

Parent Guide

How can I use this with my children?

Create your own ocean scene with sea creatures made from egg cartons and other easy-to-find materials.

How does this help my children's learning?

This activity is all about having fun and getting creative. Your child can use their imagination to make each animal different and unique and they will need to use some fine motor skills too.

Ideas for further learning:

Create a full ocean scene by using a cardboard box or shoe box and painting it like the ocean. You could also use this activity to learn more about the ocean, ocean animals and protecting our seas.



Egg Box Ocean Animals



Create your own ocean animals using an empty egg carton.

There are instructions to make lots of different sea creatures, such as a turtle, a whale, a shark, an octopus, a crab, a jellyfish, a penguin and a goldfish! You can choose to make one of these animals, make a pair (like in the story of Noah's Ark) or have a go at making all of the creatures. You can also play ocean-themed songs whilst you are doing it to really get in the spirit!

You will need:

- an empty egg box
- different colours of paint
- different colours of card or foam pieces
- different colours of pipe cleaners
- glue
- scissors
- googly eyes, glitter, tissue paper, string pom-poms (optional)

Instructions (to get you started):

1. Adult job: Cut the bottom of the egg box into separate egg 'cups'. This can be quite fiddly. Cut as many individual cups as you need to create the animals that you have picked.
2. All of the animals' bodies are made with the egg cup upside down so the part where the egg sits, should be down on your table.



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Turtle



Twinkl Tip:

A sponge works really well for painting the egg cups quickly so that they can dry and you can get onto the fun part!

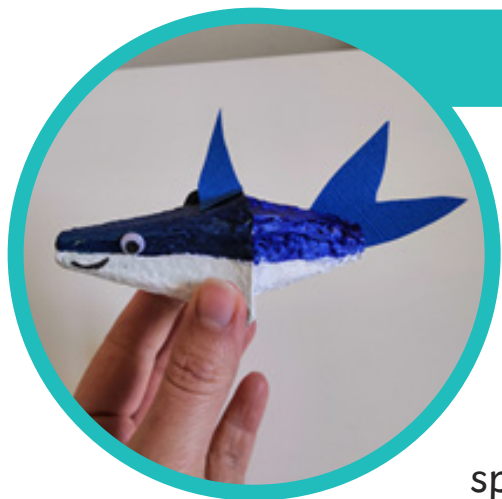
1. Paint the egg cup green and wait for it to dry.
2. Add spots or draw parts of his shell using a different shade of green. If you don't have a different shade, mix a tiny bit of white or black with the green to make your own colour.
3. Cut out some green card in the shape of flippers.
4. Stick the flippers to the bottom of the egg cup.
5. For the head, you can either use some card and draw a face on, or use a green pom-pom and add some googly eyes and a piece of black card for its mouth.

Whale

1. Paint your egg cup blue.
2. If you have some, add some glitter to the outside.
3. Cut a blue pipe cleaner into four and bend two of the pieces into a fin shape. Stick the fins on the side of the egg cup.
4. Add googly eyes and draw a smile using a black marker pen. Or you can draw the whole face in pen or paint if you don't have googly eyes.
5. You could also add some small bits of blue pipe cleaner coming out of the top of the whale as if it was squirting water at you! You can make a small hole in the top of your whale and the pipe cleaners will fit in snugly.



Shark



1. The shark is slightly different and uses the spiky bits on the inside of the egg carton. Cut two of the spikes out of the egg carton as far down as you can.
2. Trim 1cm off the larger end of one of the spikes so that one will fit nicely inside the other.
3. Use glue to stick the shorter spike inside the longer spike and you have the body of your shark.
4. With your shark lying on its tummy, try painting the top half blue (lengthways) and the bottom half white.
5. Cut out a fin and a shark's tail using blue card and stick them onto your shark's body.
6. Add a googly eye (or black marker pen eyes) and an evil grin!

Penguin

1. Paint the egg cup black.
2. Cut two wings out of black card and stick them on the side of your penguin's body. These will need to be no longer than the height of your egg cup.
3. Cut two small flippers out of orange card and attach them to the bottom of the egg cup.
4. Cut a tummy shape out of white card and stick this to your penguin's tummy.
5. Cut a beak out of orange card and stick this to your penguin, just above his tummy.
6. Add some googly eyes and you have a super cute penguin!



Octopus

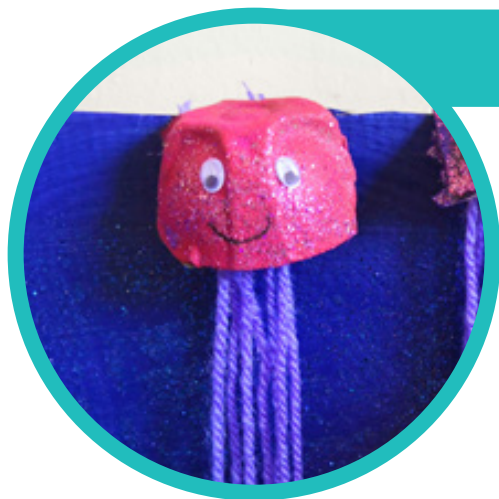


1. Paint the egg cup a colour of your choice. Make sure you have matching pipe cleaners and card.
2. Cut out the octopus's head. This should be shaped almost like a lightbulb.
3. Glue the head onto the egg cup.
4. Use a black marker pen to add a face to your octopus. Or, if you have them, you could add some googly eyes.
5. Use matching colour pipe cleaners for the legs. Cut one pipe cleaner into four pieces. Now repeat with another pipe cleaner - you should now have eight legs.
6. Twist them into swirly octopus legs and stick them on with glue or bend them underneath the egg cut to secure them on.
7. Don't forget to count your legs carefully!

Goldfish



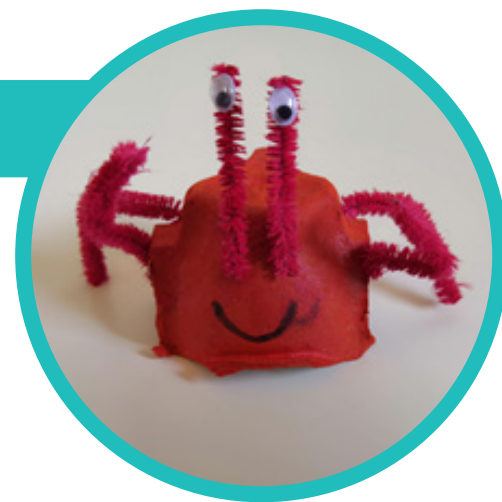
1. Paint your egg cup orange.
2. You can use either orange tissue paper or card to make fins and a tail.
3. If you are using card, cut a tail shape from the card and two small fins and glue them on.
4. If you are using tissue paper, cut a piece of tissue paper to about 10 cms by 10 cms. Fold it in half and in half again and place your thumb in the centre of the long edge. Use your other hand to gently pull the tissue paper into a fin shape. Repeat for the other fin and the tail.
5. Add googly eyes or draw a face using black marker pens.
6. Make a small circle out of pipe cleaner and stick it on the front of the egg cup - this is your fish's mouth!



1. Paint your egg cup in a jellyfish colour - you decide!
2. Add some glitter while the paint is still wet if you are using it.
3. Once dry, add googly eyes or use a black marker pen to draw a face.
4. Cut about 8 - 12 lengths of string in matching colours. These are your octopus tentacles, so make them as long or as short as you like.
5. Glue the pieces of string to the inside of the egg cup (where the egg normally sits).
6. When you hold your jellyfish up, the string should hang down like tentacles.

Crab

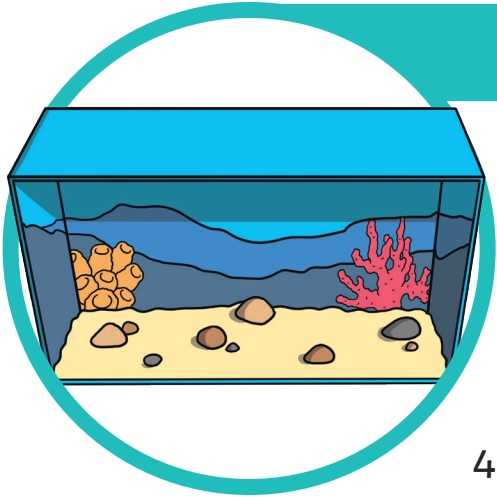
1. Paint your egg cup red.
2. Cut a red pipe cleaner into six pieces (this might depend on the length of your pipe cleaners).
3. Bend four pieces into crab legs and pincers and stick them onto the side of your egg cup. Have a look at the picture for some help with how to do this.
4. Use two straight pieces of pipe cleaner (about 3cm long depending on the size of your egg cups) and stick googly eyes to the top.
5. Then, stick your eye pipe cleaners to the top of the egg cup and add a crabby smile in black marker pen.



Extension:

Have a go at making your own ocean scene using a spare cardboard box or shoebox. Follow these instructions.

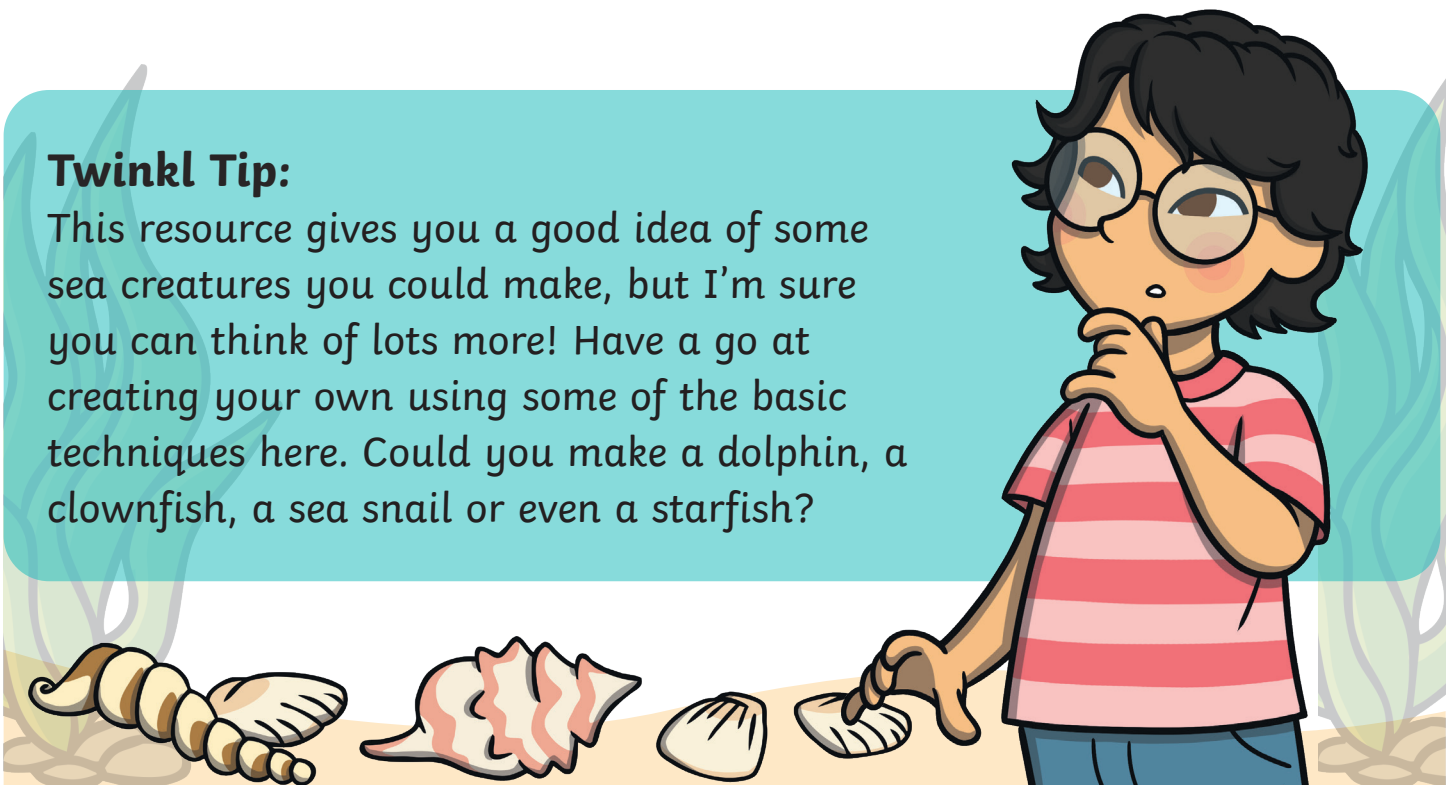
Ocean Scene



1. Make sure your box is empty.
2. Lie your cardboard box on its long side.
3. Cut any flaps and the top long side off so that you have a base and three sides.
4. Paint the inside and outside blue like the ocean.
5. You can add waves and glitter if you wish.
6. Now get creative! Add pieces of coral, pebbles or shells that you collect. You can also add some pipe cleaner seaweed or use playdough to make ocean features.
7. Once you are happy with your ocean scene, add your sea creatures.

Twinkl Tip:

This resource gives you a good idea of some sea creatures you could make, but I'm sure you can think of lots more! Have a go at creating your own using some of the basic techniques here. Could you make a dolphin, a clownfish, a sea snail or even a starfish?



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