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MEET ME AT ACM

Suitable for ages 5 to 8



MEET THE FISH

According to Chinese beliefs, fish represent wealth and prosperity, as the Chinese word for “fish” (鱼) sounds similar to the word for “plenty” or “abundance” (余). Big shimmering fish such as carp were reared in decorative ponds in Chinese gardens. Fish were seen as a symbol of being wealthy, and they would be admired by people during parties.

ARTY FACTS

STEM CUP

China, probably Gongxian kilns,
around 830s
Stoneware

The Tang Shipwreck was acquired through the generous donation of the Estate of Khoo Teck Puat.

These unusual cups have tubes attached to the side that are connected to a hole at the bottom. An animal figure, usually a fish or turtle, in the bottom of the cup hides the hole.

The tube works like a straw. There is some evidence that this might have been a nose-drinking cup.

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SPY WITH YOUR LITTLE EYE

The fish resting on the bottom of the cup in the Tang Shipwreck Gallery.



Through these activities, your child/student will learn to:

- Observe and communicate
- Develop fine motor skills like cutting and folding

How many other animals can you spot on other objects in this gallery? Do you see other fish? What about a cat?

If you could **SMELL** the fish, what would it be like? **WRITE** three words to describe its smell.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

SHOW your friends or family how you might drink from this cup.

CREATE your own fish using old money packets or coloured envelopes. Follow the instructions below to make your fish come alive! Mention us @ACM_SG with a photo of your completed design for a chance to get featured.

Step One: Select a money packet with beautiful patterns.

Step Two: Ask an adult to help you cut it into a square.

Step Three: Turn the square over and draw lines as shown.

Step Four: Cut along the lines.

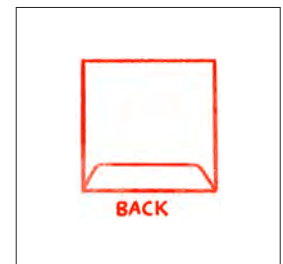
Step Five: Criss-cross the shapes to make a tail and attach them using glue, tape or a stapler.

Step Six: Draw an eye, and you're all set.

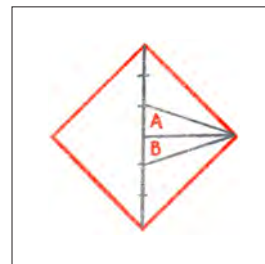
Where would your fish live and what would it eat? **MAKE** a habitat for your fish using other recycled materials. Give it friends too!



Step One



Step Two



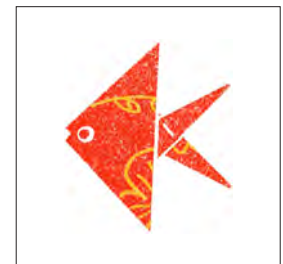
Step Three



Step Four



Step Five



Step Six