

## -How Do River Otters Stay Warm?-

### Materials Needed:

- Coloring sheet on next page
- Spray bottle
- Water
- Crayons
- Blue food coloring (optional)

### Instructions:

1. Print out the coloring sheet on the next page.
2. Color your otter so that there is no paper coming through the crayon.
3. Fill your spray bottle with water (and optional blue food coloring).
4. Spray your otter with the spray bottle. The water will soak the paper that was not covered by crayon.

The wax crayon coats the river otter so that the water doesn't get through to the paper, much like the river otter's fur. The otter's glands in the skin produces an oil that is on guard hairs and protects the otter from the cold water.

