

Afternoons at the Aquarium Activities: Now You See Me, Now You Don't

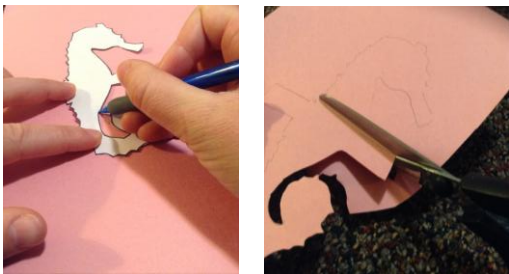
Aquarium educators will be showing the completed version of the following crafts during the June 11 public program discussing camouflage from 2:00-2:30 p.m. Use these instructions to complete the crafts at home! A fun game is also included after the crafts. You can play it with the aquarium educators during the live public program and/or at home later.

Seahorse Finger Puppet

Materials:

- Template included in this document
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Colored construction paper (optional)
- Tape
- Markers, crayons, or other art supplies for decorating your seahorse

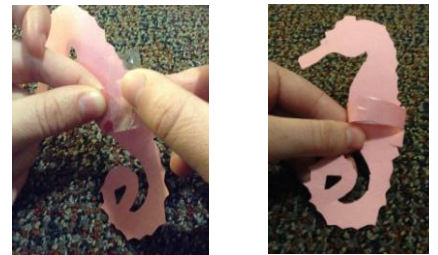
Step 1: Print and cut out template. Trace template onto colored construction paper and cut out (optional).



Step 2: Decorate your seahorse puppet!



Step 3: Tape the tabs, on either side of the seahorse, into a loop that fits around your finger.



Your finger puppet is complete!
Have fun swimming through the sea and finding places for your seahorse friend to camouflage.



Flounder Camouflage Craft

Materials:

- Template included in this document
- Scissors
- String
- Cardboard
- Paint and/or markers
- Colored construction paper
- Pencil
- Single hole punch

Step 1: Print and cut out template.
Trace onto colored construction paper and cut out.



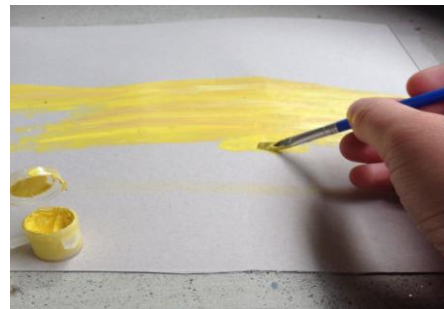
Step 2: Decorate your flounder!



Step 3: Draw circles of different sizes on your flounder. Use scissors to carefully cut out these circles.



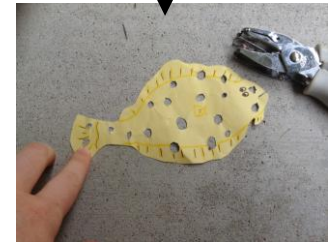
Step 4: Decorate your cardboard with paint and/or markers to create an ocean environment where your flounder can swim and camouflage.



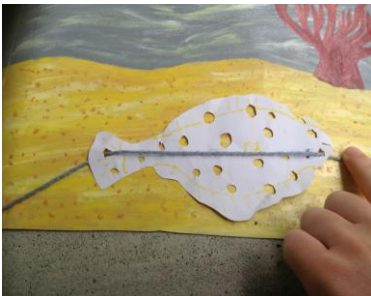
Step 5: Make a hole on one side of your cardboard and tie off one end of your string.



Step 6: Using a hole punch, make a hole on the tail and near the head region of your flounder.



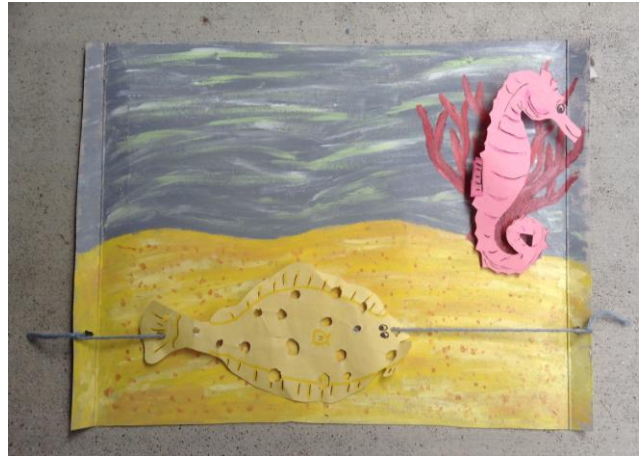
Step 7: Thread the string attached to the cardboard through these holes on your flounder. Make sure the string is threaded behind the flounder.



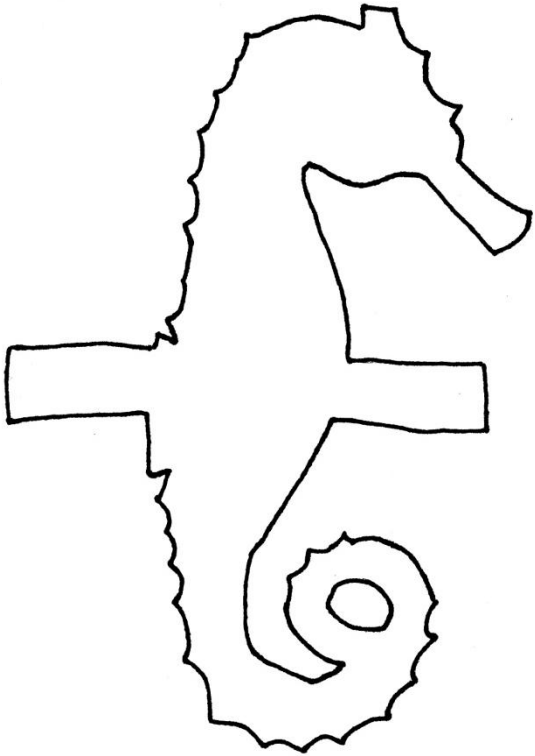
Step 8: Make another hole on the opposite side of your cardboard and tie off the string, making sure it is taut.



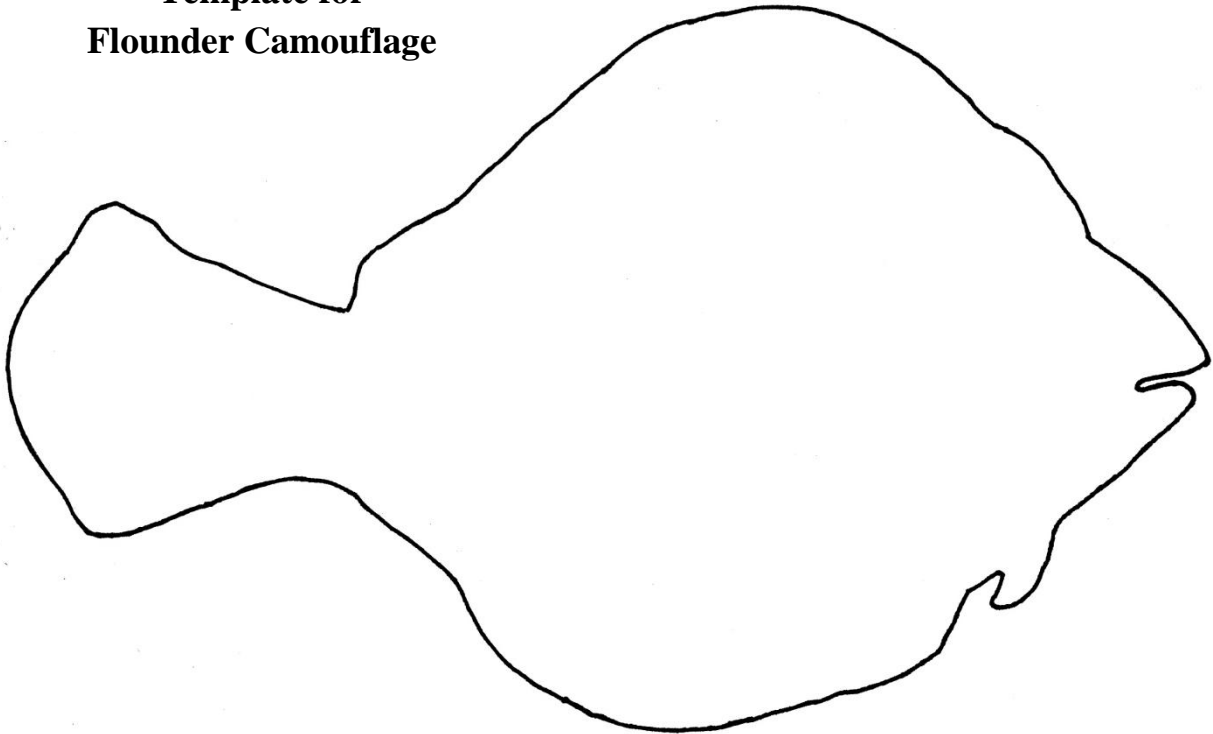
Step 9: Move your flounder back and forth on the string to see it camouflage as it swims through your ocean environment. If you also made the seahorse finger puppet, make spots in your ocean environment where your seahorse friend can camouflage as well.



**Template for
Seahorse finger puppet**



**Template for
Flounder Camouflage**



Dance and Hide

Put on your ocean animal dancing shoes! Animals that use camouflage have a unique ability to hide in plain sight when they are very still. In this game, you will be transformed into an ocean animal that uses camouflage.

Pick which animal you want to be and make up dance moves that imitate that animal. For example, if you choose an octopus, pretend your legs and arms are tentacles and wiggle them around.

Have an adult or older sibling play music, randomly stopping it throughout the game. When the music plays, DANCE like your animal. But when the music stops, FREEZE and hide like you are camouflaged. If you are seen moving before the music stops you are out and will sit on the ocean floor until the next round.

To add even more fun, dress up in clothes that have a similar color to the walls of your room or the surroundings of your backyard. Are you as good at camouflage as our ocean animal friends?

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