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!