

Facts about Cephalopods

A **Cephalopod** (se-fa-lo-pod) is a member of the mollusc family and includes squids, octopuses, cuttlefish and nautilus. They have a prominent head, tentacles, can squirt ink and live in the sea.

Squids have blue blood, three hearts, ten legs, giant eyeballs, and a parrot-like beak!

Octopuses have eight limbs, but six act as arms and two act as legs. Each limb has a mini brain!

Like most cephalopods, **Cuttlefish** are colour blind but they can still change their skin colour to hide from predators or attract a mate. **Nautilus** are the rebels of the family. They can't change colour and have a hard outer shell.

3 things we can do to help save our seas

1. Enjoy your time on the beach, but always remember to take your rubbish home with you!

2. Treat sea creatures with respect and responsibility. Try not to disturb their habitats, such as rock pools.

3. Reduce plastic use and keep it away from beaches.

Cephalopod Puppet Workshop

Squid

Cuttlefish

Octopus

Nautilus

Make your Own Octopus Puppet

1.



Make your octopus body from paper and masking tape to get the desired shape. You could then cover this in papier-mâché to make it stronger.

Cut out your fabric, or any floaty material you can find!

2.



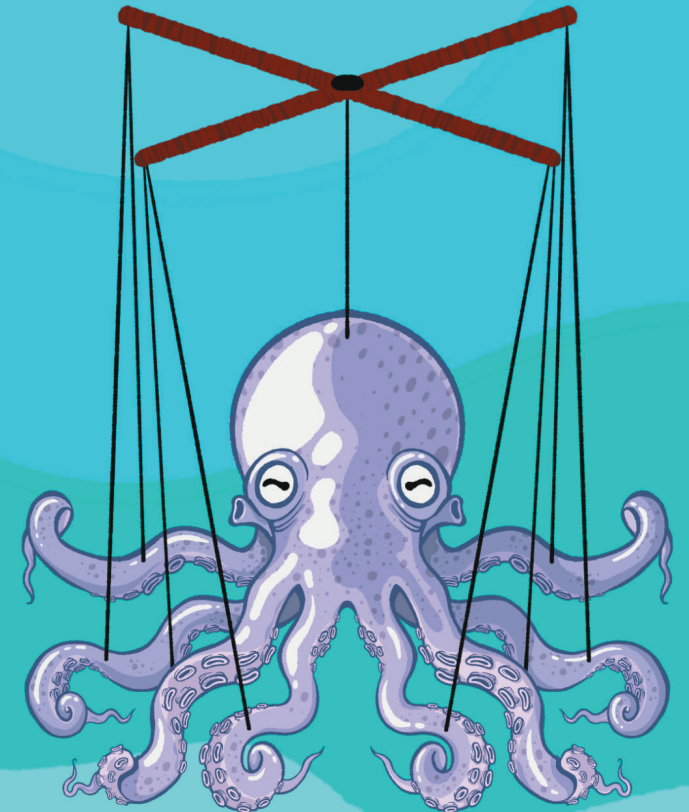
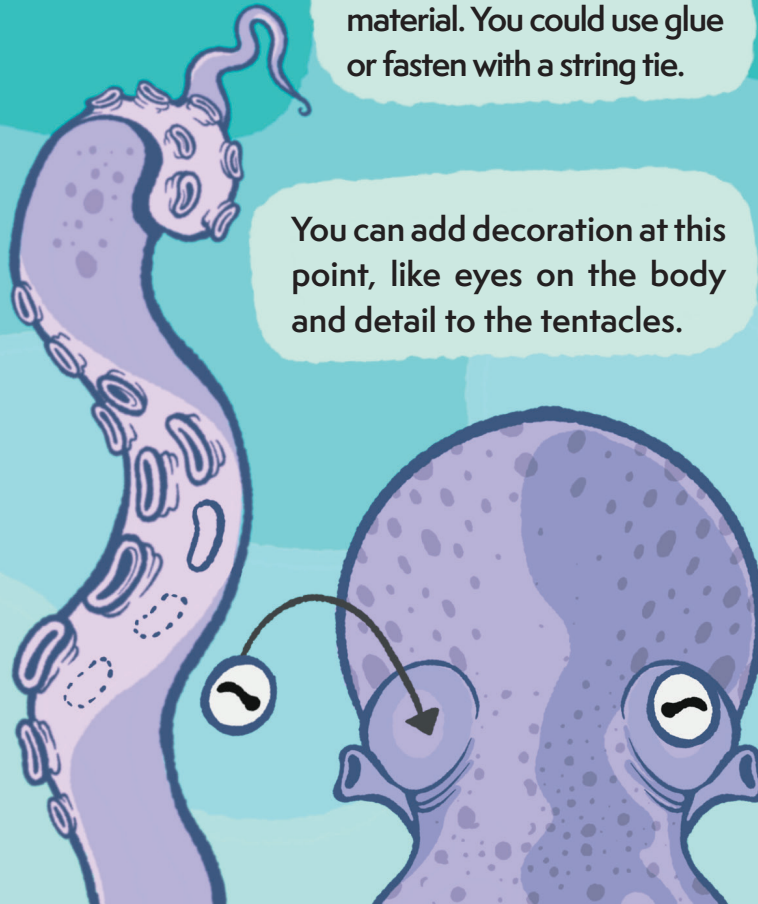
Your material should be big enough to cover your octopus's body. The octopus puppet has 8 tentacles.



3.

Cover the body with your material. You could use glue or fasten with a string tie.

You can add decoration at this point, like eyes on the body and detail to the tentacles.



Octopus puppets have a wooden cross controller and one string is attached to every leg. The strings should be attached about half way down to hold tension in the tentacles.

4.

