

Jellyfish in a Bottle

Supplies:

- Clear plastic bag
- Clear or white thread, or an elastic
- Empty water bottle
- Water
- Blue food coloring
- Scissors
- Drinking straw



Instructions:

1. Use scissors to cut the bottom off the plastic bag. Then cut the handles off the other side of the plastic bag.
2. Cut the top layer of the plastic bag at the fold so you are left with a rectangle. You only need one layer of the plastic bag to make your jellyfish.
3. Press your finger on the middle of the rectangle, then gather the plastic bag around your finger and scrunch it up to make a ball shape for the jellyfish's head.
4. Cut a piece of white thread or clear string and tie it loosely around the jellyfish's head. **Don't** tie it into a full knot yet.
5. Insert a straw into the jellyfish's head and blow air so that the head is inflated.
6. Carefully pull the straw out and tie the string tight at the same time, so that you don't lose any air. Tie the string in a double knot to make sure it stays in place. **If you want your jellyfish to swim more slowly through the bottle, add ½ water and ½ air to the head before tying it off.**
7. Cut or tear the bottom part of the plastic into strips to form the jellyfish's tentacles. Continue until you have the desired amount of tentacles.
8. Fill your plastic bottle with water.
9. Add in 3-5 drops of blue food coloring. Stir the food coloring into the water using the plastic straw. You can also close the bottle and shake it to combine.
10. Insert the jellyfish into the bottle. You will need to use the straw to poke the jellyfish down.
11. Close the lid of the bottle tightly. Tilt the bottle and turn it upside-down to watch the jellyfish swim.