

CREATURE CRAFTS

Animal spotting is easy to do and inspires fantastic crafts. Look around pet shops, go for a walk in the countryside, watch birds in a park or garden or even visit the zoo. Try out these projects and discover ways to adapt them yourself and make your favourite creatures from the animal kingdom.

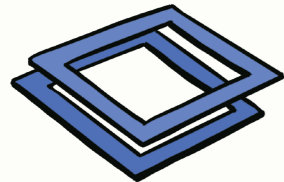
UNDER THE SEA

YOU WILL NEED:

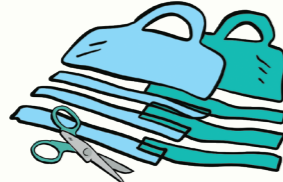
- CARD
- SCISSORS
- PLASTIC BAGS
- GLUE STICK
- DARK COLOURED PAPER

Oceans are huge and the deeper you go, the darker and colder it gets. There are lots of creatures that have learned to survive in deep water by collecting

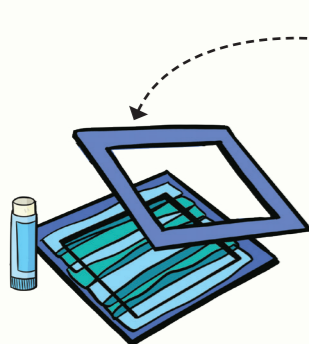
food that falls from above, or by lighting up their bodies to help them see in the dark. It's a hard place for humans to explore but more creatures are being discovered each time we dive.



1. Make two rectangular frames from thin card.



2. Cut out wavy strips from plastic bags.



3. Stick these on to one of the frames, making sure they overlap slightly.

4. Glue the other frame on top, sandwiching the plastic layers in between



5. Cut out lots of fishy shapes and stick them on to the plastic.

TOP TIP

Stick this on to the window so that the light shines through it and you can see the fish silhouettes swimming in the sunlight.



CAT CUSHION

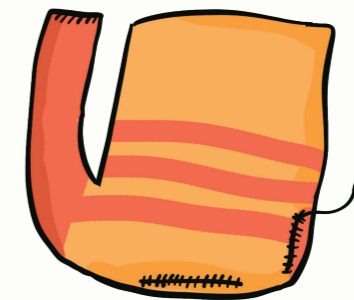
YOU WILL NEED:

- AN OLD JUMPER
- SCISSORS
- NEEDLE AND THREAD
- STUFFING AND CUSHION PAD

Cats make great pets and are very playful creatures, although you will mostly find them napping. Did you know they can sleep for about 16-18 hours a day? This cushion craft is a purr-fect present for any cat lover and great to cuddle up with when you're falling asleep.



1. Sew up the neck and cuff of one sleeve.



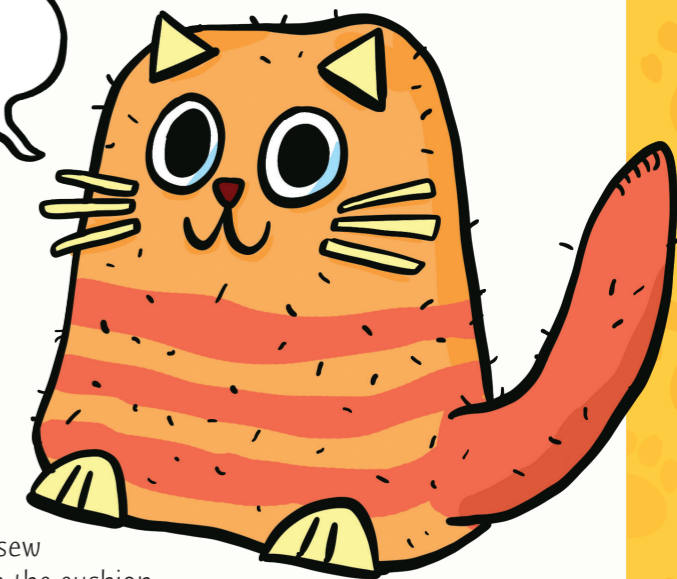
2. Tuck the other sleeve inside the body and sew up the hole.



3. First fill the sleeve with stuffing, then the body with a cushion pad. Sew up the bottom of the jumper.



4. Cut out a nose, eyes, whiskers, ears and paws from scrap fabric or felt.



5. Stick or sew these on to the cushion.



Why are fish so smart?
Because they love to hang out in schools.