Creature of the Week Craft

Seahorse!

Materials You Will Need:

❖ Paper Plate
❖ Colored Construction Paper
❖ Crayons, Markers, and/or Colored Pencils
❖ Scissors
❖ Glue, Stapler, and/or Tape
❖ Cupcake Liners
❖ Optional: Bits of Tissue Paper, Googly Eyes
Craft Instructions:

1. In this craft, we will create 2 seahorses. Cut the paper plate in half to make the seahorse bodies.

2. Fold a piece of construction paper lengthwise and trace a semicircle using the paper plate. Make sure the flat end of the plate is along the crease in the paper!

3. Make a pocket using a stapler or tape, then attach it to the lower half of one seahorse’s body. This is the male’s pouch that he uses to incubate and carry their young!

4. Cut out the dorsal (back) fins from the same folded construction paper you used to make the pouch. **Hint:** Folding the paper in half as you cut out the shape allows you to make 2 identical pieces!
5. Cut another piece of construction paper in half. We will use these to make the seahorses’ heads and tails.

6. Fold one in half like a card and draw a seahorse head shape. Fold the other in half lengthwise and draw a curly seahorse tail.

7. Cut a cupcake liner into 4 equal parts, then cut the center corner off of 2 pieces. These will be the seahorses’ pectoral and anal fins!

8. Now it’s time to decorate the seahorses’ bodies. Seahorses have a lot of different textures and come in a wide variety of colors, so get creative! Use tissue paper, bits of construction paper, or cupcake liners to help your seahorses come alive!
9. Once your seahorses’ bodies are decorated and the glue has dried, attach the different body parts to complete them. Make sure you draw on gills so they can breathe and give them eyes to see!

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