

Inky the Octopus Activities.

1. Swimming Octopus



Have the children cut out a half circle from construction paper or cut a paper plate in half for an octopus body. Let the children use crayons to draw eyes. Then have them each glue eight pieces of white crepe paper to the bottom edges of the octopus bodies to make arms. Hang the finished octopi from a string stretched across a window and watch them "swim" as air moves through the room.

2. Hand print Octopus

The children put a blue hand print on a piece of paper. Turn it upside down and let the children put Fruit-Loop eyes, 1/2 a red Fruit-Loop for the mouth and Fruit-loops or cheerios for tentacles.

You can help each child by painting their hand and 4 fingers blue, have them spread their fingers and put the hand print down, then move their hand slightly to put 4 more legs in.

3. Octopus

Materials:

1 brown paper lunch sack per child, labelled

1 rubber band per child
White paper reinforcements
Marker
Newspaper
Scissors

Directions:

Have the child scrunch up a piece of newspaper and place it inside the paper bag. Tightly wrap the rubber band around the bag at the base of the newspaper.

Cut up the bag to make eight strips for octopus tentacles. Use a marker to draw octopus's eyes and mouth on head. Stick reinforcements on the tentacles.

4. <https://theimaginationtree.com/15-creative-ocean-themed-activities/>

Have a go at some of the activities on the above website. Some examples are -

- Ocean in an egg carton.
- Ocean waves Discovery bottle.
- Ocean playdough activity.
- Ocean sensory writing tray.
- Ocean printing seascapes.

