

Coral Reef Straw Painting

An at home, fun coral reef themed, craft activity for Ages 3-12 (can be modified for younger or older children). Provided by Gumbo Limbo education staff.

Parental Supervision/Assistance may be needed

1. Gather your materials: You will need 2 different construction paper colors (brown and blue), a straw (can be reusable if you prefer, just make sure you wash it out really well after use! If a plastic straw is used, dispose of it properly please!), paint, pallet or paper plate, scissors, glue, water, and markers.
2. Prepare your materials: Cut the brown construction paper to make a "sea floor".
3. Glue the brown "sea floor" down at the bottom of the blue construction paper.
4. Put the paint in the pallet or on the paper plate. Mix in a couple of drops of water to each paint in order to make it thin.
5. Using the end of your straw, dip it in the paint. Tap the end of the straw on your paper where you want your coral to start. Now you gently blow through the other end of the straw. Try all different ways of holding the straw so you can see the different effects that different angles and directions give.
6. Go ahead and cover your paper across with coral! Let dry.
7. If you want, draw fish and other animals in your new coral reef!
8. Your child now has an awesome coral reef craft!

