

Jar Lid Fishes

Upcycle jar lids into colourful fishes. Use them as shakers or noise makers, attach strings to make a mobile, or turn them into cute fridge magnets



SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Jar lids (metal or plastic)
- Construction paper
- White glue
- Scissors
- String
- Pencil
- Wiggle eyes
- Masking tape or clear tape
- Small coins, small round bells, beans, grains, or rice (optional)
- Small magnet (optional)



STEPS

1. Prepare some jar lids.

Collect and clean several metal or plastic jar lids.



2. Draw the fish's body on paper.

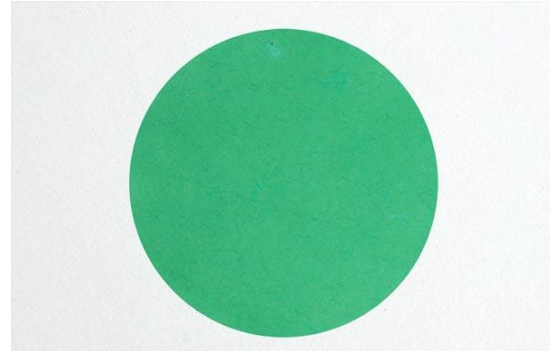
First thing you need to do is to draw the fish's body on a sheet of construction paper. The body can be round, oval, or any shape you like and must be the same size or larger than the jar lid.

For our fish, we wanted to draw a body that's the same size and shape as the lid. To do this, we placed the jar lid over a sheet of construction paper then traced around the outline of the lid with a pencil.



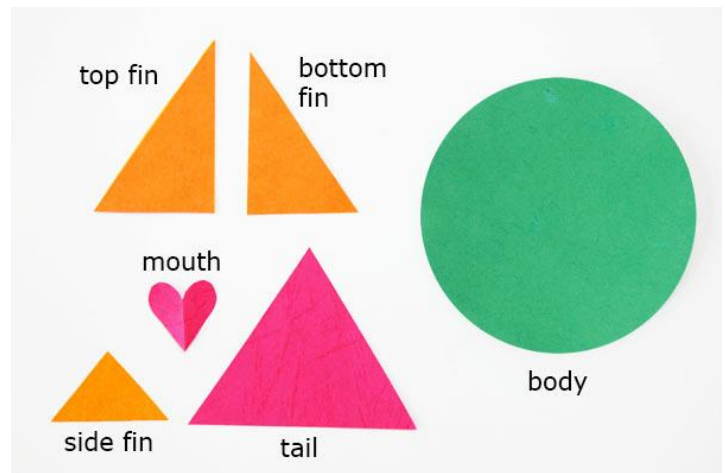
3. Cut out the fish's body.

Cut out the shape.



4. Make the fins, tail and mouth

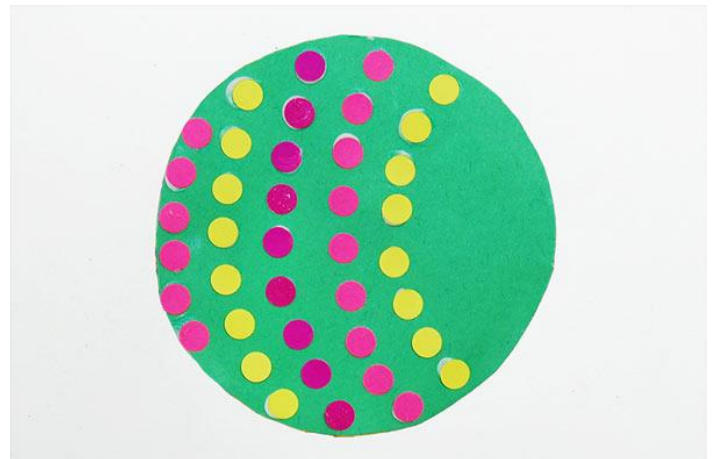
With the size of the fish's body in mind, cut out basic paper shapes like triangles and hearts to make the fins, tail, and mouth.



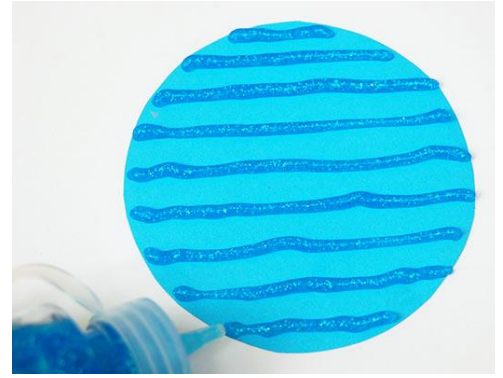
5. Decorate the body.

Decorate the fish's body.
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- Cut or punch out shapes and glue them on.
- Decorate with small stickers or colourful washi tape.

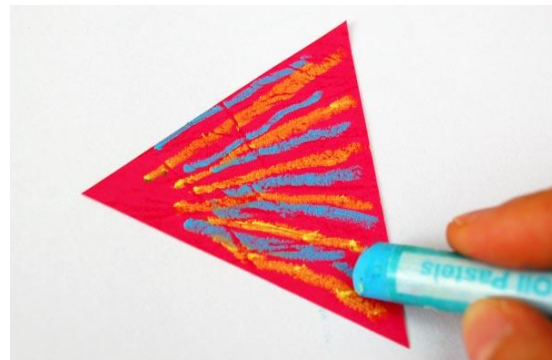


- Glue some sequins. Seashell sequins look just like fish scales.
- Arrange them in overlapping rows to create a scaled fish!
- Draw lines, dots and patterns using crayons, markers or coloured pencils.
- Paint details with a paint brush, a q-tip, or your fingers.
- Add sparkly lines and dots with glitter glue or make raised lines using puffy paint.



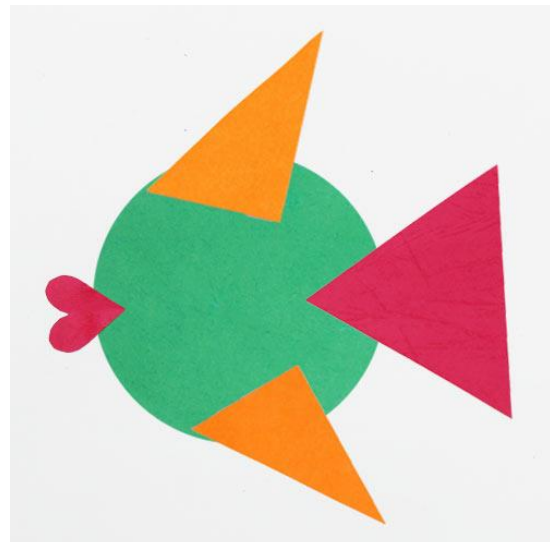
6. Decorate the fins and tail.

You can also draw colourful lines on the fins and tail.



7. Glue the parts together.

Flip the body so that the undecorated side is facing up. Glue the top fin, bottom fin and tail, decorated side facing down. Glue the mouth as well.



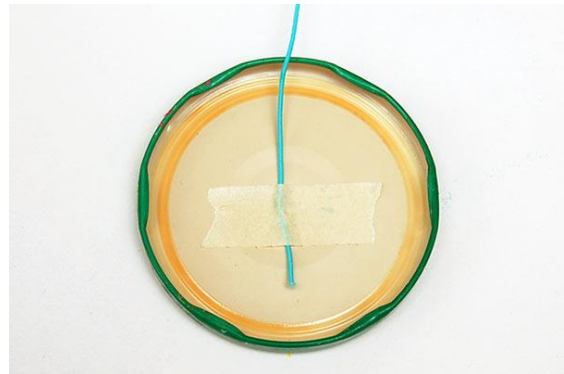
8. Glue the side fin and eye.

Flip the fish again so that the decorated side is now facing up. Glue a wiggly eye or draw an eye. Glue the side fin as well. Set the fish aside to dry.



9. Attach a string.

Tape a string inside the jar lid or fix the string in place with a glue gun.



10. Glue the fish onto the lid.

Squeeze some white glue around the edges of the jar lid's mouth. Glue the fish onto the lid, making sure that the string is positioned right under the top fin. Press lightly on the edges to fix the fish onto the lid. Let the glue dry completely.



11. Create more fishes.

Make a couple more jar lid fishes to create a colourful school of sea creatures. Hang them on the porch, window sill, or anywhere they can rotate and "swim" freely. You can also tie the strings onto a branch, a dowel, or even a hanger to create a mobile.

