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MAKE A RECYCLED DEEP SEA SQUID



45 mins



8-12 yr olds



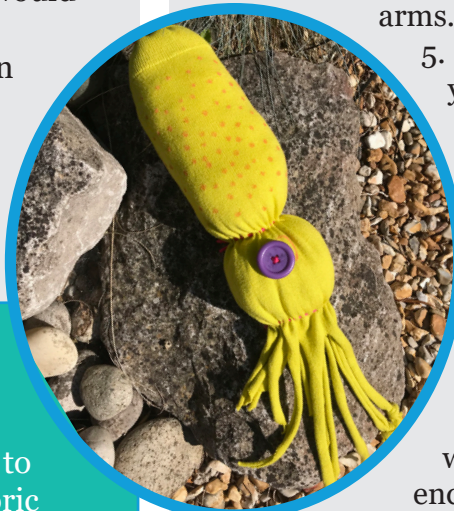
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Using recycled clothing, create a fabulous colourful deep sea squid from the open oceans.

What you'll need:

- Recycled t-shirt or jumper
- 2 big buttons
- Wadding: the offcuts of the rest of the recycled clothing gently folded or a pair of old tights would work well
- Felt tip or fabric pen
- Scissors
- Tape measure
- Yarn or thread
- Sewing needle

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Instructions

1. Lay out a recycled jumper or t-shirt flat on a table and cut off one of the arms at the arm hole then arrange the sleeve so the arm hole is at the bottom.
2. Ask an adult to help you sew up the other end of the sleeve with small, neat stitches. Once stitched all the way around, pull the thread very tightly and tie a knot.
3. Draw a pen mark half-way down the sleeve then another mark between this halfway point and the armhole.
4. At the armhole cut ten strips, equal in width, as far as the first pen mark to create two tentacles and eight arms.
5. Stuff the top half of the sleeve with your wadding to create the body. If you're using bits of fabric, make sure that it's folded neatly, so the body doesn't look lumpy.
6. Using small stitches, sew around the middle section and tie a good strong knot.
7. Sew two button eyes onto the head, one on each side of the squid.
8. Fill the head with more wadding material and then sew up the end to ensure the wadding is enclosed leaving the tentacles free.
9. If you wish, decorate the squid's body with fabric pens or felt tips.