Scientific name: *Physalia physalis*

The Portuguese man o’ war is not a true jellyfish. It is actually a siphonophore, a group of animals closely related to jellyfish.

The man o’ war is made up of four separate organisms!

Man o’ wars live at the surface of the water and are moved by winds and currents.

Loggerhead sea turtles feed on the man o’ war.

Many different kinds of fish, including clownfish and yellow jack, are found living among the man o’ war.

They are known for their beautiful blue, purple and pink coloration and for their sting.
Portuguese Man O’ War Coloring Sheet
Portuguese Man O’ War Art Lesson

Materials Needed
• Paper or canvas
• Colored pencils, crayons, markers or paints in the following colors:
  o Light blue (or turquoise)
  o Dark blue
  o Dark purple
  o Pink
  o Black
  o Gray (optional)
  o Other colors, as desired
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Step 1
At the top of your paper, draw a curved line using dark blue.

Step 2
Using pink, draw a curvy line that connects to both ends of your dark blue line as shown in the photo. Then use dark purple and draw some wavy lines below your blue line to make the tentacles.

Step 3
Using light blue or turquoise, make upside down Vs at the top of the man o’ war you are creating. Then make small dark purple dashes along the light pink curved line. Then make small dark purple upside down Vs inside the larger light blue ones.
Step 4
Using dark blue, add some long and short tentacles within the dark purple ones.

Step 5
Using dark blue and dark purple, make longer tentacles below the main part of the man o’ war. Optional: add a small gray fish at the bottom of the tentacles.

Step 6
Using pink, add more short tentacles at the base of the main part of your man o’ war. Optional: Add another small gray fish off to the side of the tentacles.
Step 7
Using light blue, fill in the area below the Vs and above the thick dark blue line.

Step 8
Optional: Finish making the fish by adding stripes, a mouth and eyes with black. You can always can add more fish if you have room!

Step 9
Be sure to sign your initials somewhere on your masterpiece to complete it and make it yours!