

Paper Jellyfish

If your kids love animals and crafts, they need to try this one! A fun and simple activity and a cute decoration.

Prep time: 10 minutes

Total time: 30 minutes (1 hour with drying time)

Age Group: 5+

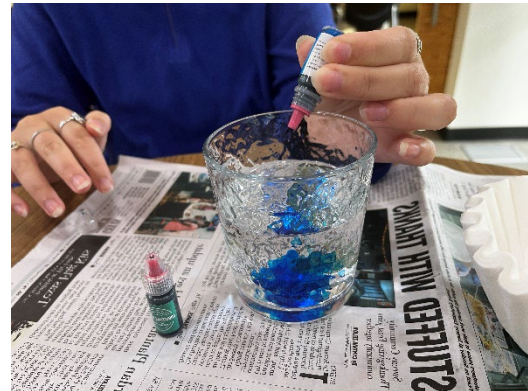
Project Type: Crafts

Supplies

- Coffee Filters
- String
- Food coloring
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Cup of water
- Spoon
- Newspaper

Instructions

1. Lay out newspaper to protect your work surface. Mix a few drops of food coloring into the cup of water and stir.



2. Use the spoon to drip the colored water onto the coffee filters, or dip them into the liquid. Each jellyfish takes about 7 coffee filters. You can keep the filters stacked together for faster and more uniform dying, or dye them separately. You can also change colors as you go with more cups of colored water.

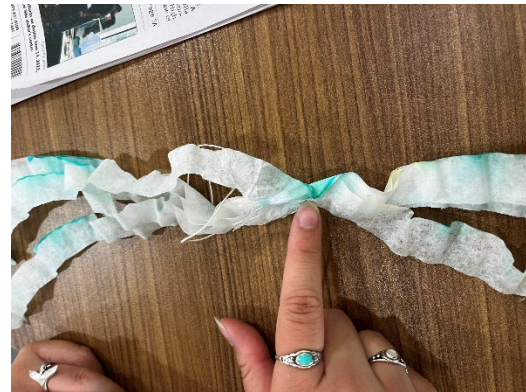


3. Lay out the dyed filters on the newspaper and allow to dry (about 30-60 minutes)

4. Take 4 of the dyed filters and cut them into a swirl, about 1 inch wide. Gather the strands together, holding them by the middle.



5. Cut a piece of string about 1 foot long. In the middle of the string, tie a tight knot around the middle of the paper strands.



6. Stack the remaining 3 filters together. Using the pencil or scissors, poke a hole through the center of them.



7. Pull the string through the hole until the strands meet the filters.



8. Use your hands to gently mold the filters into a cup-like shape for the body of the jellyfish.



9. Tie the strands together at the top to create a loop to hang your jellyfish.

