

Summer Reading 2010
Just Add Water



Wave in a Bottle

Supplies

- Clean, empty soda bottle with cap
- Food coloring
- Water
- Baby oil
- Fast-bonding glue

Directions

1. Using clean water, fill a soda bottle about one-third full.
2. Add a few drops of the food coloring you desire and add the beads, glitter or sequins. Fill the rest of the bottle with baby oil.
3. Put glue on the inside rim of the cap and screw in onto the bottle securely. Wait until the glue dries before you turn it upside down.
4. Gently shake the bottle back and forth to make wave action. Moving the bottle quickly in a circular motion and then stopping abruptly once the water is swirling will produce a tornado or water spout effect.

Soap Making

Supplies

- Ivory Soap Flakes or glycerin
- coloring
- Metal cookie cutters or candle molds

Directions

1. Melt soap flakes or glycerin; add coloring; spread in thin layer on foil lined sheets.
2. Cut same shape from several different colors; Brush shapes with water. Stack and use.
3. For more intensive soap making visit: <http://www.teachsoap.com/>

Flip-Flop Fun

For illustrated instructions visit:

www.michaels.com/art/online/ProjectPrint?width=80&pid=e04011

Rain Gauge (p. 97)

Supplies

- Glass jar
- Ruler pattern
- Clear contact paper
- Scissors
- Clear tape

Directions

1. Cut out ruler.
2. Cover with clear contact paper on both sides to seal.

3. Tape rule to outside flush with bottom of jar.
4. Place outside to catch rain.

Fishing Pond

For instructions visit:

<http://funwithmama.blogspot.com/2009/09/lets-go-fishing-printable.html>

Bubble Chocolate

Supplies

- Clean bubble wrap
- Delicious chocolate

Directions

Melt chocolate; Pour into bubble wrap; allow to set.

Bubble Painting

Supplies

- Paint or food coloring
- Bubble solution
- Straws
- Paper cups
- Paper

Directions

1. Prepare several small paper cups by filling 1/3 full with bubble solution and coloring.
2. Blow bubbles with straw.
3. Hold paper over cup to capture popping bubbles.

http://www.essortment.com/hobbies/kidscraftbubbl_scln.htm

Die-Cut Fingerprint Fish

Supplies

- Die-cut fish
- Washable markers or ink pads

Instructions

Ink your fingers; Make fingerprints on fish in scale pattern.

Mermaid or Pirate Doll (p.151 &153)

Have kids bring their own doll to the library.

Turn them into pirates with little paper hats and dot eye patches.

Have foam, paper or fabric mermaid tails to slip on. Shell bikini tops are fun too.

Sidewalk Chalk

<http://fun.familyeducation.com/childrens-art-activities/crafts/29578.html>

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