

RAINBOW FISH WEAVING CRAFT

You will need:

- rainbow fish template (from the West Cheshire Museums website), printed onto paper
- strips of coloured paper, about 20cms long x 5cms wide
- sellotape
- a black felt-tip pens
- silver foil
- scissors
- optional: extra decorative paper, fabric, pens etc from your craft box

How to make your rainbow fish weaving craft:

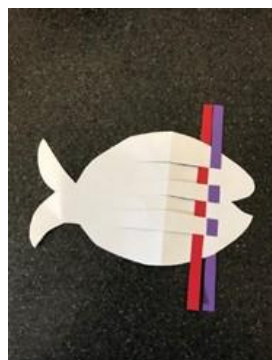
1. Cut out the rainbow fish template.



2. Fold the fish in half, and make several parallel cuts into the body of the fish. Make sure all the cuts are the same length, otherwise your weaving won't work very well.



3. Unfold your fish, then take the strips of coloured paper and begin to weave them under and over the cuts you have made. Make sure the strips stick out at the sides. Continue to weave in strips until you can't fit in any more. This can be a bit fiddly but is great practice to improve our little ones' fine motor skills.



4. Secure the strips of paper in place by using sellotape on the back of your fish.
5. Trim the ends of the coloured paper strips to look like fins.
6. Use the felt-tip to add fin markings and an eye.
7. Add a bit of sparkle to your fish by gluing pieces of silver foil onto the body.



You can also add whatever decorative bits you have in your craft box. Make your fish as eye-catching as you can!