

Jellyfish Prewriting Craft



What you'll need:

- Piece of white paper
- Markers or crayons
- Scissors

Directions:

1. Draw a large curve on the white piece of paper, starting at the very bottom of the paper, spanning the whole page
2. Draw a wavy line $\frac{1}{3}$ of the way down from the top of the curve to make the jellyfish head
3. Add eyes and a mouth on the head of the jellyfish
4. Lightly color in the head of the jellyfish with any preferred color
5. Starting at the wavy line, draw 4-5 straight, vertical lines down to the bottom of the page (these are the lines you will be cutting on)
6. Add various types of lines to fill the entirety of the bottom section (i.e. dotted lines, wavy lines, jagged lines, curly lines, etc.)
7. Cut out the large curve
8. Cut out the 4-5 vertical lines, starting at the bottom of the page and cutting up to the bottom of the jellyfish head
9. Starting at the bottom of each strip, fold $\sim\frac{1}{2}$ in. in an alternating pattern, creating a wavy look

Ways to increase difficulty:

- Have the child come up with different types of lines on their own
- Cut wavy lines rather than straight vertical lines
- Have the child work from the photo instead of providing verbal/visual step-by-step directions, to increase ability to work from a model

Ways to decrease difficulty:

- Provide the child with an initial outline of a curve rather than having them draw it
- Provide yellow lines for the child to trace on
- Cut out the curve for the child if they have difficulty cutting rounded sides