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Summer Reading Program 2022!

In this week's Teen Craft Packet, our theme is Uncharted! Explore the unknown depths of the seven seas with this DIY Kraken Plushie craft. Learn more about krakens from the [Natural History Museum](#) (UK). This project is based on the a post developed by the [American Craft and Felt blog](#).

Craft Packets contain a list of supplies and instructions. These packets can be picked-up at any branch within Brevard County during the week of the related theme and are available for curbside service.



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Storytime, STEAM, Craft, and Teen Packets developed by the Youth Services Department

Recycled Beads



Figure 1 Source: Marlena Harold (based on American Craft and Felt project instructions)

Supplies

Felt in three colors (blue, green, and black are pictured), thread, fiber fill, and fabric paint.

Tools

Scissors, a pen, sewing needle, straight pins, and white glue or a hot glue gun. Use care when handling this equipment.

Directions

Access the kraken template from the [American Craft and Felt blog](#). Resize this image as needed (for beginners, you may want to enlarge the image before printing). Cut out the kraken body and bottom templates.



Pin the kraken body to your felt using the straight pins. You will need to cut two body pieces. Pin the bottom template to a contrasting color of felt. To help with cutting, use your pen to trace these shapes onto the felt. Cut out all three pieces.

Cut a circle from your scrap felt and sew or glue to the head portion. This will be an eye. In the example, we used black felt for the eye and a dab of white paint for accents. Add the paint to the eye after all assembly is completed.

Pin your kraken body parts together. Sew or glue the head portion together. If you would like your kraken to be a little puffy then stuff the head with fiber fill or scrap felt.



Next, you will spread out the kraken's tentacles and carefully line these up with the felt bottom. Pin together and then sew or glue all of the tentacles to bottom portion.

The final step will be to add suction cups to the bottom side of the tentacles. Cut 20 small circles from a contrasting felt. Use glue to secure them to the underside of the tentacles.

Optional steps: add a magnet or a pin to the back of your kraken!

Web Resources

[DIY Baby Kraken and Ship Toy](https://bit.ly/3BYqwS6) from American Craft and Felt
<https://bit.ly/3BYqwS6>

YouTube has many wonderful tutorials for basic hand sewing including running stitches, whip stitches, and blanket stitches.

[Sea Monsters and Their Inspirations](https://bit.ly/3KldKQH) from the Natural History Museum (UK)
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Books

Complete Photo Guide to Sewing (2015) by Janet Bergeron

A Field Guide to Fantastical Beasts (2016) by Oleno Salaperäinen

Cryptid Hunters (2005) series by Roland Smith (J)

Daughter of the Pirate King and Daughter of the Siren Queen (2017 & 2018) by Tricia Levenseller (YA)