

COFFEE FILTER OCEAN CREATURES MOBILE

Hangin' With Friends

MATERIALS:

For 2 Fish And 1 Jelly Fish:

- 1 Cover For Your Work Surface
- 3 Coffee Filters - Basket Shape
- 5 pieces of 9" Ribbon (or yarn)
- 2 Paper Towels (or other stuffing)
- Washable Markers – Multiple Colors
- Water (in a spray bottle if possible)
- 1 Page of Construction Paper (optional)
- 3 Sheets of Paper
- 2 Rubber Bands
- Scotch Tape
- Craft Glue (optional)
- Coat Hanger (optional)
- 6 Googly Eyes (optional)
- 3 Pieces of String (optional)



DIRECTIONS:

First, make the body.

1. Cover your table with a plastic sheet or a thick pile of paper to avoid staining the surface.
2. Put down a piece of paper. On the paper, open and flatten one coffee filter so it looks like a circle.
3. Use 3 or more different colored markers to color the filter. Coloring should be in large blocks and overlap.
4. With a spray bottle of water (or dribbling water from your fingers), wet the filter. Use enough water to cause the colors to freely bleed into each other. Let the filter dry.

Next, make one fish and then another.

5. Peel the dried filter off the paper. Lay it flat on the table, colored side face down.
6. Crush a piece of paper towel (or any other stuffing) into a ball and place it in the center of the filter.
7. Gather the filter around the ball and secure it with a rubber band. The covered ball is the body of the fish and the rest is the tail of the fish.
8. Use glue to attach googly eyes or use a marker to draw eyes.
9. Make a second fish by repeating steps 2 – 8

And, make one jellyfish.

10. Prepare another coffee filter by repeating steps 2-4.
11. Fold the flattened filter in half forming a semicircle, colored side out. This is the jellyfish body. Tape the rounded edge closed.
12. Cut 5 long pieces of ribbon (or yarn) and tape to the straight edge of the filter. The ribbon should hang from the body. These are the tentacles.
13. Use glue to attach googly eyes or use a marker to draw eyes.

Finally, put it all together!

14. Make an Ocean Mobile by using string and tape to hang the jellyfish and the two fish from a coat hanger.
15. Hang your mobile!
16. Optional: Draw an ocean scene on construction paper and tape your creatures to your picture.
17. Enjoy the ocean breeze!

Storyologist Idea: Jellyfish in Space

Some jellyfish are so unusual that they look like they are aliens. Write a story about an extra-terrestrial jellyfish.

Science Fun Fact: Jellyfish in Space, REALLY!

In 1991, 2,478 moon jelly babies were launched into space aboard the shuttle Columbia. Biologists wanted to learn how weightlessness affected the development of juvenile jellies.

WE'D LOVE TO SEE WHAT YOU MADE!
Ask your adults to post your creation using #STORYOLOGIST.