

TIGER MUSKIE

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LIFETONE[®] PAINTING INSTRUCTIONS

1. #100 BASECOAT SEALER—Seal entire fish with one heavy coat of LIFETONE[®] or two light coats of HYDRO-MIST[®].
2. #601 JET BLACK—Spray top of head, fillers, and faded areas to even up tones in skin. Do not spray fin repairs at this time. Spray seam on backside. Spray lightly during this step—a “spitty” coat resembles the skin better than a solid heavy coat. The filler areas will blend in later.
3. #702 PURE WHITE—Spray mouth, belly, gill area, around the eye, jaw, and throat area. Spray tips and trailing edges of all lower fins. Then mist all fins from an extreme front angle. Spray very lightly because the object is to lighten and give a fleshy look to the fins. Mist inside nostrils. (Figure 1)
4. #973 WHITE PEARL—Spray inside mouth, jaw, belly, and teeth.
5. #102 NATURAL FLESH—Lightly spray teeth and tongue.
6. MUSKIE BROWN—Mix 80% #201 Rich Brown with 20% #601 Jet Black. Adjust airbrush to spray a soft spot slightly smaller than the scale size of the fish. Highlight vertical bars by outlining them softly. Tapping the air button quickly while outlining gives a much more natural appearance. Spray cheek spots. Mist top of head (fillers) and fin repairs from backside if fish has transparent fins. (Figure 2)
7. #301 BRIGHT YELLOW—Spray entire fish lightly—to change the bars and cheek

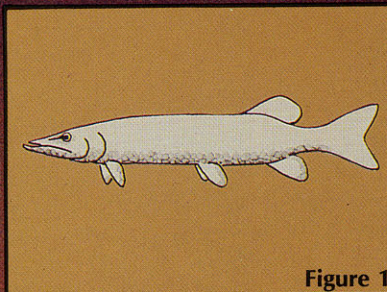


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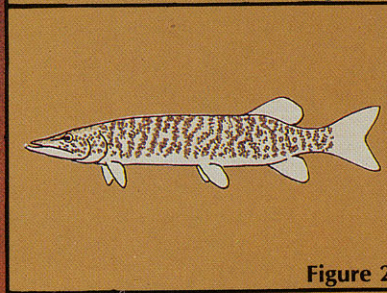


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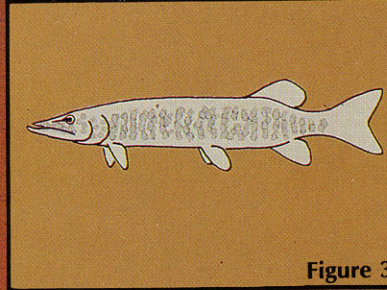


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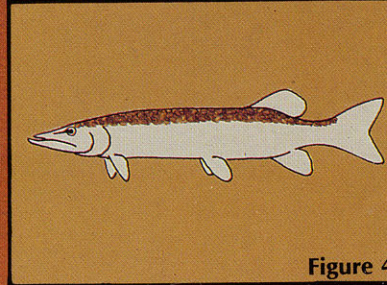


Figure 4

spots to a greenish brown. Spray top of head and back, fading downward. Lightly spray leading edges of all fins, then mist centers of all fins. Mist end of tongue.

8. #971 SILVER METALLIC—Spray between vertical bars and cheek spots fairly heavily. Start where the white stops above the belly. Work upward and fade out at the top of the shoulders. Using a piece of torn paper, spray the silver line that extends in front of the eye. Mist lips. (Figure 3)

9. #952 VIOLET PEARLESCENT—Spray lightly over Silver Metallic.

10. #933 BRONZE METALLIC—Spray top of head and back, fading down to shoulders. Mist chin and lips.

11. #801 VIVID ORANGE—Lightly spray all fins except for the leading and trailing edges.

12. #101 GILL RED—Spray gills. Mist vent. Lightly mist all fins except for the leading and trailing edges.

13. #201 RICH BROWN—Spray top of head and back, all the way down the shoulders, and then stop abruptly. This “line” starts behind the eye and continues down the fish. (Figure 4)

14. #203 DARK BROWN—Lightly spray spots on fins. Mist lip and vent. Touch up bars if necessary.

15. #403 DARK GREEN—Spray top of head, centerline of back, chin, jaw spots, and end of tongue. Mist leading edges of all fins. Make sure all filler areas have blended in now.

16. LIQUID CRYSTAL[™]—Clean eyes, and spray 2 coats over entire fish.

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