Scientific name: *Ginglymostoma cirratum*

Nurse sharks are a benthic, or bottom-dwelling, type of shark.

They grow to an average length of about 9 feet.

They have two fleshy extensions, or barbels, near their mouth, which is located near the very front of the head.

They have many rows of small, serrated teeth that allow them to feed upon and crush crustaceans, such as crabs and lobster, shellfish and even coral.

Unlike most sharks, which are constantly in motion, nurse sharks often remain motionless along the bottom, pumping water over their gills.
Nurse Shark Coloring Sheet
Shark Chase Art Lesson

Materials Needed
• Paper or canvas
• Colored pencils, crayons, markers, or paints in the following colors:
  • Blue
  • Yellow
  • Orange
  • Black
  • Red
  • White (or gray)
Step 1
Begin using the blue to make a large “C” and the yellow to make a smaller “C” inside the first. Connect both by making a straight yellow line.

Step 2
Using the white (or gray if you’re using white paper) draw Vs on the inside of curve of the yellow “C.”
Step 3
Using the blue, make two curved lines coming off of the back of the blue “C” and connect them at the ends. Then make a triangle at the base of the top line, and two more below the bottom line. Lastly, make two more curved lines coming from the base of triangles.

Step 4
Make a small “C” beyond the tail of your shark. Then connect the “C” to your tail by making two more curved lines.
Step 5
Using the blue, color in the body of the shark. Using the red, color in the area behind the teeth. Using the yellow, color in the jaws.

Step 6
Using the black, add details to the shark, giving it eyes, nose, and gills.
Step 7
Using the orange, you will now add your fish. Make a circle, add a sideways “V” for the tail, and a triangle on the top and bottom for the fins.

Step 8
Using the black, add action lines behind the fish to show it’s swimming away. Then you can use white, or blue, to add bubbles around the fish by making circles.
Step 9
Using the black, outline your bubbles and give your fish eyes and scales.

Step 10
Be sure to sign your initials somewhere on your masterpiece to complete it and make it yours!