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# A WATERY SEAHORSE PAINTING!

*This little seahorse picture is colored with wax crayons and watercolor paint. This way of coloring is called "wax-resist," and it's fun seeing what happens when you create your own designs by mixing the crayon colors with the watercolors!*

## Supplies in kit

- 1 picture of a seahorse

## What you'll need from home

- waxy crayons
- watercolor paint
- newspaper or paper towel



## Directions

1. Using wax crayons, color all of the seahorse picture except the background. It is important to make sure that there is a lot of crayon color on all of the items in the picture and not on the background. Optional: I colored my bubbles with a white crayon.



2. Now place the colored picture on newspaper or paper towels because you will be painting the whole picture with wet watercolor paints. Look what happens when you paint on top of the crayon colors - the watercolor doesn't stick to the crayon, only the uncolored paper! You can blot the picture with a tissue to remove excess drops of watercolor.



3. Set the picture aside to dry. If it dries wrinkled, you can place the picture under a stack of heavy books to help it to lie flat. Have fun experimenting by making your own wax-resist pictures with crayons and watercolors!

## BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

*Seahorse the Shyest Fish in the Sea* by Christine Butterworth

*Mr. Seahorse* by Eric Carle

*One Lonely Seahorse* by Saxton Freymann

*The Sign of the Seahorse: A Tale of Greed and High  
Adventure in Two Acts* by Graham Base

*Head and Tails: Underwater* by John Canty



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