

Paper Bag Jellyfish



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Preschoolers
2.5 - 4 years

These jellyfish are sure to brighten up any room! Let your kiddos get creative with blending paint colors, adding in sparkles and hanging them in a window for an underwater scene!

Learning Outcomes

Domain:

Physical

Indicator:

Manipulating small objects with improved coordination

Skills:

Fine motor



Materials

- Paper bags
- Scissors
- Paint
- String
- Tape
- Hole Punch
- Googly eyes (optional)
- Glitter (optional)



Instructions

Step 1: Lay your paper bag flat on a surface and have your child paint their jellyfish how they want. Get creative with mixing colors, as well as adding sparkles and googly eyes at the bottom of the bag (this will eventually be the top/head of the jellyfish).

Step 2: Once dry, cut vertical lines from the top (opening) of the paper bag to the bottom before the flat surface. Each cut strip should be about ½ inch thick.

Step 3: Next, use a hole punch to make a small hole at the top and thread string through the hole.

Step 4: Hang in a bright window and watch your jellyfish sway in the breeze just like in the ocean!



Age Adjustments

For older preschoolers: Use serrated scissors. They're fun to use and create lots of different designs!

For younger toddlers: Younger kiddos may need help with hand over hand assistance with the scissors. Give them full control with the painting to help increase their independence!



Playful Questions

- Have you ever seen a jellyfish?
- How do jellyfish move in the water?
- Do jellyfish have any bones?
- Where do you think the jellyfish's organs are in its body?
- What makes a jellyfish different from any other fish?