

Jellyfish Craft Instructions

Explore the wonders of jellyfish by making one yourself!

Materials Needed for the Jellyfish:

- Paper Plate
- Pencil
- A piece of Cardboard equaling the length and width of half a Paper Plate
- Cellophane or Shiny Wrapping Paper, String, Ribbons or Colored paper (for the tentacles)
- Colored Paper or White Paper (for the Jellyfish's lower body)
- Scissors
- Glue or Wood Glue
- Tape (ideally masking tape)
- String (to hang the finished product)

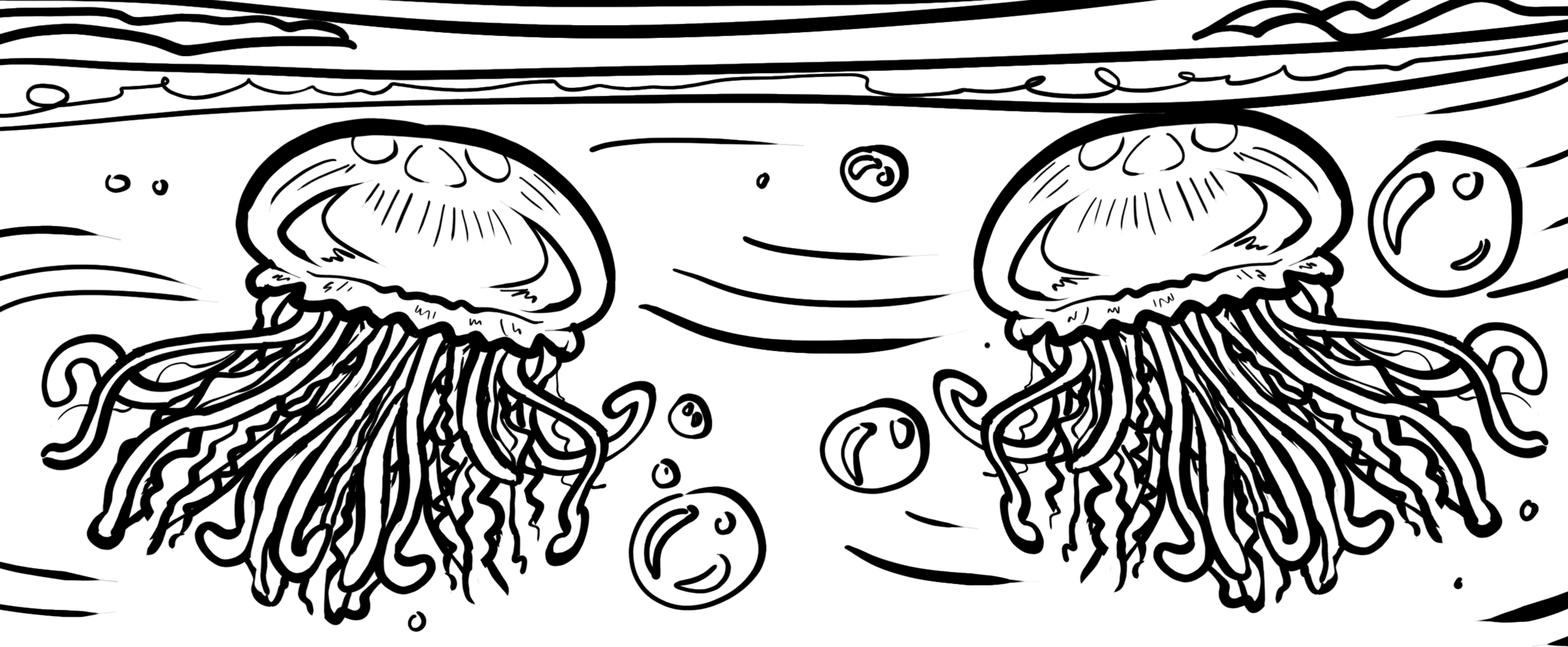
Materials Needed for Paining:

- Paint (any color you'd prefer but blue, red, yellow and white can make many different colors when mixed together)
- Cup with Water (to clean the brushes)
- Paint Brushes (one for large strokes and another for small details)
- Old Newspaper (to use as a painting surface)
- Color Tray or Pallet (for mixing colors)
- Paper Towels (to dry wet brushes once cleaned)

Instructions:

Prepare Your Workspace

- Put on your art shirt.
- Place down the newspaper.
- Gather all the materials and tools you need.



Preparing the Top of the Jellyfish:

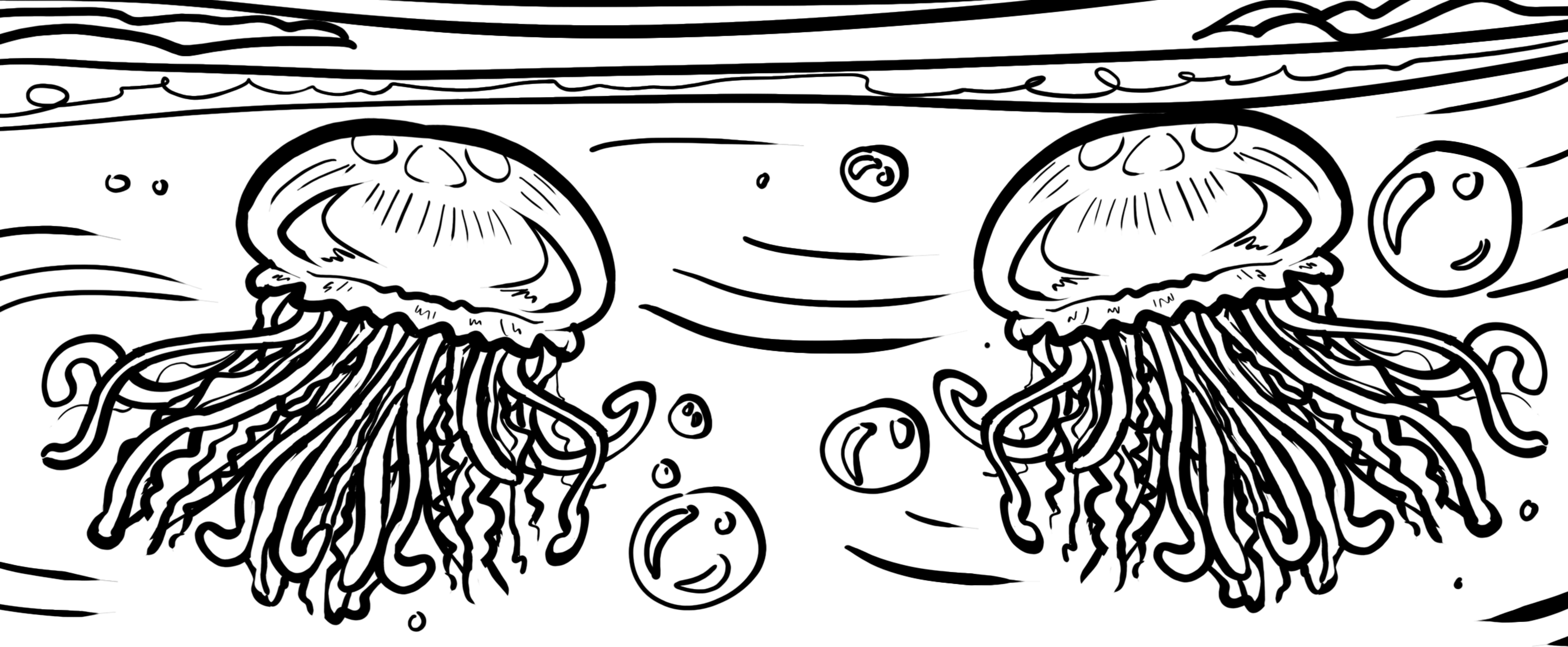
- Draw a line on the paper plate using the cardboard as a ruler, so that it covers about half of your Paper Plate.
- Draw a line following your Paper Plate on your Cardboard.
- Cut the Paper Plate.
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- Cover half the smallest Paper Plate with glue so that it will stick underneath the other half of the Plate. (curving outwards)
- Place the largest Paper Plate half on top of the glue so that it is secure.
- Let the glue dry. (You can put any object underneath the plate to keep it from folding in when drying.)
- Paint the Top of the Jellyfish in colors that you choose. (Use patterns, dots and spots on your Jellyfish. Use white to show how shiny your Jellyfish is when you're done with your colors!)
- Let the paint dry.

Preparing the Lower Jellyfish Shape:

- Cover the piece of Paper in glue and fold it in half.
- Fold the Paper in half again.
- Cut out the Lower Jellyfish Shape form. Start from one corner of the page diagonally and add as many extra squiggles and tentacles you like.
- Unfold your cut out shape and paint using any colors you'd like (You can paint in dots and little tentacles!)
- Let the paint dry.

Decorating the Top of the Jellyfish:

- Make sure that when dry, the Top of the Jellyfish is round on the center edge and flat on the Paper Plates crinkled edges.



- Cut out 2 long strips of your wrapping paper that's just greater than the length of your Jellyfish. (Make sure to leave one longer than the other and to cut them thick and wavy with curved edges.)
- Glue one strip on the Jellyfish on the bottom edge of the Top of the Jellyfish like a skirt.
- Glue the longest strip with some folded crinkles on the unpainted side of the Top of the Jellyfish. (You can tape it down to make sure it stays in place once the glue dries.)

Decorating with tentacles:

- Cut out many long, thin (and a few thick ones) and wavy strips from your wrapping paper.
- Glue many of them on the cardboard that will be under the Top of the Jellyfish
- Glue only a few skinnier tentacles onto your Lower Jellyfish Shape. (You can tape these strips down to make sure they stay in place once the glue dries.)
- You can add and trim these tentacles to get the desired shape.

Assembling this Jellyfish Craft:

- Glue the Lower Jellyfish Shape onto the cardboard ensuring its secured.
- Add glue to the curved edges of the cardboard
- Flatten the Plate's edges of the top of the jellyfish onto the glue on the cardboard.
- While the glue is drying, cut a piece of string, tie one knot at the bottom and tie a loop on the other edge with plenty of slack for hanging up.
- Tape or glue the string in place.
- Finally, hang your jellyfish to be admired!