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and other Sea Creatures











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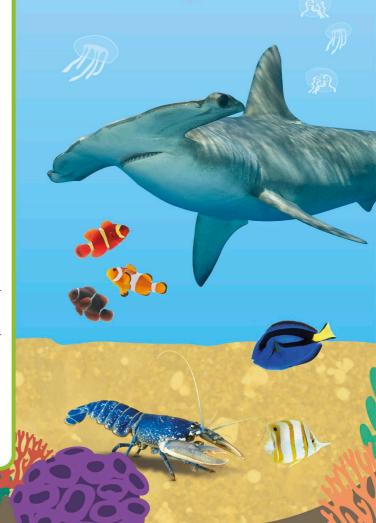
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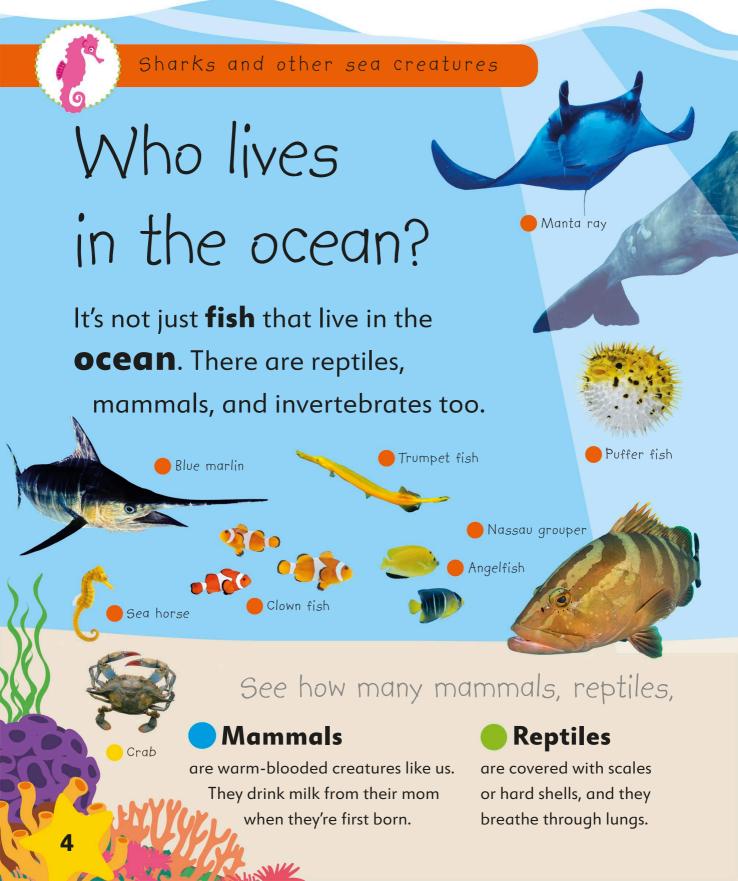
This book is packed with activities for your little ones to enjoy.

All projects are designed to have an adult present. Please be safe and sensible—especially when you're doing anything that might be dangerous (or messy!)

Have fun.











Big eaters

Sharks **eat** all kinds of animals, but they are mostly harmless to humans.

They live in **oceans** all around the world.

Did you know?

The largest great white shark ever found was 20ft (6m) long.

Great whites live in cooler waters, close to the coast.

Great white shark

One of the few sharks that are dangerous to people, great whites are very big, very fast, and have a huge bite! They have 300 teeth.

Biggest

Fastest

Fiercest



Whale sharks are the biggest of all sharks. They can reach lengths of 40ft (12m).



Mako sharks are the fastest sharks around. They can swim at a top speed of 60mph (97kph).



Tiger sharks are fearsome in their hunting style. They catch prey close to shore and will eat just about anything.

Hammerhead shark

These sharks are able to easily spot prey because the position of their eyes allows them to see in all directions at once.



Leopard shark

Leopard sharks get their name from the pattern on their skin. They eat clams, shrimp, worms, crabs, squid, and small fish.



Shark picture

Don't be frightened of this shark's

face; he's more **startled** than

scary! He's fun and easy to make.

Once you've completed your shark picture, you can frame it or give it away as a gift.

You will need:

Pencil
Colored card stock
Scissors
Glue
Tissue paper
Frame (optional)



Shark picture





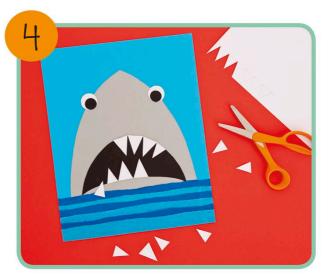
Draw a shape for the shark's head and mouth. Ask an adult to cut them out.
Glue them onto a blue sheet of card stock.



Ask an adult to cut strips of blue tissue paper. Stick them onto the card stock in rows of light and dark blue tissue paper.



Draw black and white circles for the shark's eyes. Ask an adult to cut them out. Glue the eyes onto the picture.



Lastly, draw triangle shapes for the shark's teeth. Ask an adult to cut them out. Glue the teeth on the shark's mouth.



Coral fish

Coral reefs are home to lots of fish, and plants called anemones. These are a great place for clown fish to **hide** from their enemies.

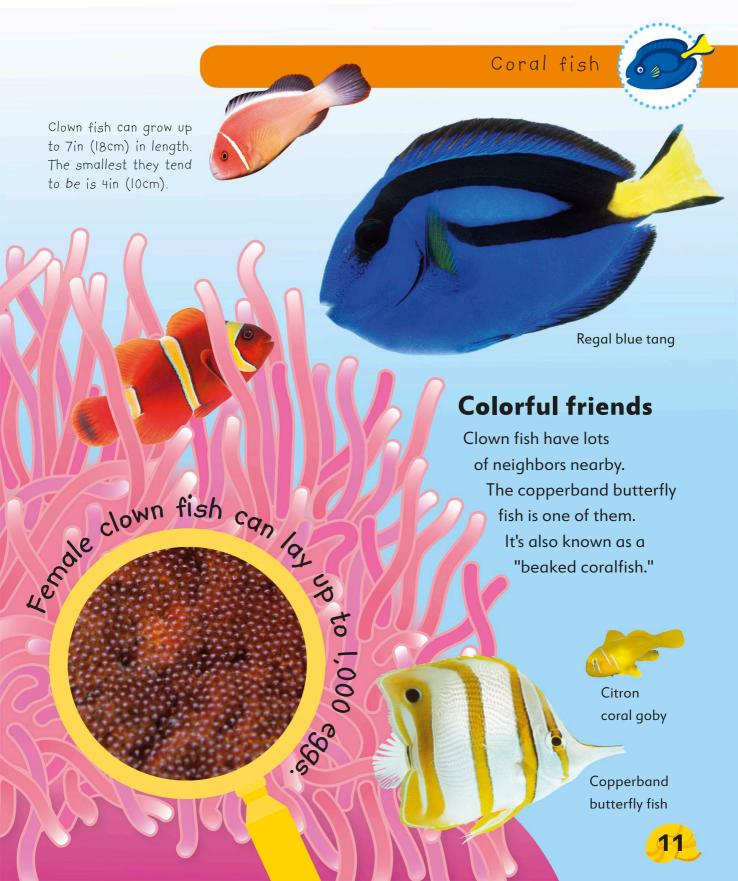
Clown fish help the anemone as their poop acts as a fertilizer.

Did you know?

Clown fish aren't always orange and white. They can be yellow, black, or red, with white.

Sticky protection

Anemones can sting fish, but clown fish have a sticky layer of mucus that protects them. Clown fish hide in anemones to avoid enemies.





Cool clown fish

Make a colorful **clown fish** for a **fin-tastic** ocean display!

You will need:

Pencil
Paper plates
Scissors
Tape
Paint and brushes
Googly eyes



Draw two small wedge shapes for fins and a large one for a tail on a paper plate. Ask an adult to cut out the shapes.



Tape the fins and tail to the back of another paper plate. Ask an adult to cut out a triangle for the fish's mouth.



Flip over the plate. Paint orange stripes on the body. Paint the fins and the tail orange. Set aside to dry.



Paint thin black lines along the edges of the stripes, tail, and fins. When dry, stick on a googly eye to finish your fish!



Cool clown fish Use different patterns and colors to make a whole sea of pretty fish. THE 13



Rainbow fish



These **bright**, colorful fish are very pretty to look at. Almost all of them live in warm and **shallow** waters.



Yellow

The **yellow tang** is bright yellow during the day, but at night, a brown and white patch appears on its body.

Regal tangs turn blue as they age. When they're young they're bright yellow.

Rainbow fish

Close to coast

Colorful fish don't swim in very deep water. They prefer underwater caves, lagoons, and coral reefs.



The mandarinfish uses its bright colors to warn other animals not to eat it.

Orange



Male and female **flame angelfish** are difficult to tell apart as their coloring is so similar.



Rurple and Yellou

The purple front half of a **royal gramma** actually appears to be blue when underwater!

Jellyfish

With a wobbly body and long **tentacles**, jellyfish look a bit like watery **blobs**! Jellyfish live together in groups called **smacks**.



Jellyfish swim by opening and closing their bodies. When they do this, their bodies draw in water and then force it back out, which pushes them forward.

Light show

There are around 300 different species of jellyfish. They range in size from huge to tiny, and some types can glow in the dark!













Blobby body

The soft, squidgy, see-through body of a jellyfish is called the bell. Long tentacles hang from the bell. These tentacles can sting, so stay away from them!

> Pacific sea nettle jellyfish



Jellyfish use their long tentacles to stun and catch food. They eat small fish, shrimp, and other jellyfish.

Australian spotted jellyfish

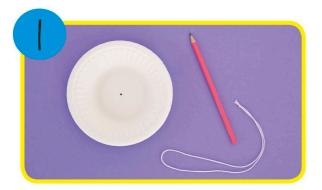


Jolly jellyfish

Make these **bright** jellyfish as decorations for your bedroom.

You will need:

Pencil, paper bowl, string, paint and brush, glitter glue, scissors, assorted ribbons and rick rack, tape, googly eyes.



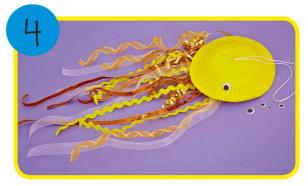
Ask an adult to use a pencil to make a hole in the center of the paper bowl. Tie the string in the hole.



Turn the bowl over. Ask an adult to cut the ribbons and rick rack. Tape them around the edges of the bowl.



Paint the bowl and let it dry. Then paint the bowl with a layer of glitter glue. Set aside to dry.

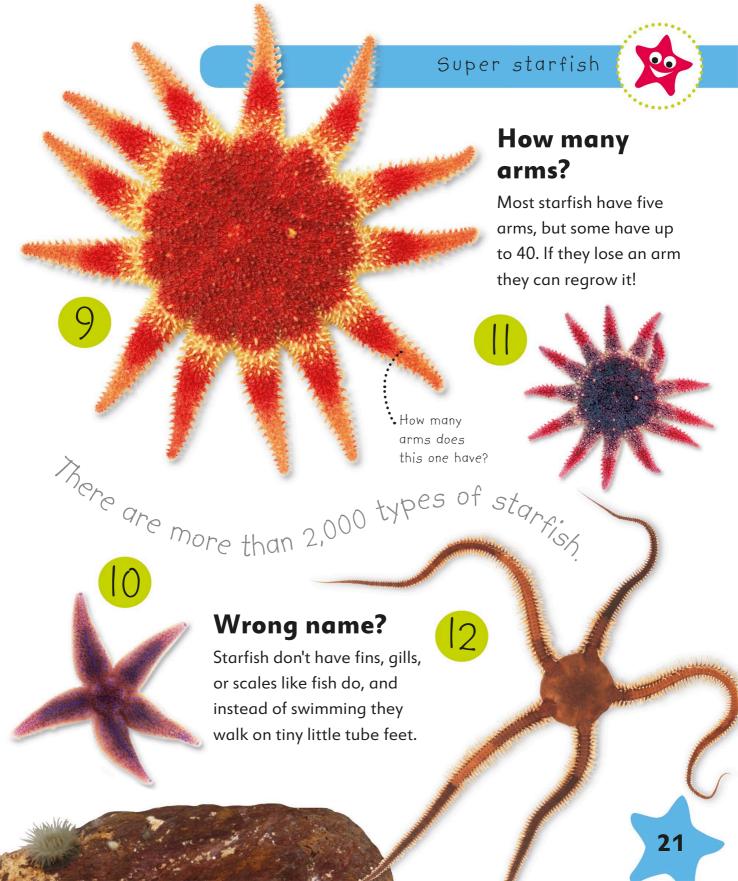


Turn the bowl right side up again and add the googly eyes to the jellyfish's face.











Puffer fish



A slow, little fish is an easy

target for bigger fish, but the puffer fish has a secret surprise—it can puff up like a balloon!



Refore



There are more than 100 types of puffer fish.



Before

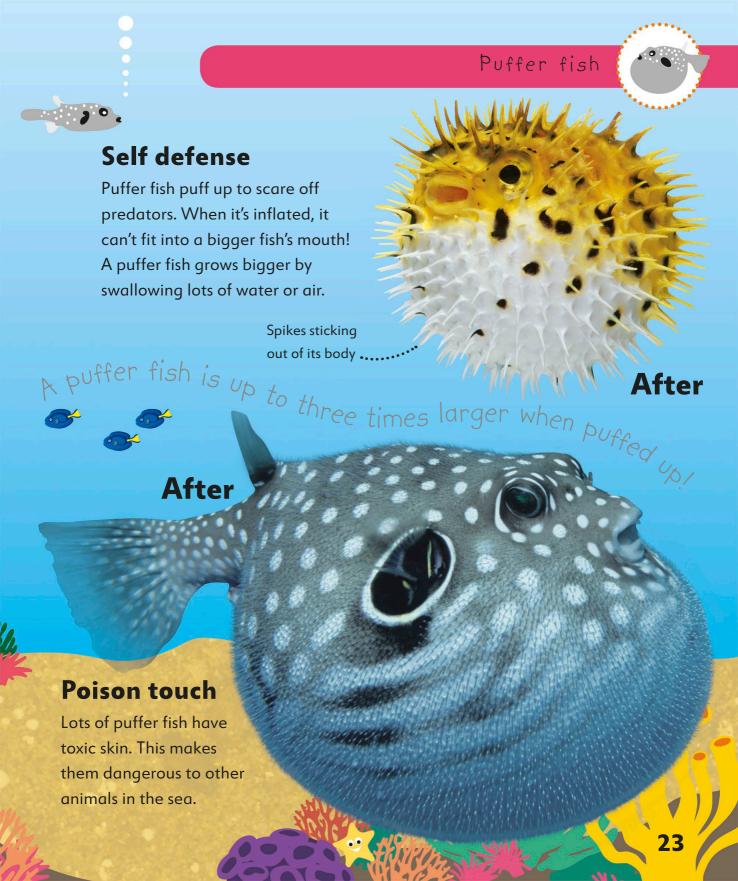


There is stretchy skin on a puffer fish's stomach to help it grow and shrink.

Prickly fish

Many puffer fish have an extra layer of protection. They have spikes that stick out of their bodies.

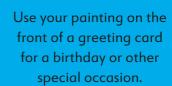






Puffer fish painting

It's so much **fun** to make a **masterpiece** with **bright** colors and **plastic forks**.



You will need:

Colored card stock and pencil
Paints and brushes
Plastic forks
Sheets of black and white foam
Scissors
Glue

Puffer fish painting





Draw a circle on the card. Paint the lower half of the circle using a fork dipped in white paint, making the edges spiky. Leave to dry.



Make a yellow spiky circle, overlapping the white. Add fins with a paintbrush, and white lines when it's dry.



Ask an adult to cut out eyes and a mouth from the foam sheets as shown. Glue onto the picture.



Finally, use a paintbrush dipped in green paint to create seaweed. It's just like you're on the sea floor!

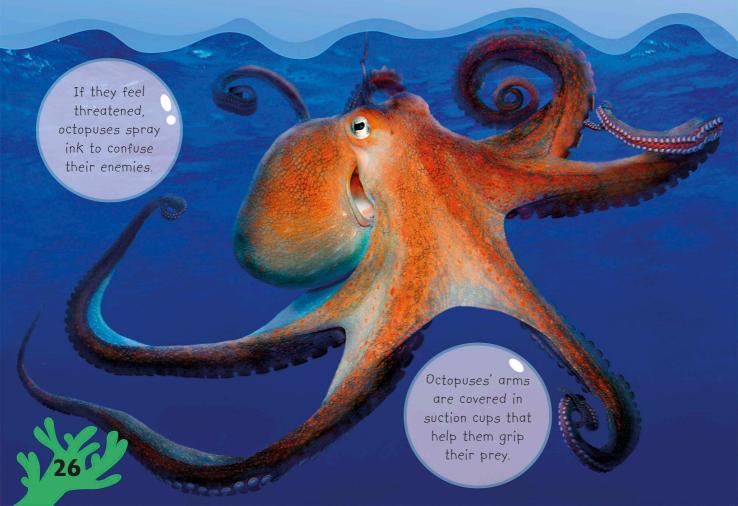


Octopus maze

Octopuses are unusual animals.
They have **three hearts**, **eight arms**, blue blood, and **no bones**.
Some can even change color!

Brainiacs

Octopuses are so clever that they can solve maze puzzles. Can you help the octopus on the next page escape from the maze?







Pretty parrot fish

Parrot fish were given their name because of their tightly packed **teeth** that look like the beak of a parrot.

Home sweet home

Parrot fish eat the algae from the coral they live in, which stops the reef from being choked by greenery.

Did you Know?

For protection at night, some parrot fish cover themselves in a mucus bubble.









Paint the egg carton blue and allow to fully dry. Add glitter glue and set it aside to dry. Then scribble on waves using the blue chalk.



Ask an adult to cut out fish shapes from the pink and orange foam. Stick the fish shapes in the top half of the inner carton.



Ask an adult to cut seaweed shapes out of the green sheet of foam. Stick them into the bottom of the carton.

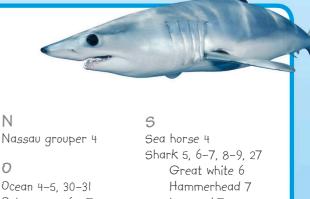


Glue in shells and add gems all over as a finishing touch.





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