# **Walrus Balancing Toy!**

#### What you'll need:

- crayons, colored pencils, or markers
- heavy cardboard (not corrugated)
- glue
- scissors
- a thumbtack (see next page)
- a towel (see next page)
- a paperclip (see next page)
- 2 or 3 quarter-sized washers or other small weighted items that can hang (see next page)

### Steps:

- 1. Color the walrus on this page.
- 2. Carefully cut out the walrus.
- 3. Glue the walrus to heavy cardboard.
- 4. Let it dry completely.
- When dry, again cut out the walrus, now glued to the cardboard.
- 6. Follow the pictures on the next page to learn how to use your walrus balancing toy!

## Did You Know?

Walruses can use their long, ivory tusks to pull their massive bodies out of the water and onto the ice or the land. Because of this behavior the scientific name for the walrus is *Odobenus rosmarus*, which means "toothwalking sea-horse."

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#### How To Use Your Walrus Balancing Toy!



Place a folded towel beneath the walrus toy you made following the instructions on page 1.



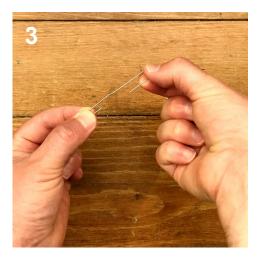
Thread one end of the bent paperclip through the hole you made in the walrus's tail.



Carefully push a thumbtack through the dot on the walrus's tail to make a small hole in the tail.



Hang 2 or 3 quarter-sized washers or other small weighted items from the other end of the bent paperclip.



Bend a paperclip gently until you have one hook on each end.



Now try to balance the walrus on the tusk with the star on it. You can even balance it on your finger!