Atlantic Spadefish Facts

• Scientific name: *Chaetodipterus faber*

• Adult Atlantic spadefish have 4 to 6 black, vertical bars along their silver bodies.

• Young Atlantic spadefish are dark brown or black in color and develop stripes as they reach adulthood.

• They feed on animals that live on the seafloor, such as crabs and shrimp, as well as other marine life such as algae and jellyfish.

• They live in shallow waters and can be found near seagrass beds or underwater structures such as coral reefs and sunken ships.
Atlantic Spadefish Coloring Sheet
Spadefish Art Lesson

Materials Needed

• Paper or canvas
• Colored pencils, crayons, markers or paints in the following colors:
  • Light Blue
  • Tan
  • Black
  • Gray
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**Step 1**
Using the tan, make a line along the bottom quarter of the page (along the long edge). Color in the bottom quarter of the page by pressing very lightly.

**Step 2**
Using the gray, start drawing the spadefish by creating the following lines:
Step 3
Continue using the gray to create the following lines to make the tail of the spadefish.

Step 4
Using the gray, color in the fish and then create the following lines to make the fins on the top and bottom of the body.
Step 5
Using the gray, make a smaller fin on the bottom of the fish’s body to the left of the larger fin you just made. When you are done creating the lines for the fins, color them in.

Step 6
Using the black, add details to the fish’s face, creating the mouth, eye and pectoral fin, which is the fin that is located on the side of the fish’s body.
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Step 7
Using the black, color in the pectoral fin and create the following lines on the fish:

Step 8
Using the black, add vertical stripes to the fish’s body and color them in. Color in the small fin on the bottom of the fish’s body.
Step 9
Using the black, outline the fins and create lines to add detail.
Step 10
Using the light blue, lightly color in the background behind the fish.

Step 11
Be sure to sign your initials somewhere on your masterpiece to complete it and make it yours!