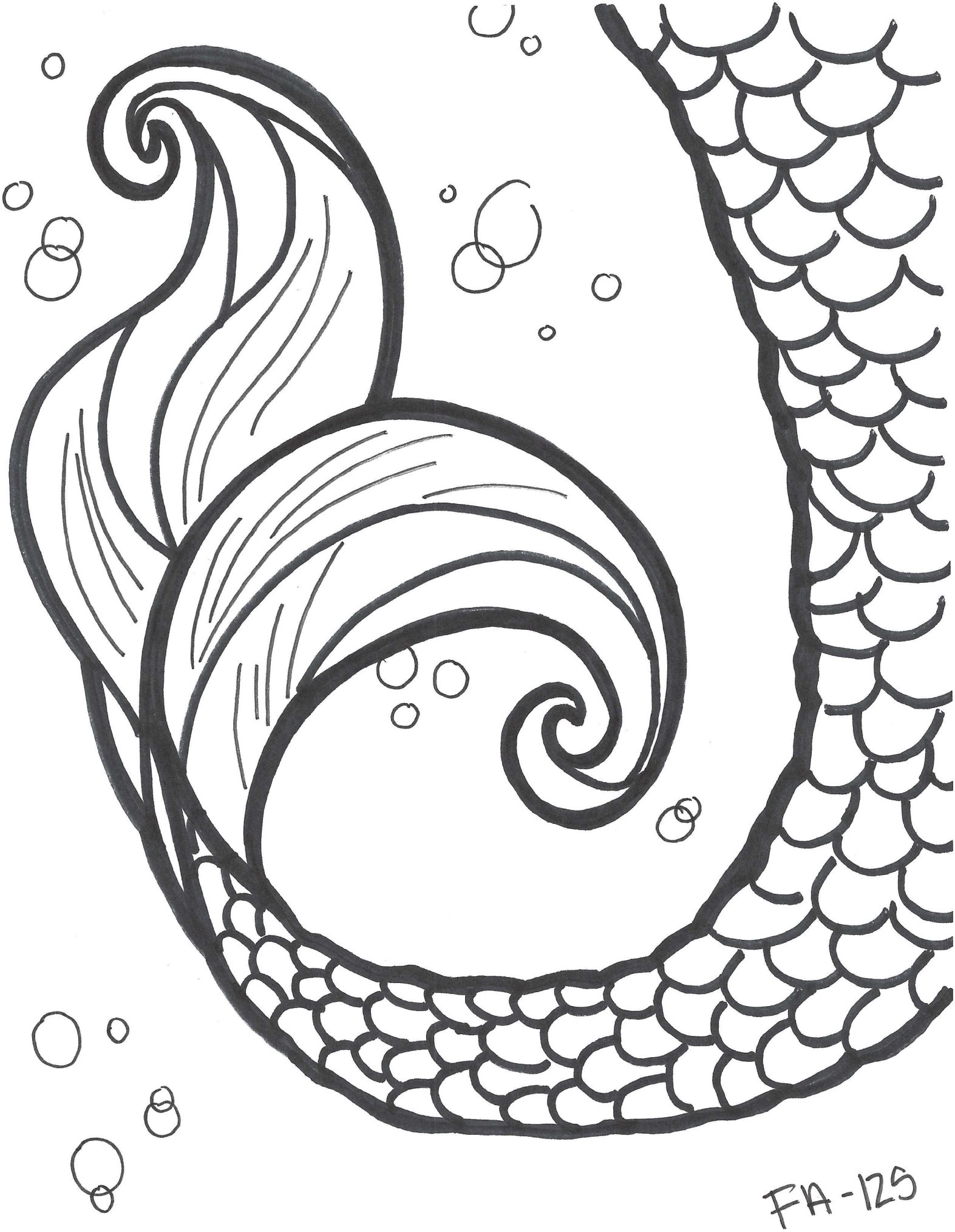


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Project 5: Mermaid Tail

9 x 12 Watercolor Paper with Black Sharpies

1. Tape watercolor paper down to a board and pass out to each student.

2. Have students put their name on the tape with a **black Sharpie.**

3. Using a HB pencil, guide students through the drawing of the project.

4. Have students **trace over** all pencil lines with a **medium and thin black Sharpie**.
    a. **Introduce:** Line weight and the differences between the thin details and thick outline

5. Using **Liquid Watercolors,** guide students through the entire painting of the project.
    a. TIP: add more colors to make this project a little more fun!
    b. **Introduce:** wet on wet techniques to get the ultimate color blends!

6. **OPTIONAL**: Use white oil pastel to create bubbles and add highlights to scales/fins either before or after coloring with watercolor.