

Paper Plate Tropical Fish

These paper plate tropical fish have bright, cheery and vibrant colors. There's no doubt that your children will love making this paper plate craft!

Prep Time
0 mins

Crafting Time
35 mins

Age Group: Kids Crafts Project Type: Crafts
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Supplies

Supplies:

- 8 miniature paper plates
- brightly colored acrylic paints
- 4 large wiggle eyes
- white craft glue
- glue stick
- [pattern 1](#) and [pattern 2](#)

Americana paint colors:

- Bright Orange
- Sour Apple green
- Turquoise Blue
- Ocean Blue
- Bright Yellow
- Vivid Violet
- Carousel Pink
- Black
- White

Craft tools

- Paintbrush
- [Scissors](#)

Instructions

1. For each fish you will need two paper plates. Paint one paper plate pink, one yellow, the third one green and the fourth one orange. While those are drying, trace the patterns onto the other paper plates. Paint the pattern pieces the appropriate colors and let dry.
2. Cut the painted fish pieces out, you should be able to see your pencil lines through the paint.

3. Use a glue stick to attach the fish pieces to the appropriate plates, gluing the pieces to the back.
4. Use paint to add stripes or polka dots, decorate them however you like. Use white craft glue to attach wiggle eye.
5. Hang on your child's bedroom wall for an instant no maintenance aquarium!

Expert Tips & FAQs

!VARIATION: Hang from the ceiling

- If you prefer to hang these from the ceiling there are a few adjustments that need to be made. You could hang them as constructed above, but the back of your fish won't be pretty, it will be an unpainted plate with glued on pieces. When hanging from the ceiling these fish will undoubtedly twirl, so to make them visually pleasing on both sides make the following adjustments: For each fish body, paint TWO plates instead of one and paint the backsides of the plates instead of the front. Paint both sides of all the fins, tails, and lips. You will need TWO wiggle eyes for each fish instead of one. Glue the fins and tails to one of the plates (the unpainted side), and add a long piece of string. Sandwich the two painted plates together, painted sides facing outward.
- Polka dots are easy to make by dipping the handle end of a paintbrush into the paint and drawing a circle with it. You can also use the pencil of an eraser or those spouncer sponges you get from the craft store

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