

Crayola.com Inspiring Ideas

Neon Anemones



Crayola Supplies

- School Glue
- Scissors (pointed tip)
- Neon Twistables®
- Model Magic® (Neon)

Other Supplies

- white paper
- recycled file folders

Why?

Colorful sea anemones look like flowers when their tentacles wave in the water—but looks are deceiving. They are really animals with stinging tentacles that eat fish! Show the underwater action in a neon triarama.

How?

1. Decorate your triarama. Cut a recycled file folder into a square with Crayola Scissors. Fold it in half, point to point. Open and fold it in half the other way, point to point. Cut along one fold from the corner to the center of the square. At the cut line, place one triangle on top of the other to see how your triarama will stand up. Unfold.
2. Use Crayola Neon Twistables to color a bright undersea background. Color a seabed on one bottom triangle. Fold the decorated bottom triangle over the plain one. Glue it into place with Crayola School Glue to create your triarama.
3. Add sea creatures. On separate paper, draw and color vibrant sea creatures. Cut out the creatures and glue them to the triarama.
4. Sculpt a neon anemone. To make a sea anemone, roll Crayola Neon Model Magic® into a ball. Slightly flatten the ball. Roll more Model Magic into long, thin ropes. Cut them into pieces. Press the ropes onto the top of the ball to create the wild tentacles of a sea anemone. Glue the sea anemone to your triarama.
5. Draw a neon clownfish. Draw and color an orange and white striped clownfish. Cut it out. Place the clownfish in its new home, the center of the sea anemone. Try saying neon anemones really fast, three times!

When and Where Suggestions?

- "Our children made these triaramas as part of a science lesson on carnivores. The colors are brilliant!" Corrine Y., home-school parent.
- "We watched 'Finding Nemo.' Afterwards, we made sea anemones and clownfish just like in the movie. What fun!" Marissa V., teenage babysitter.

Interesting Information

Sea anemones are predatory animals. They are carnivores that feed on fish and other live animals. Clownfish are immune to the stinging tentacles of the sea anemone. In fact, they use the anemone as their home.

Safety Guidelines

ATTENTION: The cutting edges of scissors are sharp and care should be taken whenever cutting or handling. Adult supervision is recommended with all children.

Model Magic® and other modeling compounds: Keep finished product away from open flame. Do not mold into candleholders or other like items for use around flame. Do not put in oven, microwave, or kiln.

Safety guidelines recommend this art project is suitable for children ages 6 years and older. Adult supervision is required to ensure children's safety.

Related Books

How to Hide an Octopus and Other Sea Creatures by Ruth Heller

Mister Seahorse by Eric Carle

The Underwater Alphabet Book by Jerry Pallotta

Wish for a Fish: All About Sea Creatures by Bonnie Worth

Related Games

Fish Stories—Cast a Colorful Story from Crayola Rocket Minds™

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