**Elements:** Shape & Texture

**Principles:** Contrast

**Materials:**
- 12” x 18” gray or light blue construction paper
- Black marker or sharpie
- Crayons
- Watercolor paint
- Jar/Cup of water
- Paintbrushes
- Pencil
Instructions:

1. Show the art sample art and explain that the kids will be making their own iguanas. If possible read, *I Wanna Iguana*, by Karen Kaufman Orloff. An artist who makes colorful iguanas using markers and colored pencils is Tim Jeffs (see below).

2. Very lightly, using a pencil, have students sketch a large skinny oval (about the width of their hand) above the midline of the center of their horizontal 12 x 18 paper. Continuing using pencil have them lightly add a curving tale, feet and fins. Finish with a light line-drawn branch or rock.

3. One sketch is complete have the students outline their lines in black, taking care to only outline the outer shape of their hand drawn iguana, as well as their branch or rock.

4. Add texture to their iguana and branch/rock using peeled crayons.

5. Paint over their iguana with watercolor, then paint whatever the iguana is sitting on.

6. Have students put their names on the art and help clean up.
Iguana art in the making by artist **Tim Jeffs**