



Octopus Art

Arts Activity

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WHAT MAKES IT MEANINGFUL

In general crafts are a great way to lead a meaningful life because it allows you to express creativity, and to actively engage in something while working with your hands. Participating in crafts on a regular basis can encourage learning new skills and can help reinforce a sense of community and connection when done in a group.

For this specific activity it will be making paper octopi for decoration or just simply for the fun of making it. This activity works on fine motor skills of the fingers, working on things of smaller scale.

TIME

If paper is pre-cut this activity would take 30 minutes - 1 hour.

MATERIALS

Include any necessary or suggested materials needed for the activity.

- Construction paper (\$3.50)
- Staples + Stapler (\$12.99)
- Glue (\$4.50)
- Markers (\$4.99)
- Scissors (\$5.00)
- String (\$3.00)

INSTRUCTIONS

Include any instructions needed:



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1. First you cut out a head shape (half of an oval) using the construction paper and the scissors. Cut out another piece with the same length as the head, about 2 inch in width, and cut a wave pattern to attach to the bottom the head.
2. Using a new piece of paper cut length wise making 1-2 inch stripes, you can then cut them all in half. For this part out can as many or as little as you want (suggested: 3-5). Since it is an octopus and they have 8 legs you must cut the right amount of stripes (eg: 4 stripes x 8 legs = 32 stripes)
3. To make the legs start by making an O shape with the first stripe and staples the end together. Then take your next stripe feed it through the O connected the two ends again by stapling it. Continue until you have finished the amount of stripe you do per leg. Repeat for all 8 legs.
4. This is the time you can add eyes by coloring on you octopus head and adding fun designs.
5. Once you have finished that glue the legs to the back of the head of the octopus.
6. The final step is to glue a string to the back of the octopus head to hang it up.

RESOURCES

<https://best10diy.com/summer-crafts-and-diy-ideas-for-kids/>

SUPPORTS NEEDED

The cutting in straight lines, and also the using of scissors may prove to be an issue. In this case the stripes can be pre cut to eliminate that difficulty.

And ensure safety precautions are being taken place while using the stapler.

OTHER THINGS TO NOTE

The size can be customized to be bigger or smaller if needed.