

LESSON PLAN

Gyotaku: Japanese Fish Printing

MATERIALS

- Fish (real or rubber) - cleaned and prepared
- Water-based ink
- Paintbrush or sponge
- Rice paper

DIRECTIONS

1



Using a paintbrush apply a thin, even layer of ink or paint onto the fish's surface. Avoid the eyes, you will fill these in later.

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Lightly blot the fish with a clean paper towel to remove excess ink. This helps achieve a cleaner and sharper print.

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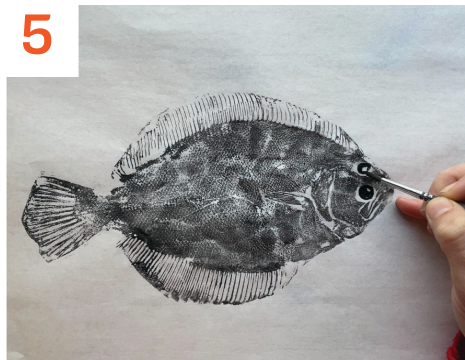
Gently press the paper onto the fish, starting at the center and working outward. Use your fingers to press and rub evenly over the entire surface of the fish.

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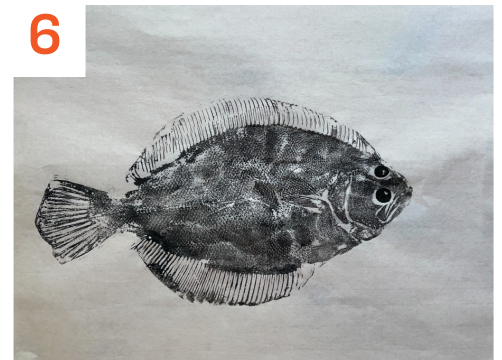
Slowly lift the paper off the fish, pulling it away from one end to the other.

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Use a fine brush to add the fish's eye.

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Allow your *gyotaku* print to dry completely.