

## ***Enchanted Fish Pattern and Instructions***

Create an **Enchanted Fish** using an **embossing** method on aluminum. So what do you think I made this out of? Well, how about disposable cookie sheets?



Yep, I seem to be on one of those streaks again. Seems like I have a ton of ideas in my head right now for disposable cookie sheets, including this 3D fish that seems to swim right off the picture.

### **For this project I used:**

2 ea. disposable cookie sheets (You can find them at your local party supply store)

**Enchanted Fish Pattern**

Knitting needle

Paintbrush

[Assorted metallic acrylic paints](#)

[E6000 Glue](#)

[Black Spray Primer](#)



Begin by cutting the raised edges off the cookie sheet so that you have one large flat piece. Use the knitting needle to score 1/4 inch around all four sides. Clip the corners, and fold the metal back along the score line (this will create a smooth even edge for your picture).



Enlarge your pattern to the size that you want it. Place a towel on your table and lay the sheet of aluminum over it. Cover with your pattern and use the knitting needle to lightly score the pattern into the metal.



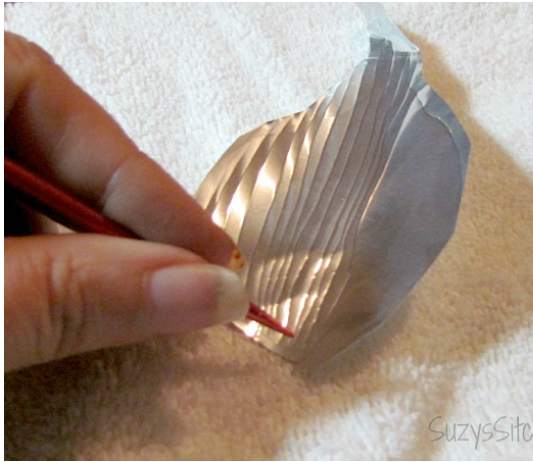
Use the knitting needle and the blunt end of your paintbrush to rub the pattern into the metal.



The towel underneath gives you some play, but be careful not to push too hard.

There is no right or wrong way to do this. Just emboss the design in the way that you would like. I have decided to make certain sections of the fish 3D, including the fins of the fish and a couple pieces of seaweed. For that reason, I did not emboss the fins of the fish.





Use the pattern to trace out the fin sections. Cut them out and then score them how you would like them.

I also bent them a bit to make them stand out from the background.



Spray everything down with black spray primer. I sprayed both sides of the fins. I also sprayed both sides of a separate pan to use for cutting out the seaweed strips.



Use the E6000 glue to glue the fins in place. I used some supports to keep the fins raised until the glue dried. At this point, I also cut several 1 inch strips from the other cookie sheet, trimming them to a point at the top. I wrapped these strips around a pencil to create long curly strips, and glued them in place on the sides of the picture.



Using the copper and gold metallic paints, I brushed color along the raised edges of the picture, leaving the indented areas black.

I used blue, greens and a mix of purple metallic paints for the water, and green in the seaweed, being sure to leave plenty of black showing.





I finished by using silver paint to paint in the eye and the bubbles. To display this picture, I decided to paint a canvas black as the background. I chose a canvas that was about 2" larger all around than the fish picture, painted it, then glued the metal picture down on it.





