Sheepshead Facts

- Scientific name: *Archosargus probatocephalus*
- Adult sheepshead have 5 to 7 black, vertical bars on their bodies.
- They have sharp spines on the fins that are located on the top and bottom of their bodies that are used for protection from predators.
- Sheepshead have human-like teeth, including molars, incisors and rounded grinders.
- Sheepshead are omnivores, meaning they eat both plants and animals. They feed on crustaceans such as barnacles, as well as algae that can be found on a manatee’s back.
Sheepshead Coloring Sheet
Sheepshead Art Lesson

Materials Needed

• Paper or canvas
• Colored pencils, crayons, markers or paints in the following colors:
  • Turquoise
  • Dark Green
  • Black
  • Gray
  • Silver
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Step 1
Begin by using the gray to draw a half circle on the bottom of the page and color it in to create a manatee’s back. Then use the dark green and make small dots and dashes to create the look of algae on the manatee’s back.

Step 2
Using the gray, start by creating the following lines to make the outline of the fish:
Step 3
Continue using the gray to create the following lines to make the tail of the sheepshead. Color in the body and tail of the fish.

Step 4
Using the gray, create the fins on the top and bottom of the fish’s body and color these fins in with the silver color. Start outlining all of the fins with the black color.
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Step 5
Using the black, create lines in the fins to add detail as follows:

Step 6
Using the black, add details to the fish’s face, creating the mouth, eye and pectoral fin, which is the fin on the side of the fish’s body.
Step 7
Using the black, create the following lines on the fish’s body and color them in. Then use the turquoise to lightly color in the background behind the fish:

Step 8
Be sure to sign your initials somewhere on your masterpiece to complete it and make it yours!