

Build a (Glowing) Jellyfish

Discover bioluminescent jellyfish and make one for your home!

Materials:

Scissors, glue, tape, markers or paint, craft materials (yarn, tissue paper, paper plates, streamers, ribbon, balloons, string, recycled plastic bags, etc.) You can use whatever supplies you have!

Optional: Glow-in-the-dark paint or glow sticks.

Caution: Materials such as streamers and plastic bags can be choking hazards. Always supervise young children!

Instructions:

Step 1: Get inspired! Jellyfish come in many different shapes and sizes. Look at the pictures on the **jellyfish gallery sheet**. Choose what kind of jellyfish you want to create. You can even make up a new species!

Think about: What size is your jellyfish? Does it have long or short tentacles? Are they curly or straight? Is its body round or flat? What color(s) is it?

Step 2: Make the body. Find materials to create the body of your jellyfish. Fold a piece of tissue paper or plastic bag into the right shape, stuff it with paper or plastic bags, or use a paper plate. Glue or tape the body together.

Step 3: Attach tentacles. Create tentacles out of ribbons, streamers, papers, strips of plastic bags, or other materials. Use scissors to cut them to the desired length. Glue or tape them to the body.

Hint: To make curly tentacles, cut a paper circle into a spiral pattern, or ask a grown-up to curl gift wrapping ribbons with scissors.

Step 4: Make your jelly fish glow! If you have glow-in-the-dark paint or glow sticks available, use them to decorate your jellyfish. Turn off the lights and admire your jellyfish glowing in the dark!

