

# Make your own Mermaid and Merman

## What you will need:

- Glue: Pritt-stick or similar works well
- Craft Scissors (maybe get an adult to help you with the hands)
- Felt pens or crayons; if you use Sharpies, do protect the table
- The cardboard tube inside kitchen roll (clean), or a poster tube approx. 21cm high (makes two)
- Brown paper (an A4 brown envelope for example) for the skin base layer, or coloured paper - their skin can also be blue or green
- A selection of coloured wool or string to make the hair
- Double sided tape or sticky tape to attach hair to inside of the tube
- Coloured tape, stars or stickers for the mermaid's bikini top
- A rubber band or some paper clips to hold things in place while the glue is drying are useful
- A fruit net (or a favour bag) and a selection of buttons or small, recycled objects that might get washed into the sea, or some shells

- Print out the A4 template on thin white card or paper x 2. You can also print on coloured paper

- Cut the cardboard tube in half. The tube inside of a kitchen roll should be thin enough to cut with scissors

- Wrap the base layer paper around each cardboard tube and glue down - you can use a rubber band to hold it in place while the glue dries

- Colour in and cut out the tails on both templates and glue the smaller part to the back of the longer tail.

- Wrap the coloured tails around the cardboard tubes and glue in place. Bend so the tail looks 3-D

- Use tape, or ribbon and stickers, to make the mermaid's bikini top and glue in place at the back of the cardboard tube

- Cut out the arms x4 and stick them onto the base layer paper. Cut out and glue them template-side together then glue arms to the body

- Secure the fruit net base with a rubber band and fill the fruit nets with shells or any buttons you might have

- Draw a face with a thin-nibbed pen, then add woollen hair to the inside of the tube and fix in place with glue or tape

