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Description automatically generatedExpanded Directions for the Crawfish/Lobster Craft**

**Supplies (per participant):**

* one sheet of claws/tail copied onto red paper
* one red pipe cleaner
* two eyes
* red paint
* craft glue
* egg carton section
  + cut one carton into 4 pieces of three egg parts each…so one carton makes 4 crafts
  + poke two holes into the top of the head for lacing the pipe cleaner through

**Directions:**

1. paint the egg carton red (or orange or whatever color you want your crawfish/lobster)
2. while the egg carton dries cut out the claws and tail
3. once dry, glue the claws and tail to the egg carton
   1. I found it easiest to fold the claws/tail inside of the egg carton and glue the tab, secure with tape
4. lace the pip cleaner through the head to create antenna
5. add the googly eyes

**Add On Ideas:**

1. You can invite the kids to write or draw three things they are thankful for on the egg carton once it is dry.
2. you can glue the crawfish/lobster onto a tan sheet of paper and decorate the sheet to look like the ocean floor

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Description automatically generatedExpanded Directions for the Mermaid Craft**

**Supplies (per participant):**

* 6-8 egg carton pieces
  + For this craft, each participant will need 6-8 individual parts of the egg carton. I tried many techniques to cut the cartons and the best way I found was:
    - cut off the lid and closure;
    - trim the middles so they were even with the sides;
    - cut the middle edges so you can tear the carton in half;
    - carefully tear the carton into individual cups;
    - trim the edges with scissors to neaten up the cups;
    - poke a hole in the center of the cup for the pipe cleaner.
* one long pipe cleaner
* one mermaid torso and tail sheet
* paint for the egg carton pieces (girls especially love adding some glitter paint over the colors)
* markers/crayons/etcetera for drawing the mermaid body and tail (I do not recommend doing paint as you’ll need to decorate both sides)

**Directions:**

1. paint the egg carton pieces whatever colors you like
2. while the egg carton dries cut out the mermaid body and tail
   1. color and decorate both sides of the mermaid body and tail
   2. this is better to do with anything but paint so they can do both sides at once
   3. if they want a mer-man instead of a mermaid, you can cut off the hair
   4. punch a hole in the bottom of the body and the top of the tail
3. once dry, hook the pipe cleaner to the bottom of the body and then lace on the egg carton pieces, finish by securing the tail to the bottom of the pipe cleaner

**Add On Ideas:**

You can invite the kids to write or draw things they are thankful for on the egg carton once it is dry.

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Description automatically generatedExpanded Directions for the UTO Blue Box Submarine**

**Supplies per Participant:**

* one UTO Blue Box
* one nose and tail handout (you can either print this on blue paper or white paper and then let them decorate it)
* foam sticker shapes
* paper straw
* hot glue
* tape

**Directions:**

1. cut out the nose and tail fins.
   1. to assemble the tail:
      1. cut the two hearts as marked,
      2. then fold the hearts in half,
      3. slide the two pieces of the hearts together and secure with tape if desired,
      4. fold up the bottoms of the hearts, you can then glue or tape these to the end of the UTO Box
   2. To assemble the nose:
      1. cut out as marked,
      2. roll into a cone and secure with glue or tape,
      3. to secure the nose to the box, you can use tape, but hot glue works really well for this part.
2. add windows to the side of the sub using the foam pieces – let the kids get creative!
3. add one big circle, then a smaller circle to the top. Take about a third of a paper straw, bend it at the top and glue to the circle to create the scope.

**Add On Ideas:**

* ask the children to share who they would bring on their submarine with them and what gifts does that person bring to the sub. Invite them to write the names on the windows, or draw their pictures before adding it to the box.
* give each child coins for their box and invite them to share what they are most grateful for today and put the coins in the box

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Description automatically generatedExpansion Item: Origami Fish Art**

**Supplies per Participant:**

* one sheet of white cardstock
* blue paint
* bubble wrap
* origami paper – 3-5 depending on the size
* eye stickers

**Directions:**

1. paint a piece of bubble wrap blue – then use it to print a white sheet of paper to look like bubbles under the water.
2. fold three fish following the directions below
3. glue the fish to the paper, once dry, add an eye sticker

**Add On Ideas:**

* This is a great add on craft for older kids.
* Invite them to write things they are thankful for on the back of each sheet of origami paper – give them a topic for each one, like family, environment, fun
* bring other paints so they can complete their underwater theme
* Ocean creatures are surrounded by water like we are surrounded by opportunities to be grateful – invite them to write words in the shape of sea weed or fish which are opportunities for people to stop and be grateful