

COFFEE FILTER FISH



MATERIALS:

- 1 Basket-style Coffee Filter-any size (1 per fish)
- 1 Rubber Band (per fish)
- 1 Paper Towel (a wad of toilet paper or a napkin will also work)
- Washable Markers in multiple colors
- Water (in a spray bottle is preferable, but not necessary)
- Googly eyes (optional)
- Glue (optional)
- Ribbon or Yarn (for jellyfish)
- Scotch Tape (for jellyfish)
- Coat hanger (optional)
- Paper or something else to cover the work surface (the markers will bleed through the filters and onto whatever is underneath)

DIRECTIONS:

1. Place a single coffee filter on a piece of paper.
2. Decorate the coffee filter with the washable markers. Don't worry about the design as it will all blur together in the next step. Large blocks of overlapping color often work well for this.
3. Spray the coffee filter with water (or carefully run it under a faucet), allowing the colors to bleed into each other.
4. Allow the coffee filter to dry. (This will take about 15 minutes or so. You can use a blow drier to speed up the process.)

To Make a FISH

1. Peel your dry coffee filter off the paper. (You'll have a pretty design underneath!) Set this aside and use it for another craft or as a background for your ocean scene.
2. Wad up a small piece of paper towel into a ball and put it in the center of the filter.
3. Wrap the coffee filter around the ball and secure with a rubber band. The excess coffee filter material will form the fish's tail.
4. Draw on eyes with markers OR attach googly eyes with glue.

To Make a JELLYFISH

1. Fold the decorated coffee filter in half and secure with tape or glue.
2. Cut several long pieces of ribbon or yarn and attach to the back with tape or glue, creating tentacles.
3. Draw on eyes with markers OR attach googly eyes with tape or glue.

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BONUS: COMBINE THEM INTO AN OCEAN MOBILE

1. Tape a piece of string to the fish and jelly fish (or thread through the rubber band)
2. Attach the fish to a coat hanger.