

Handprint Hermit Crab

By: [The Kindergarten Connection](#)

Watch: [A House for Hermit Crab](#) by Eric Carle

Materials:

- White card stock
- Paint
- Small googly eyes
- Pipe cleaner
- Glue or tape
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Sponge



Instructions:

1. Apply paint to child's left hand and press onto a piece of white card stock. Allow to dry.
2. Cut a circle out of white card stock for the hermit crab's shell. Using a pencil draw swirl on the the shell.
3. Cut the sponge into long pieces for painting.
4. Dab sponges in paint and lightly dab onto the hermit crab's shell. Allow to dry.
5. While pieces are drying, cut a small piece from the pipe cleaner and fold in 1/2 for the antenna.
6. Cut the handprint out once the paint has dried, cutting around the fingers.
7. Glue googly eyes to the ends of the pipe cleaner.
8. Attach the handprint to the shell of the hermit crab so that the fingers are pointing downwards. Attach the thumb to the back of the hermit crab's shell.
9. Glue or tape the pipe cleaner to the back of the handprint so that the eyes stick out above the handprint.

Extend the Activity:

- Hermit Crab made several new friends over the year. Have a discussion about friendship and what it means to be a friend.
- Have a discussion about how Hermit Crab embraced change and how we can too if we move or change schools.
- Talk about the other sea life found in the book: sea anemones, starfish, corals, snails, sea urchins, and lanternfish. (you could even grab these [ocean animal vocabulary cards](#))
- Read other favorite Eric Carle books such as Mister Seahorse, The Mixed Up Chameleon, The Very Lonely Firefly, or The Foolish Tortoise.

Finger Paint Aquarium

By: [Little Fish Blog](#)

Watch [Commotion in the Ocean](#) by Giles Andreae

Materials:

- Water based paint - mixture of colours
- Blue cardstock or construction paper
- Paint pens or felt pens
- Paper plate or paint palette
- Overalls or old clothes
- Kitchen towel, or piece of rag
- Sponge (optional)
- Tissue paper or coloured paper and glue (optional)

For the frame:

- Large envelope: letter size
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Tape
- String - small piece



Instructions:

1. Put a variety of coloured paints on a paper plate or paint palette.
2. Start finger painting! Print individual fingerprints over the blue paper. Dab any excess paint onto a piece of kitchen towel or a piece of rag before each print. Of course if you prefer you can use a sponge or brush, instead of fingers.
3. Make the finger paints into fish, turtles, crabs, jellyfish, octopus - whatever you imagine them to be! Use the paint pens or felt pens to draw eyes, fins and features onto the coloured finger prints.
4. Use the sponge to add some sand at the bottom of the ocean. Or just use your fingers! Allow to dry for a few minutes.
5. Add some seaweed and rocks. Use your paint pens, or add some collage with tissue, or paper and glue.
6. Allow to dry, while you get started on the aquarium window. You'll need your envelope, pencil, ruler and scissors.
7. Draw a window on the envelope, approximately 2cm from the edge. You'll need to adjust this depending on the size of your card and envelope. Place your picture on top of the envelope to check. Draw a window around 1cm smaller than your picture.
8. Cut around your lines to create a window.
9. Cut a small piece of string. Tape onto the back of the envelope, at the top and in the middle.
10. Slide your picture into the envelope so that the sea creatures are facing out (make sure it's dry first).

Cool Dad Popsicle Craft

By: [Projects with Kids](#)

Materials:

- White cardstock
- Watercolor paints
- Markers
- Popsicle sticks
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Paintbrushes
- Eye stickers or googly eyes



Optional:

Click on the link above to download the free printable from Projects with Kids. Print it out onto white cardstock. There are 3 different mix and match designs to choose from, so you can print out 1 page or all 3!

Included are 2 accessories, a pair of sunglasses and a mustache and 3 different messages for the back of the card. "Dad, you're the coolest", "Grandpa, you're the coolest", and "You're the coolest" for kids to give to whoever they like.

Instructions:

1. If you are not printing off the free templates, on white cardstock draw the outline for your popsicles. You will want to draw two outline for each popsicle you are making (a front side and a back side).
2. Paint or color your popsicle design and accessory you want to use. There are so many creative design possibilities for the popsicles, kids can pick their dad's favorite colors, they can do stripes, solid colors, polka dots, anything they like.
3. Once kids are done painting and coloring in their designs (and everything is dry), they can cut everything out. Using a glue stick, glue on the sunglasses or mustache and add the eye stickers or googly eyes.
4. To put the card together, glue the back of one of the cards, place a popsicle stick in the middle and the other card on top, pressing firmly.

These popsicles are great for Father's Day or just for fun!