

How to make a fish

You will need: cardboard roll, scissors, pencil, thin card (from a cereal box or similar), paint, paintbrush, fine nib permanent marker (black), glue stick, stapler.

Instructions:

1. On the thin card, draw three fins – a tail fin and two other fins – and a small circle (for an eye). You might like to add a 'frill' to the edges of your fins. Cut out.
2. Paint the cardboard roll one colour and the fins another colour. Leave to dry.
3. Using the fine nib permanent marker, draw a pupil onto the small circle (eye). Add details to the fins. You might like to add scales to the body (roll) too.
4. Insert the tail fin in one end of the cardboard roll and staple in place.
5. Gently press the other end of the cardboard roll together, draw and cut out a mouth shape.
6. Use glue to stick on the remaining two fins and the eye. Leave to dry.
7. Your fish is now complete! You can imagine lots of underwater adventures for your fish.

Fun facts: the Museum has several fish on display in a special exhibition, Cabinets of Curiosity, and The Cloth Hall.

Fish have gills that extract oxygen from the water around them. They are covered in scales, which are often covered in a layer of slime to help their movement through the water.

