

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Art - Blizzard bag #3**

**Draw 2 Koi fish in the pond at the bottom of page 2.**

## Interesting Facts about Koi Fish

Koi fish came about a few hundred years ago when the Asian carp fish bred with the German carp fish. They are originally from Japan. The word “koi” is the Japanese word for “carp.” Koi fish come in a variety of colors including blue, green, red, white, black, and yellow.

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**Koi Fish**

### Did you know?

- Koi fish grow to be up to three feet long.
- Koi fish can live to be about 25 to 35 years old. Some have been known to live to be 100 years old.
- The small intestines of koi fish act as their stomachs. They do not have actual stomachs!
- During spawning season, koi fish produce thousands of eggs. They eat each other's eggs if they are left out in the open.

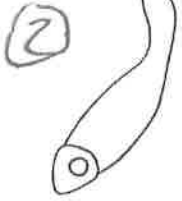
Many people have koi fish as pets, and they keep them in what are called koi ponds. Koi ponds must be well maintained and large enough for the fish, so that they can live healthily. Koi fish love to eat just about anything. If you have koi fish as a pet, you can feed them things that you eat, such as lettuce and bread.

# Steps to drawing a Koi fish

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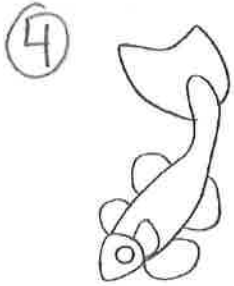
① Start by sketching the head. To do so, draw a rounded triangle. Inside this shape, draw a circle.



② Draw a long, slim oval coming off the upper right of the rounded triangle. Narrow the oval towards the end. This will be the body of the fish.



③ Draw a big M-like shape at the end of the oval. This will be the tail.



④ Draw two semicircles on each side of the body. Draw another smaller one on the exterior right side of the head. These will become the fins.



⑤ Outline the shapes, adding details (such as whiskers) as you



⑥ Add designs to the fish body.

