

A Fishbowl World

Adapt a traditional waxed-paper art technique to create see-through fishbowls full of underwater color. To begin, cut out two construction-paper copies of the fishbowl pattern located on the back of the centerfold. Stack the cutouts and fold them in half, before cutting along the dotted lines so that two fishbowl-shaped frames remain when the paper is unfolded. Draw and cut out a fish shape, or use the sponge-printer pattern (on the back of the centerfold) to create a fish cutout. Fold an 11 1/2" x 15" sheet of waxed paper in half. Unfold the waxed paper. Scatter crayon shavings in a small area near the fold. Arrange some cellophane grass or tissue-paper strips so that they extend upward from the fold. Place the fish cutout about 1/2" above the crayon shavings, before refolding the paper. Mentally center one of the fishbowl cutouts over the waxed-paper scene, to verify that the art is positioned correctly. Remove the fishbowl and place the waxed-paper scene between newspaper sheets. Quickly iron the entire waxed-paper surface with a warm iron (low setting). Spread glue on one side of each fishbowl cutout. Sandwich the waxed-paper art between the cutouts, and trim away the excess waxed paper. Tape students' completed fishbowls to a window or suspend them from the ceiling on strings.



Flashy Fish

These fantasy fish look "mah-velous" on a bright blue bulletin-board sea. To make a fish, draw or trace a large basic fish shape onto tagboard. Select two shades of the same color of tissue paper; then cut the paper into small squares. Using a large paintbrush and white glue thinned with water, coat the fish with glue. Place one tissue-paper square at a time within the fish-shaped outline, allowing the squares to overlap. Continue to add squares and glue (if necessary) until the entire cutout is covered. Coat the project with a final layer of glue. Allow the glue to dry completely, before cutting along the outline. To create the fish's tail, staple several one-inch-wide strips of tissue paper to the tail area of the cutout. Staple shorter strips to the cutout to create fins. For the fish's eye, glue on a gold foil circle or a sequin. When mounting the fish on a bulletin board, staple the strips of paper that form the tail and fins so that they are not flush with the board's surface. The flashy three-dimensional effect of these fish is sure to lure more than a few fishing enthusiasts to take a closer look.

Fish Food

The catch-of-the-day is this fish-shaped sandwich. Have your young chefs cut fish shapes from slices of wheat bread. Then obtain their assistance in making a bowl of tuna salad. Ask each child to spread a slice of fish-shaped bread with tuna salad. To complete the fish sandwich, have him add a slice of a pimento-filled green olive for the fish's eye. This treat will go well with a few small, fish-shaped pretzels or "A Fishy Treat" (page 60) and "Grouper Grog" (orange juice).

