



Paper Plate Jellyfish

Students will learn about jellyfish and complete a jellyfish craft!

K - 2nd
Grade

Materials

- Paper plate
- Scissors
- Glue/Tape
- Construction paper or yarn
- Markers/
Crayons
- Glitter (optional)
- Googly Eyes



Directions

1. Grab your paper plate and cut it in half.
2. Decorate the paper plate half.
3. To make the tentacles you can either use strips of construction paper or yarn.
4. With the strips of construction paper, fold one end up about 1 inch and then do it again in the opposite direction. Repeat this until your strip of paper is scrunched up.
5. Attach your scrunched up paper strips or yarn pieces to the paper plate with the glue or tape.
6. Glue on googly eyes or draw them in.

What are jellyfish?

Jellyfish are not really fish, of course, because a fish's anatomy is centered around its backbone, whereas the jellyfish is a dome-shaped invertebrate. Therefore it's more accurate to refer to them simply as "jellies."

What are jellyfish composed of?

Lacking brains, blood, or even hearts, jellyfish are pretty simple critters. They are composed of three layers: an outer layer, called the epidermis; a middle layer made of a thick, elastic, jelly-like substance called mesoglea; and an inner layer, called the gastrodermis.

