

Hudson RiverKids Story Hour

3D Paper Fish Craft

Activity Time: ~ 20 minutes

Activity Summary:

This week's story is *The Pout-Pout Fish* written by Deborah Diesen with pictures by Dan Hanna. Swim along with the pout-pout fish as he discovers that being glum and spreading "dreary wearies" isn't really his destiny. Bright ocean colors and playful rhyme come together in this fun fish story that's sure to turn even the poutiest of frowns upside down.

We invite you to follow along with this story during Hudson RiverKids Story Hour on Facebook Live and use the instructions below to create a 3D pout-pout fish using construction paper, a glue stick and scissors. This-pout-pout fish design looks awfully similar to the oyster toadfish commonly found in Hudson River Park!

Materials:

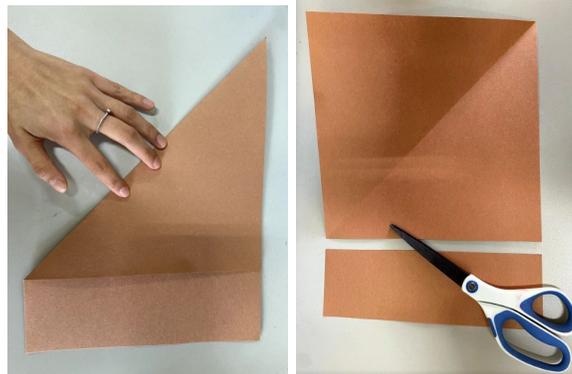
- Construction Paper
- Scissors
- Glue Stick (tape or liquid glue are good alternatives)
- Googly Eyes (optional)
- Markers, Crayons or Colored Pencils (optional)



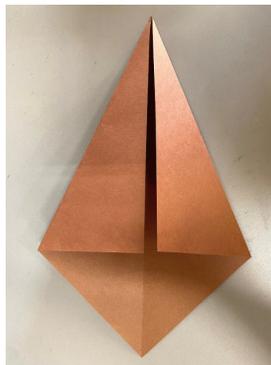
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Instructions:

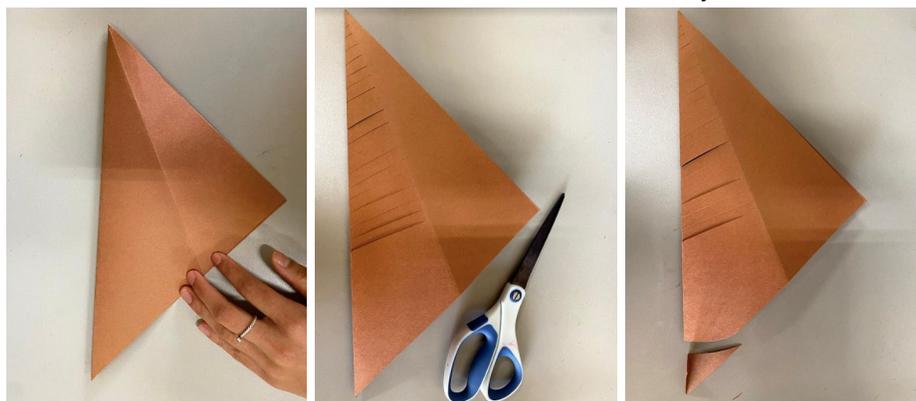
1. Choose a color of construction paper for the body of your fish, and create a square.
 - a. Fold a corner of the shorter edge of the paper to the opposite long edge, creating a triangle.
 - b. Cut off the rectangular strip that is not overlapped by the triangular flap you created in step 1a, and set aside.



2. Open your square sheet of paper with the center crease oriented vertically.
3. Fold the two sides inward, so the upper edges line up with the center crease.

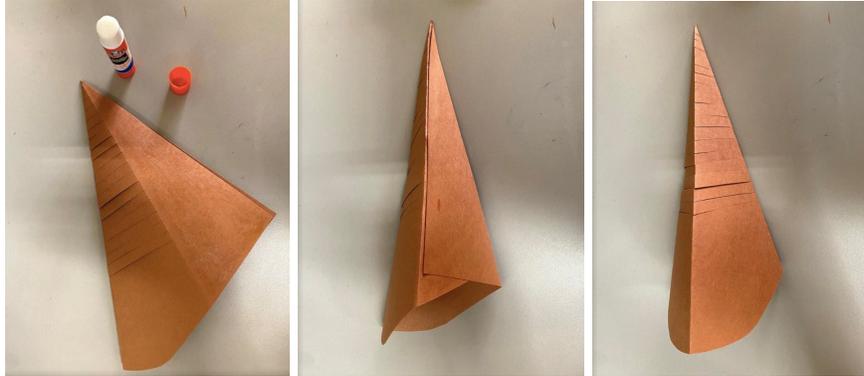


4. Unfold these two new flaps, and refold along the center crease.
5. Starting at the corner which is bisected by the crease of your flaps, cut slits from the center crease to these new creases you've created, perpendicular to these new creases. Leave about 3 inches uncut on the other end; this will become the head of your fish.
6. Make a cut to round off the corner that will become the mouth of your fish.



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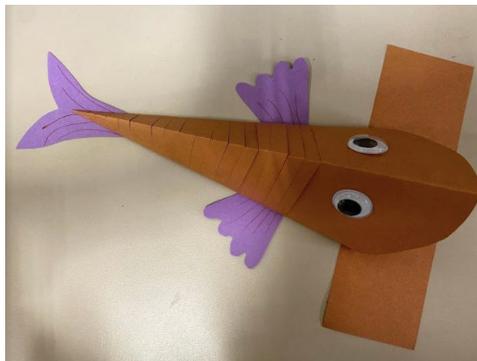
7. Glue the two uncut flaps of your triangle together so they overlap and create a flat bottom. This will be the belly of your fish.



8. Choose a color of construction paper for the fins of your fish, and cut out 2 pectoral (side) fins and 1 caudal (tail) fin.
 - a. These fins can be triangles, round, wavy or whatever shape you'd like them to be.
9. (Optional) Draw lines on your fins to represent the bones and spines that exist in real fish fins.



10. Use glue to attach your fins to the belly side of your fish. make sure your fins stick out enough to be visible from above.
11. Add eyes to your fish using glue to attach googly eyes, or drawing utensils.
12. Find the remaining strip from step 1b, and line it up under the head of your fish. Sketch a semicircle and cut it out. This will be the lower jaw of your fish.



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13. Use glue to attach this semicircle to the belly side of your fish. Make sure it sticks out far enough to be visible from the side.
14. (Optional) Decorate your fish. You can use glue and construction paper or drawing utensils to add scales and gills to your fish. Maybe your fish will have different colored strips, or polka dots!
15. You're fish is complete! Allow any glue to dry completely before bringing your pout-pout fish to life.

