

Make It & Take It!

Paint Your Own Salmon Habitat

MATERIALS

- White or light-colored paper
- Crayons or oil pastels
- Blue watercolor
- Red paint
- Q-tips

INSTRUCTIONS

1. First, create a safe place for a mother salmon to lay her eggs. During spawning season, she will swim back to the stream or river she was born in to lay her eggs. She'll find a safe place to lay her eggs in gravel to keep them safe from predators. Draw a nice bed of gravel with crayons or oil pastels.
2. Next, paint over your entire drawing with blue watercolor. The paint will skip right over your crayon or oil pastel drawing. This is called wax or oil resist!
3. Finally, dip a q-tip into red paint and dot salmon eggs into your gravel habitat! A female salmon can lay from 1,000 to 17,000 eggs, so add as many as you like to your painting!

