What do I need?

• Plain paper
• Paper plate
• Scissors
• Coloured pens, pencils or paints
• Glue

Fold the paper plate in half, with the plate base on the outside.
Fold one corner of the folded plate over as shown to begin to form the whale’s forehead.

Tuck this folded corner inside the main fold of the whole plate, as shown in the picture.

Now draw on the outline of the whale’s back and tail.
Then cut along these lines but do not cut all the way along the lower line of the tail at arrow (this should stay connected).
Remove the cut section between head and tail.

Flip out the tail by turning it inside out.
Draw on the whale’s eye and mouth on each side.
You can add flippers by reshaping the piece you removed from the top of the back. Glue these on.
We used watered down blue watercolour paint to colour our whale.
You can experiment with colour, art materials and facial features. Have fun!

We’d love to see any whales you’ve made! Send photographs to marineengagement@seabird.org.