



Enormous Elk

Science – Grade 4-6

Students create a mural of a life-size elk, and use it to compare to their own body size.

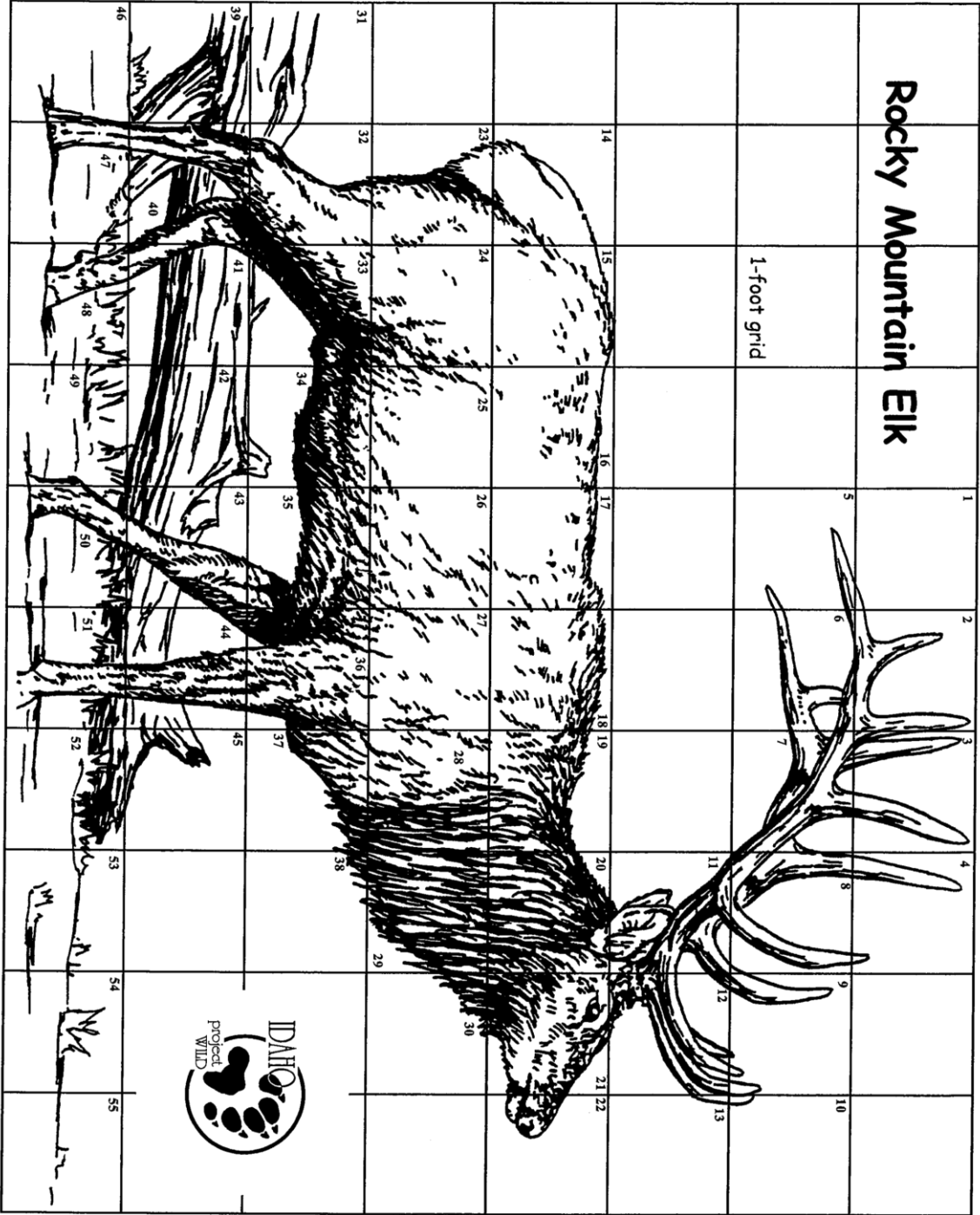
Materials:

- Elk picture (see following page)
- Pencils
- 55+ pieces of 12" x 12" construction paper
- Black markers
- Tape
- Large area to hang the finished picture

Instructions:

1. Ahead of time: photocopy the elk picture and cut out the squares. Make another copy for reference.
2. Divide the squares up among the students.
3. Have students draw what is on their little square onto their 12" x 12" sheet. They should start drawing with a pencil. Have them write the number on the back (with the same orientation).
4. When all the squares are completed, use the numbers on the back to arrange them into the picture, then tape them together.
5. Have students create a title and add some interesting elk facts to display with the picture.

**** Lesson Enhancement:** Use a tape measure to determine the size of the elk, from head to tail, and from foot to antler. Compare the size of the elk to the size of the children. Are they surprised? Have the students write a story about the elk.



(Source: Idaho Project Wild!)