

Sea Serpent Games and Activities

- Have a sea serpent race! Divide children into groups of three -- each group of three forms one sea serpent by lining up and holding onto each other's waists. (The second child in line puts her hands around the waist of the first and the third child puts his hands around the waist of the second.) Have the sea serpents line up at the starting line and let the race begin!
- Have the children create a sea serpent by folding sheets of paper accordion style into thirds. (The paper should be oriented landscape wise). Have each child draw the head of a sea serpent on the first third of the paper and mark the connecting point of the body on the next third before folding it over so that the head can't be seen and passing it on to the child on her right. The next child draws the sea serpent's body, and marks the connecting point for the tail before folding it over so that the head and body can't be seen and passing it to the child on his right. This child will draw the tail. Open the folded drawing to see the completed sea serpent. Each child can then take home one sea serpent drawing.

Sea Serpent Crafts

Make A Home For Your Own Tiny Sea Serpent



You will need:

- A small fish bowl (around \$3 at aquarium stores and easy to find at thrift stores) or use jelly jars or transparent plastic containers. This is a great project to do using recycled materials!
- some gravel, sand, or small rocks (you can even use beans or lentils)

- colored play-dough or modeling clay
 - an assortment of small objects to use as decorations – flowers, fish, cars – whatever you have on hand!
 - Sprigs of pine or other hardy leaves to use as underwater plants – just bury one end in the gravel and they will stay in place.
1. Place the gravel on the bottom of the fish bowl
 2. Have children make their sea serpent and other decorations out of play-dough.
 3. Arrange the decorations, plants and sea serpent on top of the gravel.

Make An Octopus or Sea Serpent Party Hat



You Will Need:

Newspaper
 Purple, green, black, white, and orange paint
 hole punch
 purple yarn, ribbon, or string

Octopus hat:

1. Fold a full sheet of newspaper into fourths
2. Wrap it around the circumference of your head so that you are basically making a cylinder, and then tape the edges to keep the cylinder form in place.
3. Cut about half of the height of the cylinder so that it's more or less a square (depending on how tall you want your octopus head).
4. Take each side of the top cylinder and fold down two flaps to make a flat top.
5. Fold down the corners and tape them in place.
6. When everything is secured with tape, paint the whole thing purple.
7. Use white and black paint to paint two eyes and a mouth
8. Take a hole puncher and punch holes along the bottom edge of the hat
9. Tie purple strings (can be anything through the holes. These will be the legs of the octopus!
10. Voila! you have an octopus hat.

Sea Serpent hat:

1. Fold a full sheet of newspaper in fourths
2. Wrap it around the circumference of your head so that you are making a cone, and then tape the edges to keep the cone form in place
3. Cut about half of the height of the cone (depending on how tall you want your sea serpent hat).
4. Take each side of the top part of the hat and fold down two flaps to make a flat top. Tape in place.
5. Using the leftover newspaper, cut two triangles and attach these to the top of the cone to make the ears of the sea serpent.
6. When everything is secured with tape, paint the whole thing a bright green.
7. Paint two white circles and then inside the circles two black dots for the eyes.
8. Using orange paint, paint the nose. Use dark orange to paint the nostrils!
9. If you want, use the hole puncher to punch two holes on each side of the hat and tie an elastic string to keep the hat on!

How to Make a Sea Serpent Sock Puppet



You will need:

- one green sock
- one square each of white and pink craft felt
- one square of green craft felt in a shade similar to your sock
- one square of lighter green craft felt
- scissors
- a glue gun
- a black sharpie
- googly eyes

1. Glue googly eyes about 3 inches from the toe of the sock.



2. Cut out a rectangle of pink felt that is 2 inches wide and 3 inches long. Turn sock over and place the shorter end of the pink felt rectangle close to the toe of the sock, so that the longer side extends down the sock body. This will be your sea serpent's mouth.



3. Cut a strip of white felt about 3 inches long and 1 inch wide, then cut that into a strip of jagged teeth. Glue that to the toe of the sock just above or slightly over the pink rectangle. These are your sea serpent's teeth.



4. Cut out two triangles from the green felt that is close in color to that of the sock. They should be about an inch and a half at their base and 2 inches in height. Attach them to the sock about a third of an inch above the eyes by placing a dot of glue at each corner of the triangle and folding the corners down so that the ears stand up. Glue the edges of the top point of the triangle together as well.



5. Cut a rectangle from the larger piece of green felt that is about 4 inches wide and 6 ½ inches long. Then cut jagged spikes around the edges. Make a slit of about 3 ½ inches in the center. This will be your sea serpent's mane.



6. Slide your sea serpent puppet through the slit and glue the mane in place. Use a black sharpie to draw the nostrils.



7. Enjoy your sea serpent puppet!