

Mermaid Models



Materials Needed:

- ✓ Egg carton
- ✓ Paint/ watercolors (if you want to make Ariel, use green)
- ✓ Colored construction paper (if you want to make Ariel, use red for the hair)
- ✓ Scissors
- ✓ Glue
- ✓ Yarn
- ✓ Markers
- ✓ Optional: small shells, glitter, buttons, gems, or any other decorations you want!

Steps:

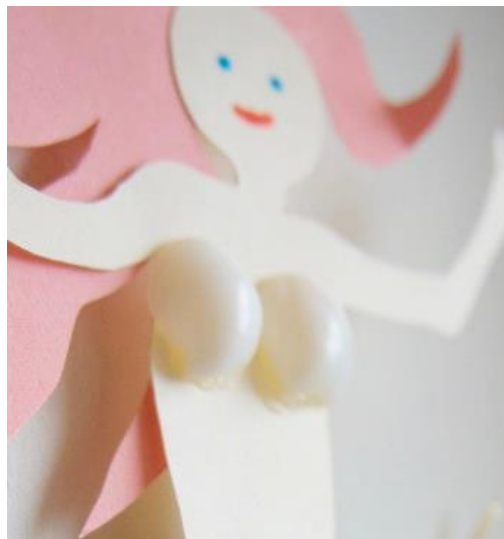
1. Cut out at least 3 sections from the bottom half of your egg carton. Cut each round in half. (Optional: cut a V-shape in one section to be the tail fins)
2. Paint the outside of your egg carton halves. These will be for the mermaid tail. Set them aside until dry.



3. Draw your mermaid's body on the colored construction paper you chose for her skin. Remember, she needs a head, a torso, and two arms. (You can reference the picture below for an example).
4. Draw your mermaid's hair on another color of construction paper, and then cut it out. The hair can be any shape or length you like.



5. Glue the body piece over the hair piece. Use markers to draw a face and a top for your mermaid to wear. If you have small shells, you can use them to make Ariel's clamshell top.



6. Dab some glue to the underside of one of the tail pieces and hold another tail piece against it until it dries securely. Repeat this process adding more sections to the tail until the full tail is built.



7. Glue the tail to the end of the mermaid body and add any final decorations to your little mermaid!



Additional Skill Practice:

Here are some additional skills you can work on with your kiddo related to this craft:

- WH Questions – where do mermaids live? (underwater) What else live in the water? (fish, crabs, sharks, etc.)
- Pretend play – wrap a blanket/towel around your legs and pretend you have a mermaid tail.
- Object labeling – take your mermaid on a tour around your house and help her learn what items are REALLY called (no whozits, whatzits, or thingamabobs here!)



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