



Swell Shark Puppet

Swell sharks are important predators. They help keep the ocean food web balanced by preying on animals such as fish, molluscs, and crustaceans. Swell sharks hunt by either sucking fish into their mouths, or by resting with their mouths open and letting the current carry the prey in. Celebrate sharks with this paper bag swell shark puppet!

Materials

Printed templates (page 2)
Paper bag
Crayons or colored pencils
Scissors
Glue

Directions

1. **Print** the swell shark puppet and prey template on page 2.
2. **Color** the swell shark head and body and then **cut** it out.
3. **Color** and **cut out** the fish, crab and snail. These will be the swell shark's prey!
4. **Lay** the paper bag on a table so that the opening is pointing toward you and the bottom flap is pointing up toward the sky.
5. **Glue** the swell shark body to the bottom part of the bag. Make sure to tuck the top of the body piece slightly under the flap.
6. **Glue** the head of the swell shark on the flap. Try to match up where the body meets the head.
7. **Animate** your shark! Stick your hand inside the bag and bring your swell shark puppet to life. See if your swell shark can catch and eat the fish you cut out!





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