



Craft
Ages 0–3
15 minutes

Paper Jellyfish

Description

Participants will create jellyfish using cupcake liners

Number of participants

For any number of participants

Space considerations

An indoor space where participants can be seated at tables to do an activity

Competencies

- Creative expression
- Development of fine motor skills
- Eye-hand coordination
- Imaginative play
- Understanding shapes

Materials

- Jellyfish instructions handout
- Cupcake liners or paper plates folded in half
- Googly eyes, eye stickers, cut-out paper eyes
- Wide strips of crepe or tissue paper
 - Can also use coloured paper strings, thick ribbons or yarn
- Ribbon or string
- Tape

Preparation

- Prepare the room for a program with tables and chairs for participants to do an activity

Implementation

1. Decide what kind of materials you want to use for the jellyfish body (cupcake liner, paper plate), jellyfish arms (crepe paper, tissue paper strips, yarn, etc.) and eyes (googly eyes, eye stickers, cut-out paper eyes). Decorate the outside of the cupcake holder or select one with a design



2. Add a small piece of tape to the end of each jellyfish arm. Tape them to the inside of the cupcake holder. You can tape them in a circle or tape them all to the centre



3. Add googly eyes, eye stickers or cut-out paper eyes to the jellyfish



4. (optional) Create a handle by taping a ribbon, string or yarn loop to the top of the jellyfish



Accessibility considerations

- Choose medium or large cupcake liners
- Precut crepe paper
- Offer a variety of colouring tools that are thicker/chunkier to hold
- Offer a variety of craft materials, especially ones with texture, bright colours or shiny material—visually engaging for most kids, including neurodivergent kids, and easier to see for kids with low vision

Book suggestions

The Jellyfish Bus by Suhyeon Lee

What Goes in the Ocean? A Seek-and-Find Book by Dori Elys and Katie Cottle

Sunken Ship (A Tiny Habitats Book) by Amy Hevron

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[Paper Jellyfish – Instructions for Participants](#)

Images



Paper Jellyfish Instructions

1. Decorate the outside of the cupcake holder or select one with a design. Choose the rest of your materials



2. Add a small piece of tape to the end of each jellyfish arm and tape them to the inside of the cupcake holder. You can stick them in a circle or tape them all to the centre



3. Add googly eyes, eye stickers or cut-out paper eyes to the jellyfish



4. (optional) Create a handle by taping a ribbon, string or yarn loop to the top of the jellyfish



5. You have completed your jellyfish

