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Sea Creatures or School-of-Fish Mobile

AGE RANGE: Grades 3–5

PREPARATION:

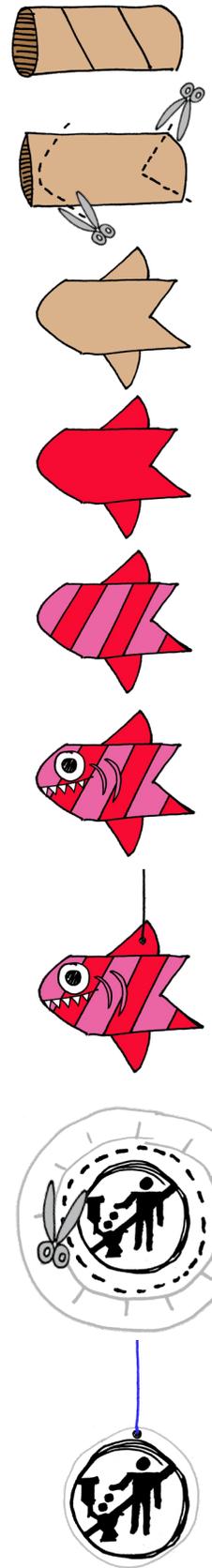
Recycle empty cardboard tubes from toilet paper and paper towel rolls. Collect them in advance and encourage children to bring them in from home.

MATERIALS:

- Cardboard toilet paper tubes (or paper towel tubes, cut down to size)
- Paper plates (recyclable or compostable if possible)
- Do Not Flush symbol (printable sheet attached)
- Acrylic paints and paint brushes
- Colored construction paper, cardboard scraps or foam sheets
- Gift-wrapping paper scraps
- Sequins (optional)
- Tissue paper or party streamers
- Pencil, black marker, glitter pens
- Scissors, single-hole punch and glue
- String, yarn and paperclips
- Wire hangers, recycled paper towel tubes, or sticks for mobile base
- Ruler (for Octopus extension)

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Flatten your toilet roll tube.
2. Cut the corners on one end to make a rounded shape for the fish's head.
3. On the other end, cut out a triangle to make the tail.
4. Use the triangle cut-out to make fins and tape them in place.
5. Paint your fish and let it dry.
6. Decorate it with colorful scraps of wrapping paper, tissue and/or party streamers.
7. Make fish scales with tissue or wrapping paper scraps (optional). Make a pattern and glue them on, overlapping as you go.
8. Make "googly eyes" with white paper and a marker. (No plastic required!) Glue them onto each side of the face. Draw a mouth and gills.
9. Add some crazy shark or piranha teeth — or whatever you like!
10. Cut out the two Do Not Flush symbols. Glue one onto a paper plate and cut it out. Now glue the second copy onto the back side. Punch out a hole at the top and thread it with yarn or string.



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Look for the DO NOT FLUSH symbol and never flush disposable wipes or trash down the toilet.



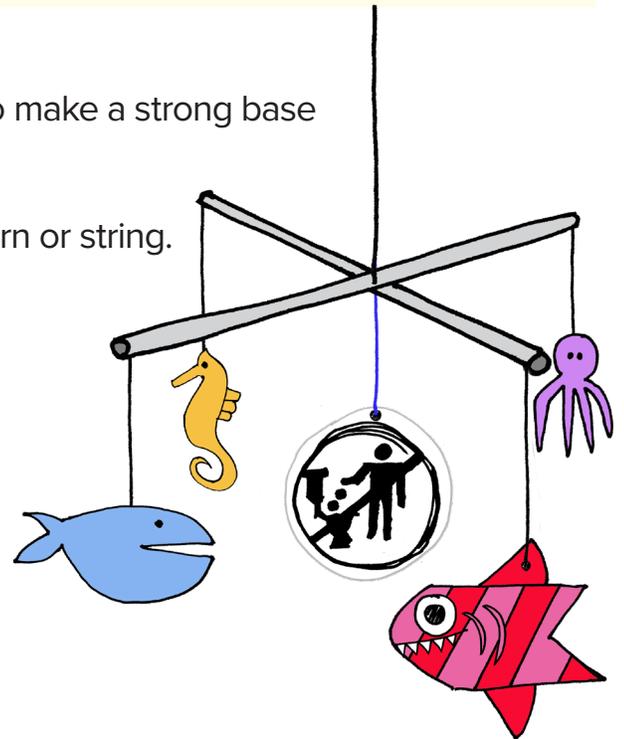
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MAKE YOUR MOBILE BASE:

1. Use recycled paper towel tubes, or a wire hanger to make a strong base for your mobile.
2. Suspend the Do Not Flush symbol from its center.
3. Tie your fish and sea creatures to your base with yarn or string.
Experiment to see how they hang and balance.



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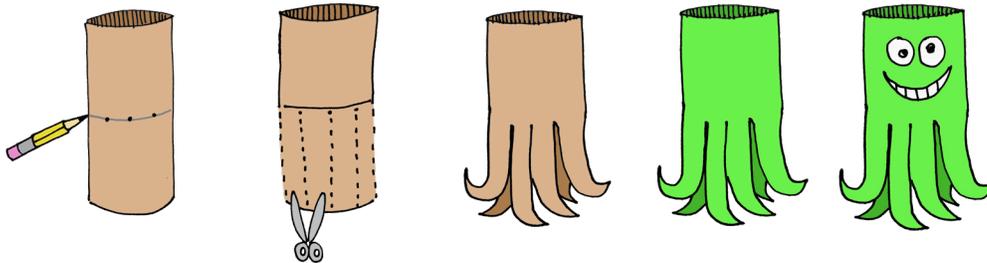
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EXTENSION:

Add some sea creatures to your fish mobile. Follow the instructions below or make up your own creative designs using your imagination!

OCTOPUS:

1. Use a pencil to draw a horizontal line around the middle of your cardboard tube. The top half will be the body, the bottom half will be the 8 legs.
2. Flatten the tube gently. Use a ruler to measure and mark 3 points: the center of the front side and the points between the center and the flattened edges.
3. Draw straight lines up to the 3 points marked at the halfway point.
4. Turn the roll around and do the same on the opposite side.
5. Cut along the 6 lines plus the 2 edges. Now you have 8 legs! Bend the legs outwards.
6. Use paint or thick markers to color your octopus all over.
7. Stick on paper googly eyes, draw a mouth, and decorate as you like.
8. Glue on some clog-causing trash!



JELLYFISH:

1. Cut a paper plate in half.
2. Make a row of holes with a hole punch along the straight edge.
3. Tie bunches of yarn or slices of crepe paper streamers through each hole to make dangling tentacles.

TALKING POINTS:

Toilet clogs lead to sewer backups; sewer backups can cause expensive plumbing repairs and water pollution (which is bad for both humans and wildlife).

What should never be flushed down the toilet? Trash, plastic, paper towels, baby wipes, disinfecting and cleaning wipes, and any wipes with the Do Not Flush symbol on the package.

What's the big deal? These small items can stick together and form clogs that cause big problems. "Non-flushables" can break toilets, damage sewers, and harm wildlife habitats like lakes, rivers, oceans and streams.



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