

Wiggle on down

Get inspired by our *I Am Island And Sea* exhibition and make your own wiggly kōura puppet to take home.



What you need:

- Two sheets of coloured card
- Glue stick
- Sticky tape
- Scissors
- Felt tip pens or googly eyes
- Two paper straws



1. Take your card and fold one corner diagonally to the opposite side.



3. Cut a series of slits from the centre to the quarter fold – about 8 cuts. It's important to cut all the way to the fold line, this helps the puppet to bend and move.

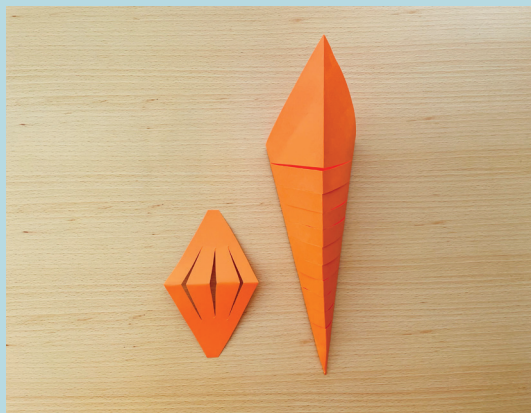
2. Cut to make a square. Fold sides into the centre. If you want to paint or decorate your puppet, now is a good time.



4. Overlap and glue the bottom quarters together. Now you have made the body!

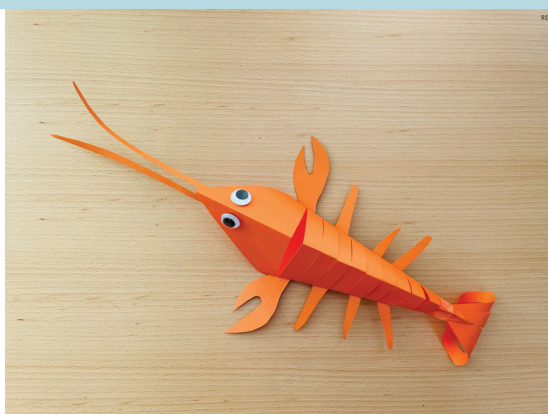
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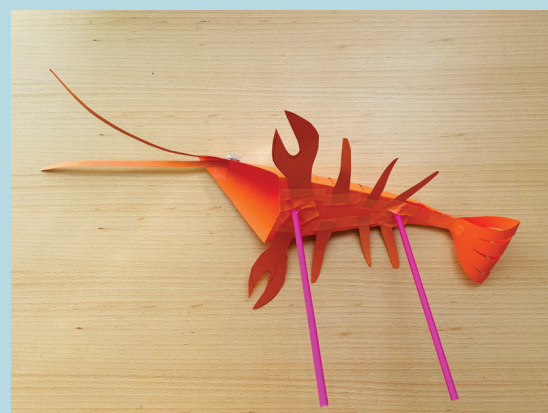


5. To make the tail, fold a scrap of card in half and cut a big triangle. Cut slits into the centre fold and then fold it back the other way, so it looks rounded. Stick the tail on with lots of tape.

7. Cut some long strips for the antennae. Don't forget to draw on eyes or you could use googly eyes like we did.



6. Cut out some pincer claws and legs. Stick these to the underneath of the body with glue or tape.



8. Take two paper straws. Cut into the ends, so that you can splay them out. Stick one under the tail and one under the head. Move them up and down to make your kōura swim.



Ta-da! Show off your finished kōura.

Did you know kōura swim backwards? Kōura walk slowly forward on their legs, but if they are startled, they use rapid flips of their tails to quickly swim backwards to escape danger. See if you can make your puppet swim like a kōura!

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