

## Shark Coloration

*Virginia Science SOL's: K.4, 3.4, 4.5*

1. Many sharks are a grayish or brownish color when seen from above and a paler or whitish color underneath.
2. Some sharks have spots, stripes or seemingly random coloration.
3. Color schemes can help sharks blend in or camouflage with their environment.

Materials:

1. Scissors
2. Crayons/Markers
3. Copies of shark coloring page
4. Scotch tape

Directions:

1. Cut out shark and color all pieces.
2. Put the shark together with scotch tape and the directions on the page.

Explanation:

1. A similar color or pattern allows an animal to blend into its surroundings. This is called camouflage.
2. Sharks are a darker color on top to help them blend into the darkness of the deep when seen from above. Conversely they are a lighter color underneath to make them less visible from below. This is called counter-shading.

1. Most bottom dwelling sharks have some sort of pattern, such as spots, to help them blend into the irregularity of the ocean floor.

# JAWS



Squeeze sides to move mouth!

