

Grade/Skill Level: Mid Elementary

Duration: 1 Session, lasting 45-60 minutes, plus additional 30 minutes to create bulletin board

Media: Mixed Media

Cross Subject Integration: Social Emotional Learning, Sewing

Objective: Class building activity to foster imagination

Make a One Fish Two Fish Bulletin Board



Supplies:

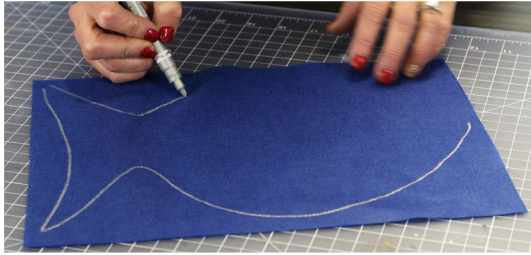
- Smart-Fab 48" x 24 ft. Thick and Opaque Background Roll in color of your choice (blue for water)
- Smart-Fab border in desired color (we chose blue)
- Smart-Fab 9" x 12" variety pack (mostly red and blue)
- Stapler
- Scissors
- Plastic sewing needles
- Yarn in desired colors
- Markers
- Batting
- String for fishing line
- *Optional:* dowel rods or sticks for fishing poles

Steps to Make a One Fish Two Fish Board

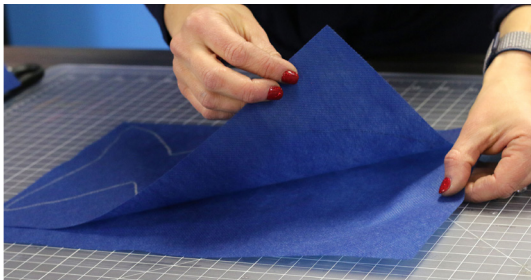
- 1 Cover bulletin board with dark blue, or light blue (we created a wave pattern).
- 2 Add quote/ letters.
- 3 Read class One Fish, Two Fish by Dr. Seuss and hold a class discussion.



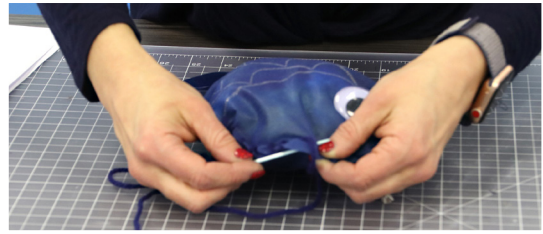
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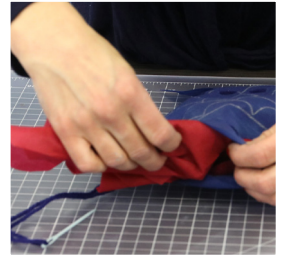
- 4** Demonstrate for students how to draw a fish shape on desired color. Making sure to make the fish shape large and use as much of the 9x12 Smart-Fab as possible. Be careful not to make the part where the tail and body meet too skinny.



- 5** Put two Smart-Fab sheets together and cut out shape.
- 6** Use marker to add scales, eyes, a mouth.
- 7** Flip over and repeat.



- 8** Thread plastic needle with a long piece of yarn.
- 9** Puncture Smart-Fab at the mouth of the fish with needle. Use the end of yarn to tie a knot around the edge of Smart-Fab shape and tuck excess inside the pillow.
- 10** Begin sewing around the edge of the fish, leaving only $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch border and only $\frac{1}{4}$ inch between stitches.
- 11** Continue sewing until there is only a 2-3 inch gap and stuff batting/filling into pillow to desired. Make sure you push filling into the corners and bumps.
- 12** Finish sewing up pillow until you reach the mouth. Double tie the end of the string around the edge and the excess becomes the fishing line.



- OPTIONAL**
Add dowel rods/sticks for fishing poles.



You Have Made a Colored Pencil Bulletin Board!

This is a great opportunity to foster imagination.



National Achievement Standards:

VA:Cr2.1.3a
VA:Cr1.1.3a

Create personally satisfying artwork using a variety of artistic processes and materials.
Elaborate on an imaginative idea.