

Seals on the Beach

ACTIVITY: Students become scientists and count seals.



DISCIPLINES: Science, visual arts

GRADE LEVEL(S): K to 3rd



30 minutes each

- MATERIALS:
- art paper or pre-cut butcher paper
 - card stock (to make pre-cut elephant seal stencils)
 - tempera paint (child safe): tan or light brown, blue, and other colors as desired
 - sponges (clean kitchen)
 - small bowls to hold paint



Preparation:

Create seal stencils.

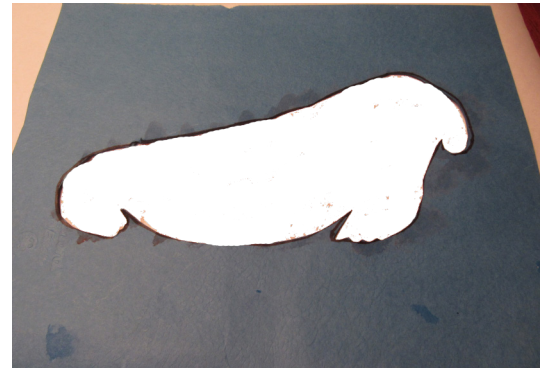
Step 1: Print and cut out stencil seal shapes.

Step 2: Trace patterns onto card stock. Be sure to allow a 2-inch margin around the shape.

Step 3: Cut out as many seal stencils as needed (pup, adult male and female).

Step 4: Pre-cut sponges to small rectangles (about 1.5 inches by 3 inches)

Step 5: If using butcher paper, pre-cut to desired size.

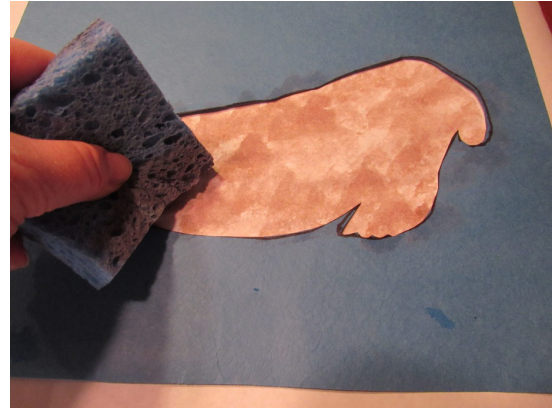
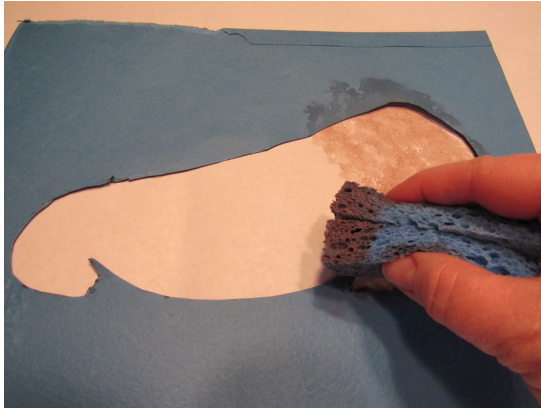


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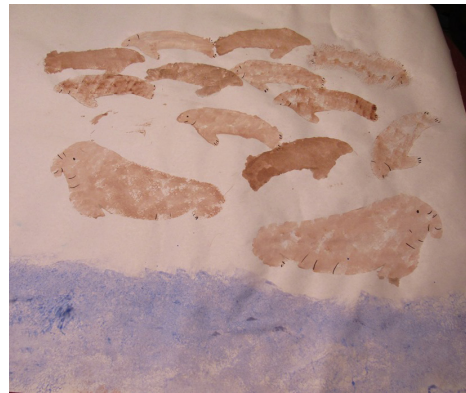
Pour paint small bowls or on to plastic plates. Add a little water to thin paint. (Test to determine correct consistency.)

WHAT TO DO:

Step 1: Dip sponge into paint. Dab paint to paint shape on to paper.



Step 2: Repeat step 1. Use different stencils to add male, female, and pups to the scene.



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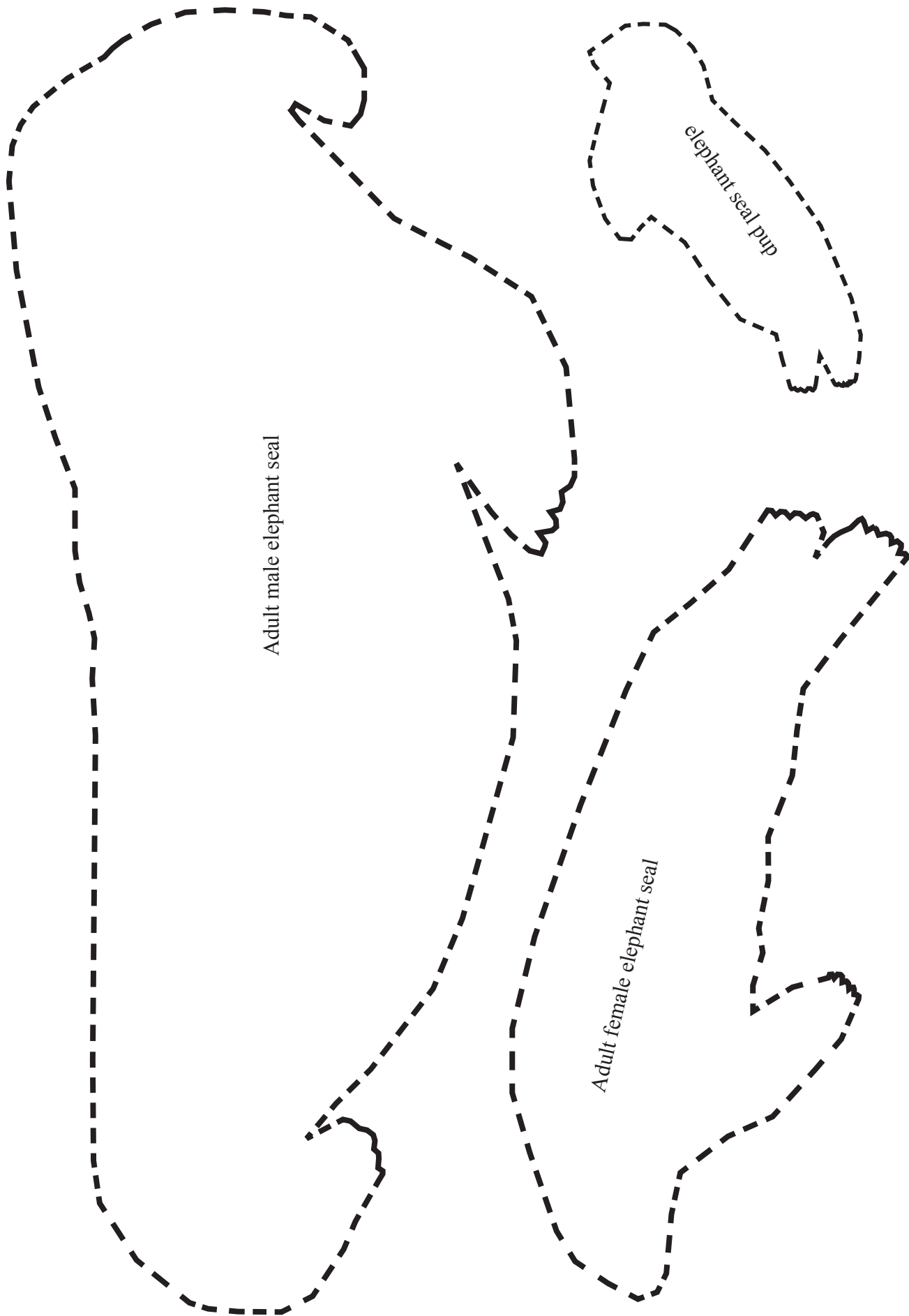
Allow art to dry. Use art in conjunction with other one or more of the other Celebration of Conservation Activities:

Elephant Seal Count

Elephant Seal Tagging and Sighting

Science Team Report – Team Elephant Seal

SEALS ON THE BEACH PATTERNS



Adult male elephant seal

elephant seal pup

Adult female elephant seal