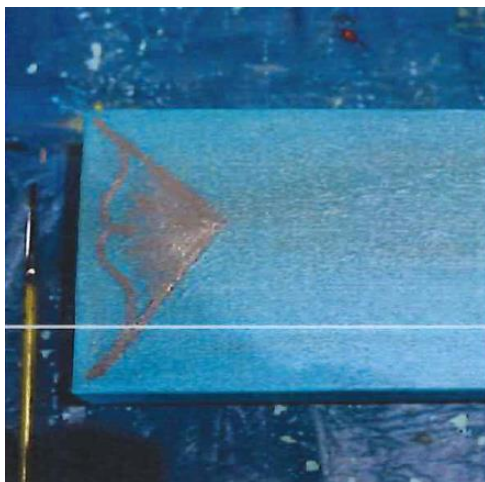
Step 1

Using the blue, lightly shade the entire background of your paper. Using the gray, draw a wide, sideways “V” on the left side of your paper. Then make two curved lines coming from the edges of the “V” that meet in the middle.



Step 2

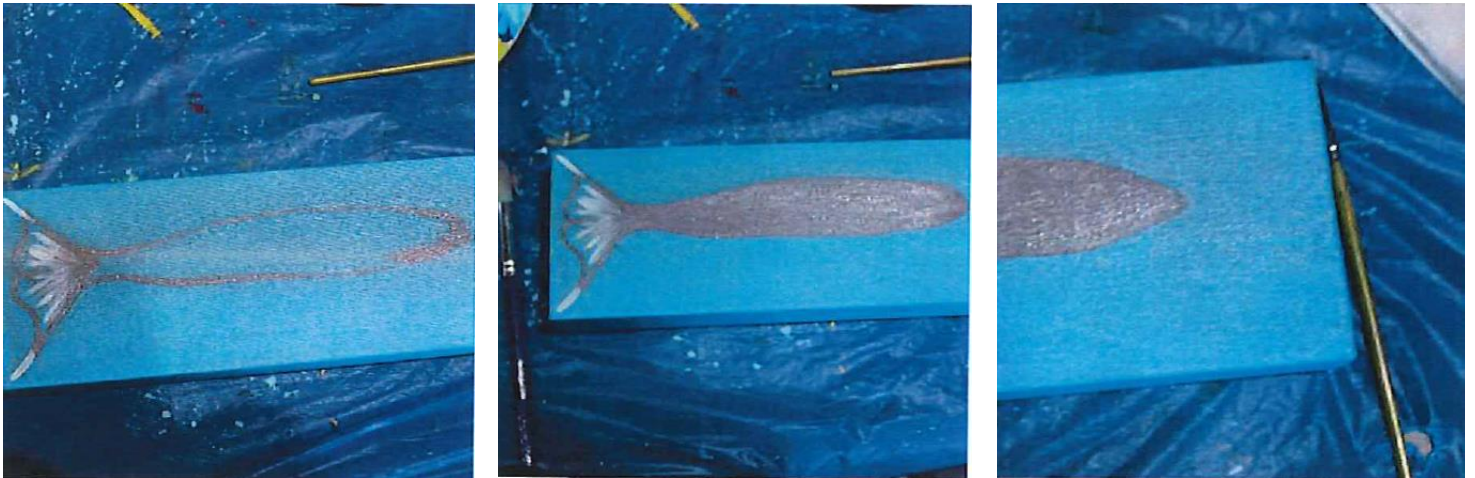
Using the gray, draw lines radiating from the base of your “V.” Don’t let those lines completely cover the triangle. Leave some blue on the left side. Then, using white, draw thick lines on top of the gray. This will be the tail.



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Step 3

Using the gray, draw a large, thin oval that starts at the base of your tail. Color in the oval very lightly with gray. Then at the tip of your oval make a rounded, sideways “V” to form the pointed mouth of your barracuda.



Step 4

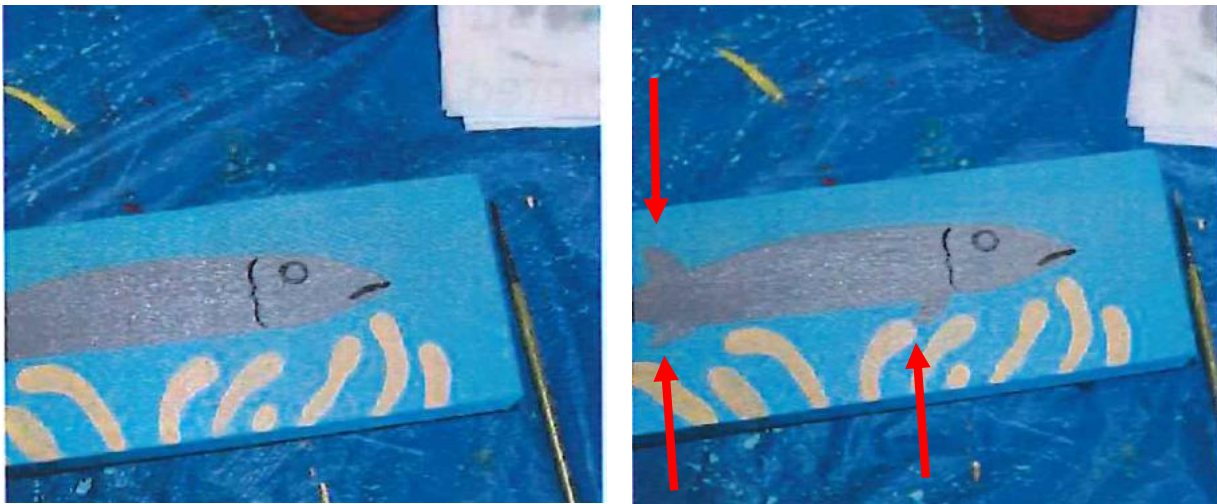
Using the orange, draw thick, curved lines coming up from the bottom of the page. These will be your corals.



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Step 5

Using the black, make two flat “C’s” on top of each other to form the gills. Then add a circle for the eye and a line for the mouth. Using the gray, make two triangles on the body near the tail, one above and one below. Then add one more triangle below the gills.



Step 6

Using the white, make another triangle on the body of the fish behind the gills. Outline the other fins with white. Add white dots down the middle of the body.



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Step 7

Using the white, draw large circles along the back of your barracuda and lines along its belly. Using the black, add a pupil to your barracuda's eye. Then, using the red, add dots to your corals.



Step 8

Be sure to sign your initials somewhere on your masterpiece to complete it and make it yours!

