

PATTERN PROJECTS

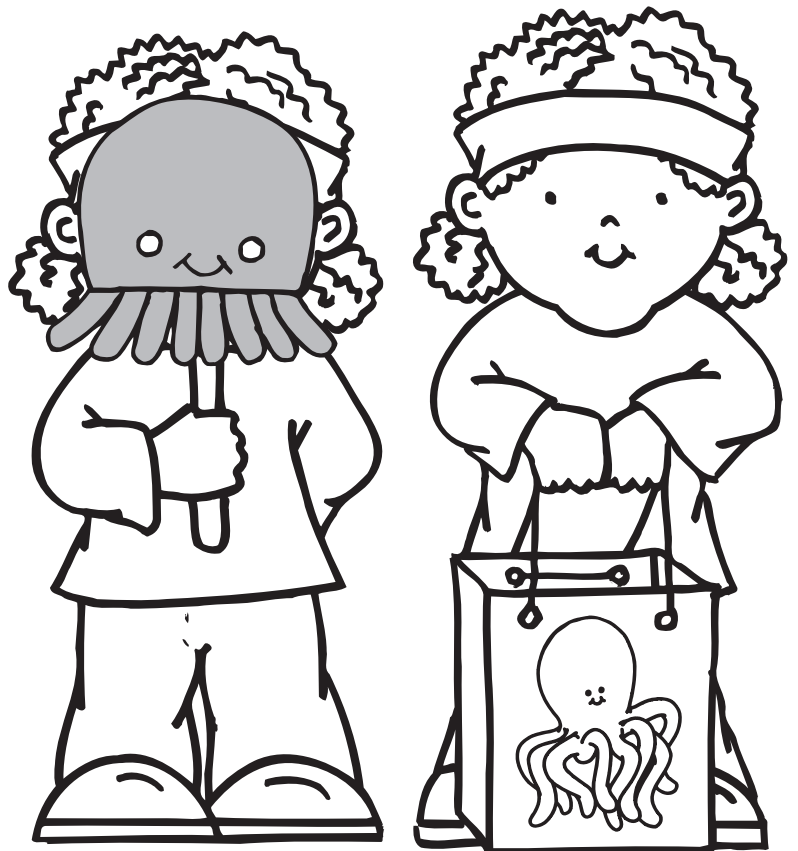
OCEANS

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Introduction

Introduce children to the ocean and ocean life as they develop early skills with the activities and patterns in *Pattern Projects: Oceans*. Children will enjoy making ocean life costumes and props from poster board, wool and pom poms. Provide clownfish and starfish patterns for children to practise alphabet or counting skills. Make a “She Sells Seashells By the Seashore” game board for children to practise sorting skills. Decorate display boards and work folders with fish, shells and other ocean creature patterns and borders. Reproduce bookmarks for children to use while developing their reading skills.

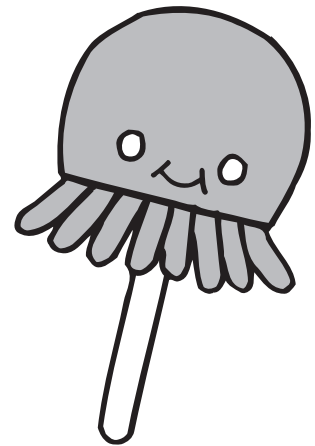
Ocean Creature Costumes and Props



Wand Masks

Materials: construction paper, mask patterns, crayons, textas, scissors, glue, large craft sticks

Reproduce an ocean creature mask pattern for each child. Provide crayons or textas and scissors for children to colour and cut out masks. Then help each child glue a large craft stick to the back of the mask to form a wand mask.



Headbands

Materials: poster board, headband patterns, crayons, textas, scissors, glue, tape

Cut a poster board headband for each child. Provide children with ocean creature headband patterns to colour and cut out. Help each child glue the patterns onto a headband. Then wrap and tape each child's headband to fit.



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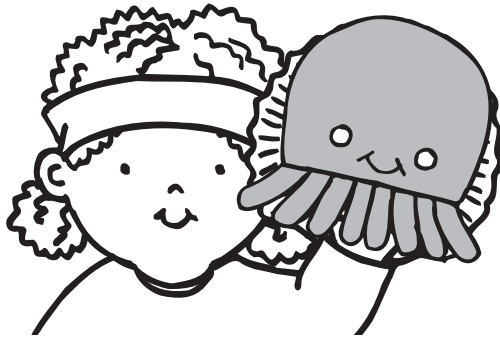
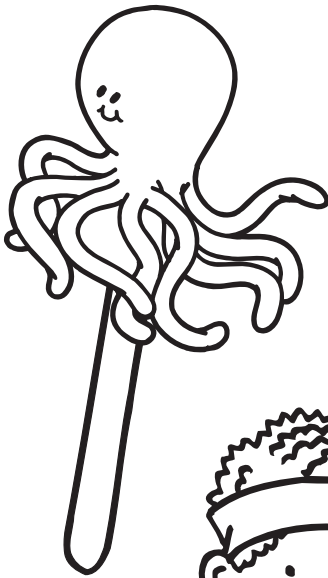
Brown Grocery Bag Vests

Materials: brown grocery bags, ocean creature costume patterns, crayons, textas, scissors, glue, wool, stapler
Each child will need a brown grocery bag to make a vest to match his or her creature mask and headband. Help each child cut a brown grocery bag to form a vest as shown on each costume patterns page. Have children colour, cut out and glue patterns onto their grocery bag vests. Then cut and staple wool ties to each child's vest.



Wand Puppets

Materials: construction paper, ocean creature puppet patterns, crayons, textas, scissors, glue, craft sticks
Reproduce construction paper puppet patterns for children to make wand puppets to use during an ocean or beach story hour. Have children colour and cut out puppet patterns. Then help each child glue a craft stick to the back of his or her puppet.

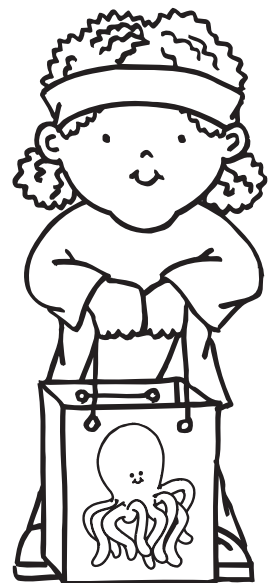


Pocket Puppets

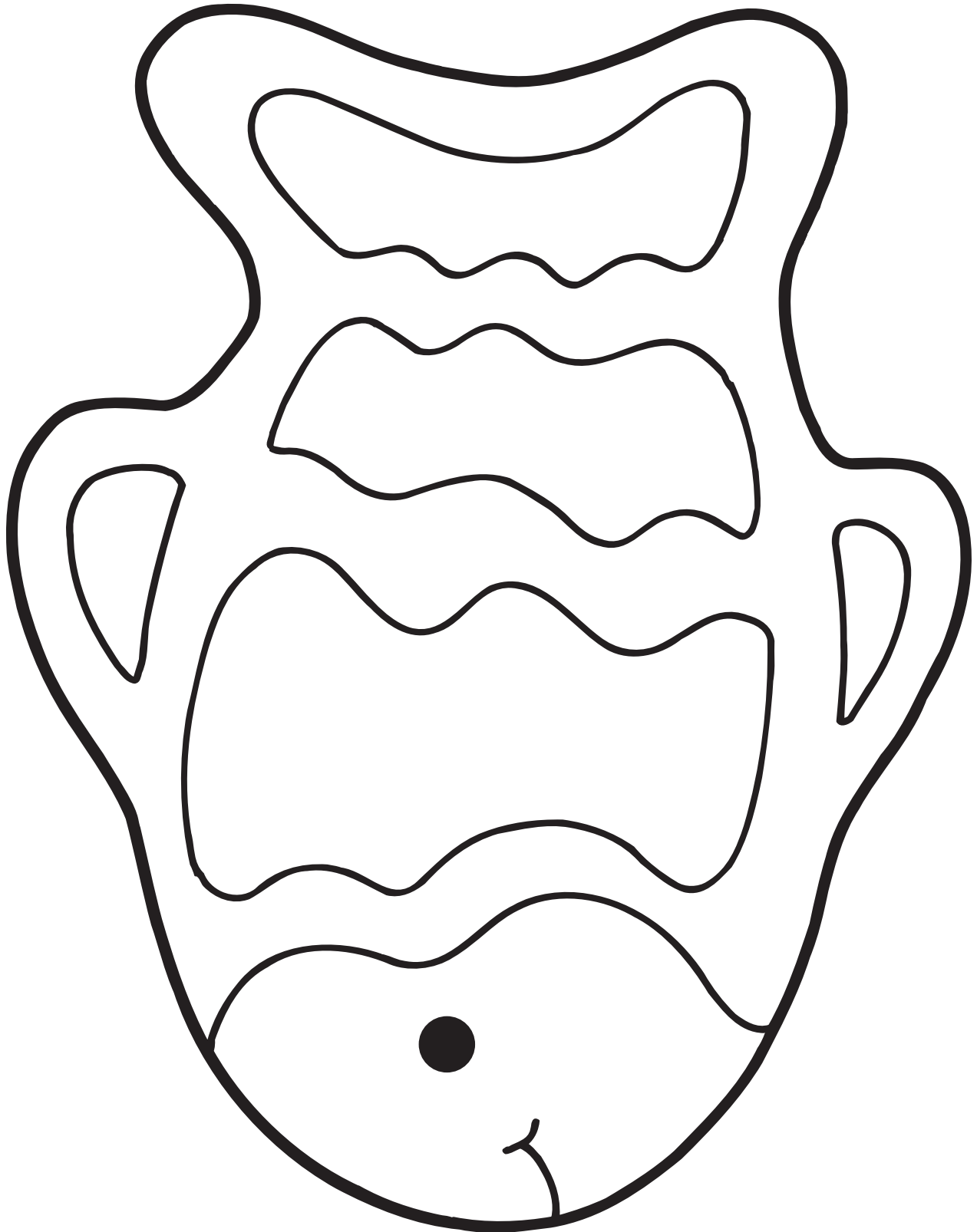
Materials: paper plates, ocean creature mask patterns, crayons, textas, scissors, stapler
Nest and cut away 1/4 of two paper plates for each child. With insides facing each other, staple the plates together to form a pocket. Provide ocean creature mask patterns for children to colour, cut out and glue to paper plate pockets.

Cereal Box Totes

Materials: cereal boxes, construction paper, farm animal patterns, crayons, textas, scissors, hole punch, wool
Cut off the tops of the cereal boxes. Help children cover boxes with coloured construction paper. Then have children colour and cut out creature patterns to decorate the boxes. Children glue their cutouts to the boxes. Punch two holes along each long side to thread and tie wool handles as shown here. Other dry food boxes can be used to make different-sized totes.



Ocean Creature Patterns
Clownfish



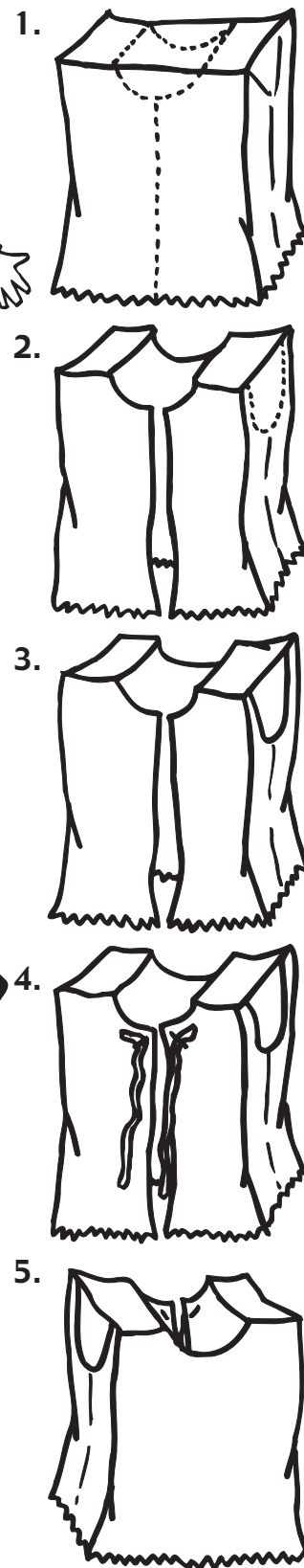
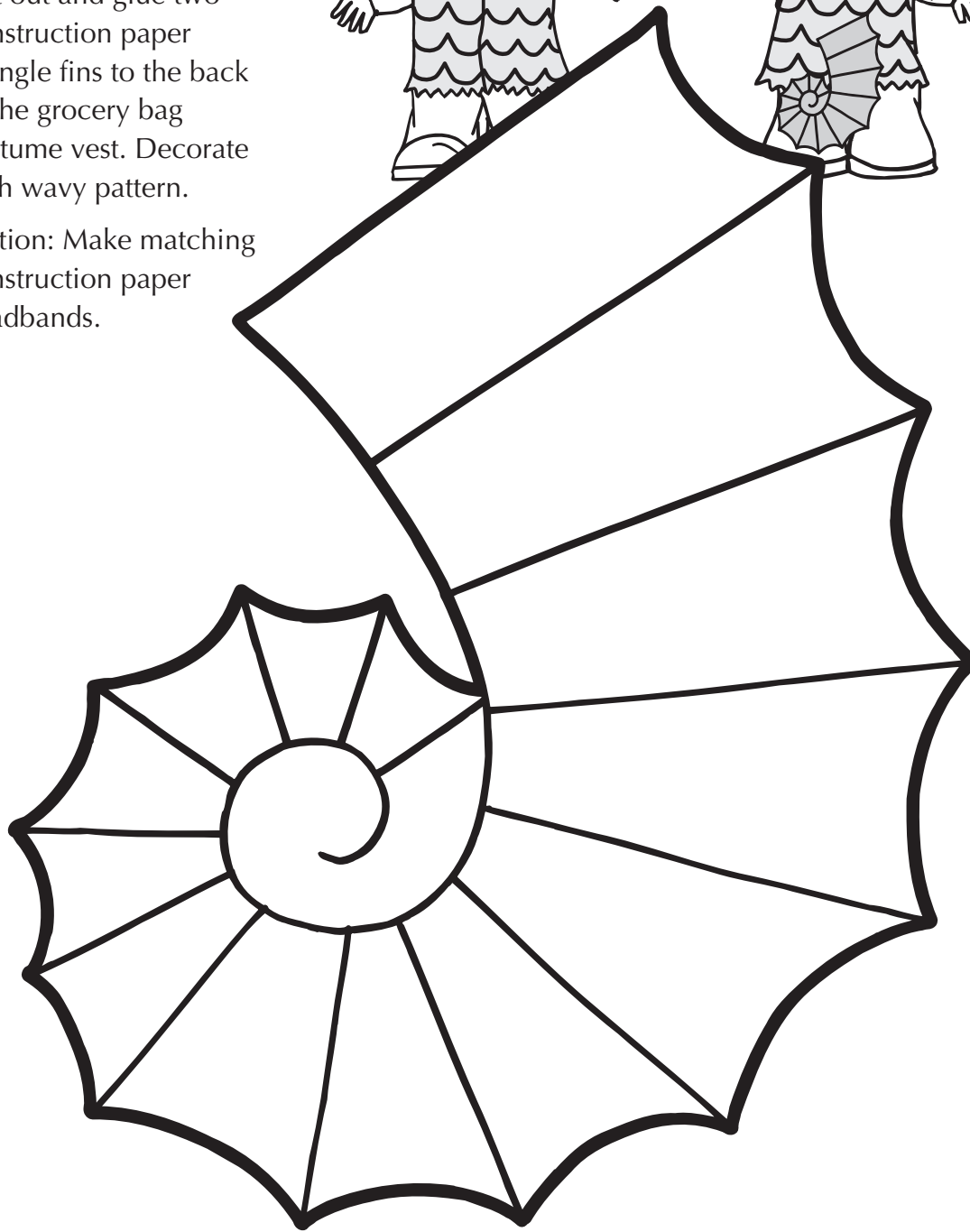
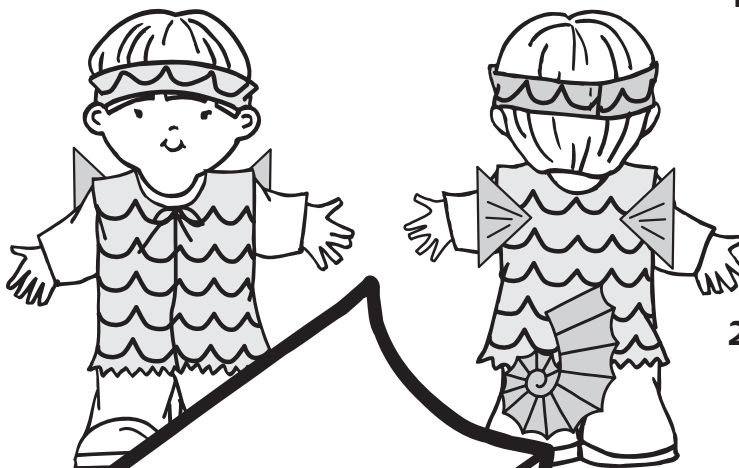
Ocean Creature Costume Patterns

Seahorse Tail

Seahorse grocery bag vests can only be worn with the opening at the front.

Colour, cut out and glue a construction paper tail to the back of the vest. Cut out and glue two construction paper triangle fins to the back of the grocery bag costume vest. Decorate with wavy pattern.

Option: Make matching construction paper headbands.



Ocean Babies Display Board Borders

