

Let's Make a Sea Monster

Materials

Sticky tape
Glue Stick
(it's possible to make without)
Colour pens
Scissors
2 x cardboard tubes / toilet roll
Scrap card
Scrap foil
At least 2 bottle tops
Scrap plastic
Fruit nets or string
See-through plastic container
(like you get tomatoes in)



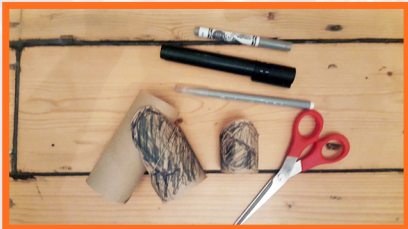
Edward Burne Jones - Doom Fulfilled Image (detail) © Southampton Cultural Services

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Make a watery background for your underwater scene. Do this by cutting wavy strips from water colour scrap card. I used blue and grey. Poke holes in the foil so you can weave the wavy card through the foil. It doesn't have to be neat and tidy. Push the foil into your tub so it covers the base and when you stand it up it looks like a backdrop.

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Cut your toilet rolls into rock shapes. You need at least one to hide your sea monster in. I made two. One for my sea monster and one for my crab. They are larger at the front, the bit coloured like a rock, and lower at the back. Use your pens to draw rocks on.

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Choose some coloured card to cut seaweed out of. I used green. It needs to be long enough to go across the front of your tub with little tabs to stick around each corner.

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Place your toilet roll rocks inside your tub to check they have enough room. Decide how they will be positioned and then secure them together with sticky tape. Do not stick them to the bottom of your tub as you will need to be able to take them in and out.

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Use a piece of scrap plastic to make the body of your sea monster. To do this you are going to cut out a circle, about the size of the base of a hot drink mug, then cut into the circle in a spiral. Imagine you are cutting the spiral inside a snail shell.

The middle of your spiral is where the head of your sea monster is going to be attached. I made mine out of two bottle tops, scrap card for the teeth and eyes. I used sticky tape to secure the bottle tops together and stick on the face. I chose to use glue to stick the end of the plastic to the inside of the bottle tops, but you could do this with sticky tape if you don't have a glue stick. When you've finished your monster, stick his tail (the outside end of the spiral) to the toilet roll. Stick it inside, at the base of the roll. You can then curl your sea monster up inside the toilet roll to hide.

Use your scrap plastic, plastic bags and fruit nets to decorate the outside of your tub. I used the coloured card to cut out little fish shapes and a blue plastic bag to make it look like water is surrounding my tub. Remember not to decorate the bottom as this would make it tricky to stand the tub up.

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If you have more than one toilet roll rock why not make another creature to go in the other ones? I made a crab but you could make a different sea creature. Then using either string, or a thread pulled from your fruit net, secure a piece to the tops of your creatures heads. On the other end of this thread secure something that makes it easy to find. I used milk bottle lids and then hung them from the seaweed. Now you can pull your hidden creatures out from their hiding places and surprise people!

Time for a Performance

Once you've placed your rocks, with their hidden sea monster and other creatures, into the underwater stage set you can start to get really really creative. What are their names? What do their voices sound like? Can you write a story about them or even make a short film.

We'd love you to email us your creations!

