



## Paper Mache Angel Fish



### Project Supplies

- Cardboard or Foamcore Sheet (About 16" high x 18" wide)
- Small Sheet of Poster Board (for Side Fins)
- 3-5 Styles of Black Ink Brand Decorative Papers
- 1-2" Bristle Brush for applying Mod Podge
- Waxed Paper
- Acrylic Paints or Paint Pens (for eyes)
- 2 Small 1-1/4" Styrofoam Balls (for eyes)
- 1" Metal Ring (for hanging the fish)
- Paper Mache Supplies:
  - Brown Wrapping Paper or Paper Bags
  - Newsprint
  - Masking Tape
  - Gel Medium, Mod Podge or White Glue

### Step 1

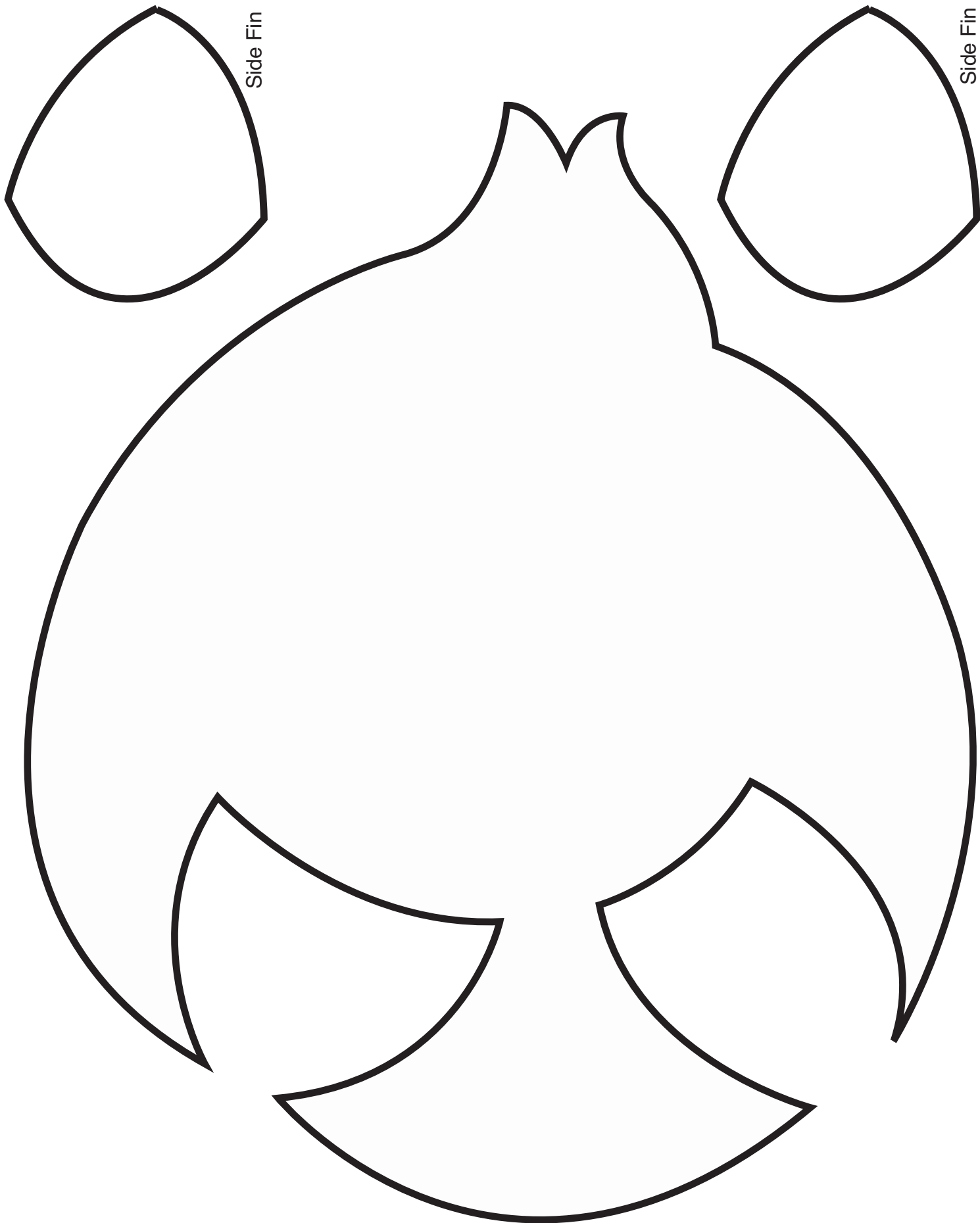
Create the Dimensional Shape: Draw angel fish shape (or use template on backside of project sheet and enlarge) onto foamcore or cardboard and cut out. Wad up tight, smallish sized balls of newsprint and tape firmly to the cut out fish form for dimension. Also use masking tape to taper the newsprint balls to the thickness desired. Create eyeballs by cutting the styrofoam ball in half and tape both halves in place. For the lips, twist newsprint into tubular shapes for both the top and bottom lip and tape each lip down in a horizontal direction. Draw and cut out two "side fin" shapes from poster board and set aside.

### Step 2

Covering the Shape: Prepare gel medium, glue or mod podge by mixing with water in a 1:2 ratio. Dip various sizes of torn strips of brown paper into the glue mixture and layer them over the newsprint form and smooth down with brush and glue covering the form completely with several layers and let dry. If the form has soft areas after drying, add a few more layers of the brown paper and let dry. Add the metal hanging ring using four torn strips of brown paper approximately 2" x 1/2" going through the ring, adhering the strips with the watered down glue. Add a few more layers of brown paper over the ends of these strips to secure the hanger. Coat the completed dry fish form with a final layer of gel medium that has not been diluted and let dry.

### Step 3

Apply the Decorative Paper: Select 3-5 styles of Black Ink Decorative Papers to uniquely accent each body part: body, fins, tail, mouth, and "spots". Cover the body of the fish first, using torn pieces of decorative paper coated with diluted glue. Then cover the two pre-cut "side fin" shapes with a contrasting decorative paper, coated with diluted glue and dried on wax paper. Once dry, glue the small tip of each fin to the sides of the fish, leaving the rounded part of the fin unattached and flexible to "bend out". Cut two sizes of circle shapes to be layered on top of each other for the "spots" and glue down. Paint the eyeballs and let dry before adding an overlay of "paper eyelids with curled eyelashes". Hang from nylon fishing wire and enjoy this whimsical paper mache with a seafull of personality!



Side Fin

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