



How to...



Make a hanging jellyfish



Create a fun undersea decoration for your home.

National Marine Week runs from 25 July to 9 August. Organised by The Wildlife Trusts, it is a celebration of the UK's seas. The Wildlife Trusts is a group of charities that work together to protect and conserve nature across the UK. The seas are full of lots of amazing creatures including dolphins, sharks, shellfish, sponges, starfish, whales... and jellyfish.

You can create your own bright, floaty jellyfish to hang in the garden, by a window or from the ceiling. Just follow the steps below to create your very own sea creature and then watch it wiggle and move when the breeze catches it. You could even make a whole family of jellyfish in different colours and sizes, or make a giant one using a mixing bowl as a mould.

What you need

- 2 bowls
- 2 plastic bags
- Tape
- Scissors
- Coloured tissue paper
- A brush
- PVA glue
- A pencil
- Ribbon or string



FLOATY CREATURES
Jellyfish are made of 95% water and have no brain.



1 To start, cover two bowls (they can be any size) with plastic bags. Pull the bags tightly over the outside of the bowls and use tape to hold them in place on the inside.



2 Cut four large tissue paper circles for the body and tentacles. Make each circle big enough to cover a bowl, with an extra 2–3cm at the edge. Cut out some smaller shapes for making patterns.



3 Lightly brush glue over one of the covered bowls. Press a tissue paper circle on top, add more glue then add a second circle. Add another layer of glue and stick the cut-out shapes on top.



4 For the tentacles, cover the second bowl with tissue paper in the same way. Brush glue right down to the crinkly edge around the bottom. Leave both sections to dry for 4–6 hours.



5 Carefully lift the domed tissue shapes off the bowls using the plastic bags. Gently peel away the bags then leave the tissue to dry fully. Cut one section into long strips for tentacles.



6 Make two small holes inside the jellyfish body with a pencil. Thread a long piece of ribbon or string through the holes then tie in a knot. Glue the tentacles inside the body and leave to dry.

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