



## Encounter Crafts – 1<sup>st</sup> July This Week – Sea Creature Art

The amazing shapes, textures and colours of sea creatures can inspire some beautiful artwork using all sorts of resources. Dive in!

### Crazy fork puffer fish

I love the shape and spikiness of these fabulous fish. Use a fork as your paintbrush and work outwards from the middle to recreate the look!



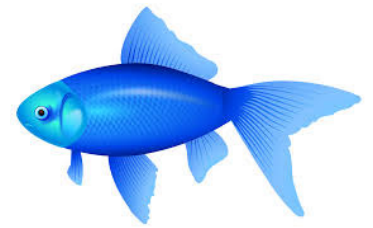
### Jellyfish Salt Painting

Jellyfish are delicate creatures with umbrella-shaped bells and trailing tentacles. Salt painting is a great way to capture this. Draw the shape with loose, flowing movements of PVA glue. Sprinkle on free-flowing salt until the whole image is covered and then shake off the excess. You should then have the image in salt.



Now use very thin water-based paints like watercolours. Dip your brush in and then rest it gently on the salt – and watch the colour spread through! If you don't have watercolours you can make little pots of water with food-colouring in to use instead.





## Pipe-cleaner Octopus

An octopus is another great shape, and more robust than a jellyfish, with eight rubbery tentacles. Pipe cleaners can be threaded through 8 holes around the edge of a paper plate and then bent into shape at the ends. You can then decorate the paper plate in any way you fancy – pom poms and beads have been used here but you could paint them, too, and maybe thread string through the top to hang them up.



## Windsock Rainbow Fish



The colourful scales of the rainbow fish can be recreated on an empty toilet roll using bright tissue paper. Cut into semi-circles and layer over each other the length of the roll. Add a big fishy eye and then use strips of tissue glued inside the bottom of the roll to make a lovely tail that can blow in a breeze! Several of these tied to a stick make a lovely windsock, but remember not to leave them out in the rain!!



**HAVE FUN!!!**

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