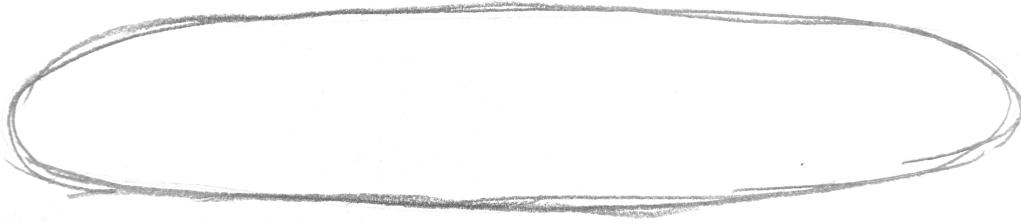


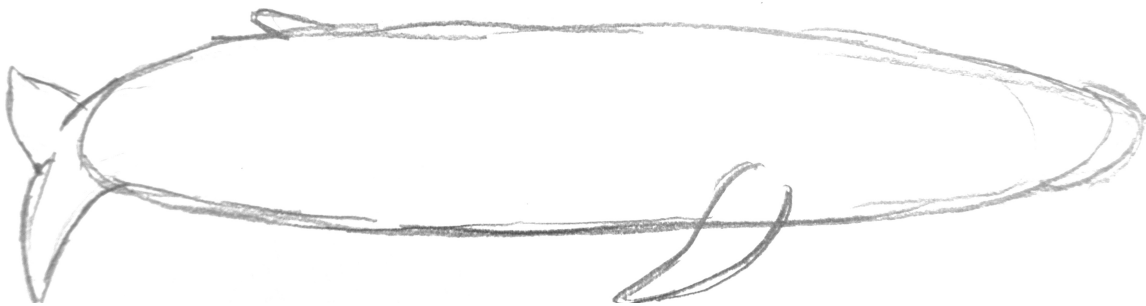
How to Draw a Blue Whale

Balaenoptera musculus

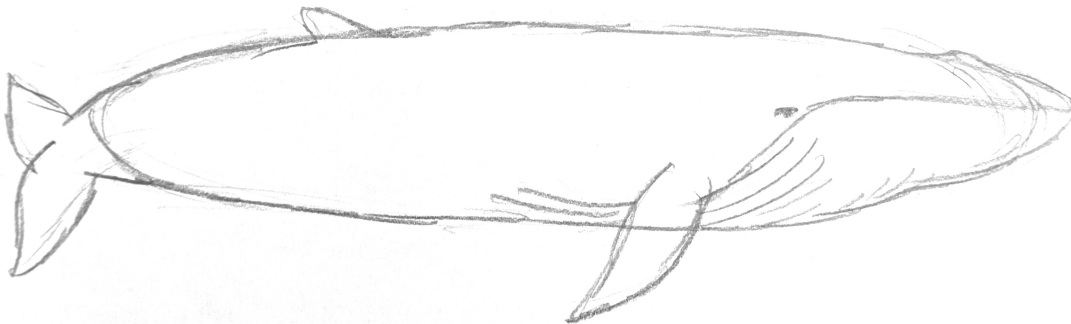
Step One: Sketch a very long oval shape. This will be the whale's body.



Step Two: Slightly sketch the front of the oval into a round point for the whale's mouth. Draw a very small triangle shape on the lower back. This is the dorsal fin. Sketch two rough triangles into the tail, and then a teardrop shaped fin about 1/3 of the way into the body.



Step Three: Draw a straight line for the mouth that curves downward underneath the fin. Colour in a small circle for the eye at the end of the straight line. Sketch curved lines on the bottom of the whale's mouth. Add a bump for the blowhole above the mouth.



Step Four: Darken your lines and erase any that are no longer needed. Add a small triangular pectoral fin. Shade in the whale by rubbing the side of your pencil onto the paper and using a blending stick or your finger to soften the look. Using an eraser, erase several patches of the whale's skin to give it a slightly spotted look.

