



# Jellyfish Sun-catcher

## Materials Needed:

- Tru-Ray® Construction Paper, #P103031
- Pacon® Protecto Film™, #P0072360
- Spectra® Bleeding Tissue Shapes, #P0058535 OR Kolorfast® Glitter Tissue Paper, #P0058570
- Trait-TeX® Mini Neon Yarn Dispenser, P0000040
- Ticonderoga® Yellow #2 Pencil, #X13806
- Scissors, tape, hole punch



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Cut a piece of construction paper in half. Give one half to a classmate to use. Fold the remaining piece of construction paper in half. Draw half of a bell shape with a squiggly bottom on the paper to make the shape of your jellyfish. Cut out this shape.



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Next, draw that same bell shape about ½ inch (or the width of your pointer finger) away from the edge of the bell shape you cut out. Use this line to cut out the inside of your jellyfish body. Unfold your paper to see your jellyfish body shape.



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Cut two pieces of Protecto Film™ that will cover the size of your jellyfish body. Peel off the backing on one of these pieces, and place your jellyfish body on the sticky side.



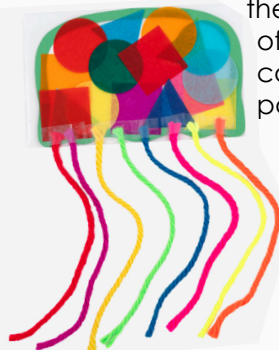
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Place tissue paper pieces onto the sticky side of the Protecto Film™ to fill in jellyfish body with color. Try overlapping or crinkling some pieces of tissue paper to add texture.



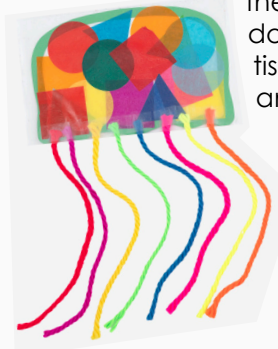
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Cut a few lengths of yarn to use as your jellyfish's tentacles. Tape these pieces of yarn to the bottom of the construction paper body.



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Peel off the backing on the other Protecto Film™ piece and put the sticky side down on your tissue paper and yarn.



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Use your scissors to trim away any Protecto Film™ and/or tissue paper that hangs over the edge of your construction paper body.



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Use a hole punch to punch a hole at the top of the jellyfish. Loop a string through the hole and hang it up to see light pass through its colorful body!



## Teacher Info & Tips

Continue exploring jellyfish with the following reading suggestions, and pique students' interest with these fun facts about jellyfish. This project also teaches some of the Visual National Core Arts Standards, listed below.

### Recommended Books/Reading

- Peanut Butter and Jellyfish by Jarrett J. Krosoczka
- Peanut Butter and Jellyfishes by Brian P. Cleary
- Fancy Nancy: Peanut Butter and Jellyfish by Jane O'Connor
- Elementary Explorers: Jellyfish by Victoria Blakemore
- Jellyfish by Louise Spilsbury
- Nature's Children: Jellyfish by Katie Marsico
- Narwhal and Jelly #1: Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea by Ben Clanton
- Narwhal and Jelly #2: Super Narwhal and Jelly Jolt by Ben Clanton

### Fun Facts

- Jellyfish have been around for millions of years and live in the sea and ocean.
- Jellyfish have no brain, heart, bones or eyes.
- Jellyfish look like umbrellas and can be either clear or brightly colored.
- Although we call them jellyfish, they're not fish—they're invertebrates (animals without backbones).
- A jellyfish's smooth, bag-like body has tentacles that can sting. These tentacles are used to stun their prey before they eat it with their mouth.
- Jellyfish eat fish, shrimp, crabs, tiny plants, and sometimes other jellyfish.
- A jellyfish can weigh anywhere from under one ounce to 440 pounds.
- Jellyfish can swim up to five miles per hour.
- Jellyfish are 95% water (humans are 60% water).
- The lifespan of a jellyfish ranges from a few hours to a few years, depending on the species.

### National Core Arts Standards—Visual

- Anchor Standard #1: Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work
- Anchor Standard #2: Organize and develop artistic ideas and work
- Anchor Standard #3: Refine and complete artistic work

Open and tap for ideas

