

Learning FUN!

Activity



Bring stories and learning to life with playful Pet Pals!

Pet Pals



Teacher-Directed Activity

Children make unique pets out of paper and use them for storytelling, role-playing, and lively learning discussions about the creatures of the sea.

You'll Need:

T85173 Moroccan Orange Bolder Borders®

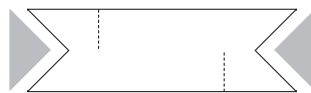
T85435 Lime Sparkle Bolder Borders®

T85153 Wavy Lime Bolder Borders®

Tape or glue, scissors, a stapler, a chenille stem, yellow and black markers, and craft eyes

Fish Directions:

- Students measure, mark, and cut an 18" strip of Moroccan border. Using the diagram to right, demonstrate how to cut a triangle from each end of strip.
- About 2" from opposite ends of the strip, make cuts that go halfway across the border as shown.
- Bend the border into a loop, and slide the cut edges into each other.
- Decorate with markers and craft eyes.
- Glue or tape the fins on either side of the head to complete your fish.



Snail Directions:

- **For the shell**, students measure, mark, and cut a sparkle border into 10", 13", and 16" strips. **Hint:** Demonstrate how to form a circle by overlapping the ends of a strip about 1/2" and taping. Once students have made their own circles, staple all together.
- **For the body**, students measure, mark, and cut a strip of wavy border 16½" long. **Hint:** Demonstrate how to curl one end (about 8" long) into a circle for the head being sure the printed side of border is facing the outside. Tape in place.
- Once the body is completed, staple the shell to the body.
- Glue craft eyes on the ends of a chenille stem, then tape the stem in place on the inside of the head.
- Invite children to show off their pets to the class and talk about what makes them special.

Make It Your Own:

Add to the classroom pet collection using leftover trimmers and borders or other art supplies you have on hand.