



The other day, while I was thinking to get something to put in the water bottle for Bhoom to shake for fun. I saw a plastic grocery bag next to me and then this idea popped up. I think.. well, give it a try.

With some trials and errors, my little jellyfish comes alive just like I thought it would be. :) When daddy and son first saw it, they're surprised with their jaws wide open. Then, I asked my hubby to take pictures for this DIY Jellyfish in a bottle.

Things you need to make your own jellyfish (Hope you can find all these in your kitchen) :

1. A transparent plastic grocery bag
2. A plastic water bottles.
3. Thread
4. Food coloring
5. Scissors

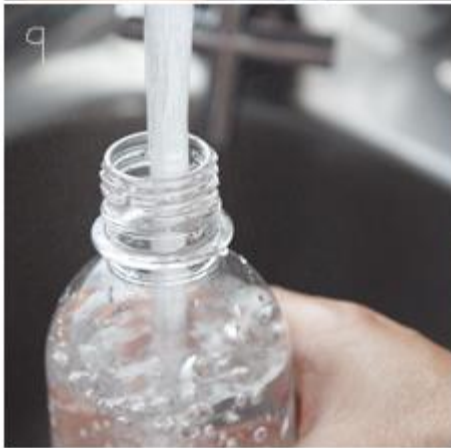


When finished, you'll get something like this (the left pile is all the pieces we cut off)



Instruction:

- Flatten the bag and cut off the handle and the bottom part (see picture 1)
- Cut along both sides (see picture 2) to split into 2 plastic sheets – by the way, we only use just one of them.
- From the center of the plastic sheet, fold it like a tiny balloon to make the head part and tie it with the thread – not too tight (see picture 3). You must leave a little hole in order to pour some water in the head part (see picture 7-8).
- Now you'll get the head balloon part and the remaining will be its tentacles. Cut from the edge up to the head part roughly. You'll get for about 8-10 tentacles (see picture 4).
- For each of them, cut again into 3-4 small strings (see picture 5) – and just cut off the remaining part.
- Trim to make random long and short tentacles (see picture 6)



- Put some water into the head part to make it be able to sink (see picture 7). You must leave some air inside to make be able to float up (see picture 8).
 - Fill up your water bottle (see picture 9).
 - Put your jellyfish in the bottle with a few drops of blue food coloring. Screw in the cap and that's all. :)
- ** Don't forget to make sure the cap is properly closed and tight before give it to children



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How to play: Just let the kids turn it upside down – they'll be surprised to see it moves every time they turn the bottle. And they'll try to confuse this little jellyfish by turning the bottle back and forth very fast – well, my boy did . :)

For young kids like Bhoom, this will help him exercise his hand and arm muscles when he flips, rotates or turns the bottle. They can also learn about the relationship between the direction of bottle and the movement of the jellyfish. For older kids, you can ask them questions about why the jellyfish always floats up to the water surface and what is the differences between the real jellyfish and the one in the bottle.



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You can make a few extra bottles for your child's friends. Trust me! They'll have much more laugh and fun playing together. :)