

COFFEE FILTER OCEAN CREATURES MOBILE

Hangin' With Friends

MATERIALS:

For 2 Fish And 1 Jellyfish:

- 3 Coffee Filters- Basket Shape, Any Size
- 3 Sheets of Paper
- 2 Rubber Bands
- 2 Paper Towels (or Other Stuffing Material)
- Washable Markers - Multiple Colors
- Water (In a Spray Bottle if Possible)
- Cover For Your Work Surface
- 6 Googly eyes (Optional)
- Craft Glue (Optional)
- Ribbon or Yarn (For Jellyfish)
- Scotch Tape (For Jellyfish)
- Coat Hanger (Optional)
- 3 Pieces of String (Optional)
- 1 Sheet of Construction Paper (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. Markers and water will be used together and that can make a big mess.
2. Put one sheet of paper on your table. Spread open and flatten one coffee filter and put it down on the paper. The coffee filter should look like a circle with one side facing down and one side facing up.
3. Choose 3 or more markers that are different colors. Color the side of the filter that is facing up. If you overlap the colors and also color in large blocks, you will create interesting looking ocean creatures. Don't worry about the design. It will all blur together in the next step.
4. Spray the coffee filter with water (or dip your fingers in a cup of water and dribble drops all over the filter or hold the filter under a faucet and let water dribble all over it). Whatever method you use, your goal is to wet the filter enough to cause the colors to freely bleed into each other.
5. Let the coffee filter dry. Drying usually takes about 15 minutes. If you need it quicker, ask an adult to help you use a blow dryer to dry it.

Next, make one fish.

6. Peel the dried coffee filter off of the paper and lay it flat on the table with the colored side face down. (Save the pretty design that seeped onto the paper for another craft.)
7. Make a small ball by crushing a piece of paper towel (or any other stuffing material) with your hands. Place the ball in the center of the flattened filter.
8. Gather the coffee filter around the ball and secure it with a rubber band. The covered ball is the body of the fish and the rest of the filter forms the tail of the fish.
9. Use glue to attach googly eyes or use a marker to draw eyes.

Then, make a second fish.

10. Repeat steps 1 - 9.

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And, make a jellyfish.

11. Prepare another coffee filter by repeating steps 1-6.
12. Fold the flattened coffee filter in half forming a semicircle, colored side out. This is the body of the jellyfish. Use tape at the rounded edge to hold the semicircle closed.
13. Place the jellyfish body flat on the table with the straight edge towards you.
14. Cut 5 long pieces of ribbon (or yarn).
15. Use tape to attach the ribbon to the straight edge. The ribbon should hang away from the body and only touch its straight edge. These are the tentacles.
16. Use glue to attach googly eyes or use a marker to draw eyes.

Finally, put it all together!

17. **Optional:** Make an Ocean Mobile. Tape one piece of string onto the jellyfish and one piece of string onto each of the fish. Instead of taping you can thread the string through the rubberband that forms the tail of the fish. Attach the other end of each string to a coat hanger. Hang your mobile!
18. **Optional:** Using construction paper and markers, draw an ocean scene. You could draw water and sky or sand and water or any other scene where ocean creatures might live. With glue or tape, attach your creatures to your picture.
19. **Enjoy the ocean breeze!**

