

Funky FestivALL Fish Find

Supply List & Instructions

List of Supplies:

- ✓ Two (2) Plastic Bottles of same or similar sizes that have been cleaned and dried. All labels should be removed. **Identify the bottles as B1 and B2. Helpful Hint:** Thin plastic bottles such as water or soda bottles work best.
- ✓ Scissors, Kitchen Knife, Box Cutter or Exacto Knife
- ✓ Glue Gun or E6000 Epoxy
- ✓ Paper Strip measuring ~1in wide by 4in Long
- ✓ Marker or Pen of any Color
- ✓ Hair Dryer or Hot Air Gun
- ✓ (Optional) Decorations such as googly eyeballs, bottle caps, or bits of plastic. Gloves/Oven Mitten or Pliers.

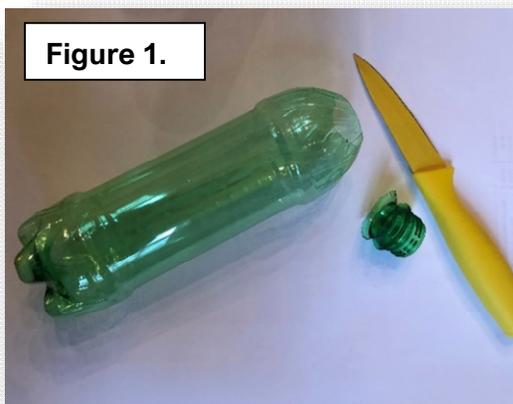


Follow the step-by-step instructions with adult supervision to create your own unique Funky FestivALL Fish:

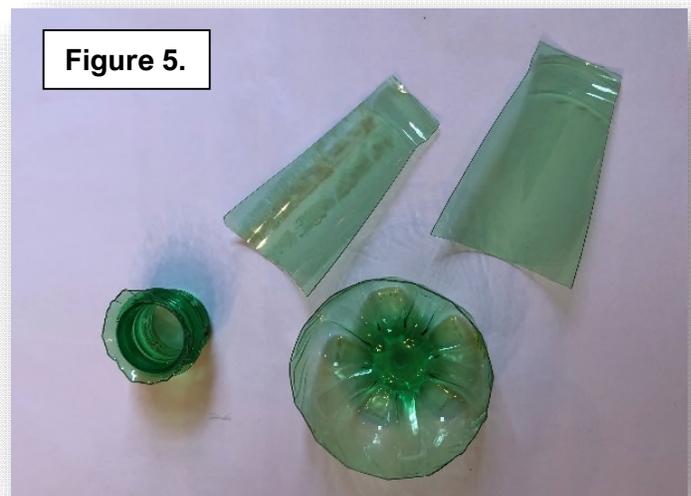
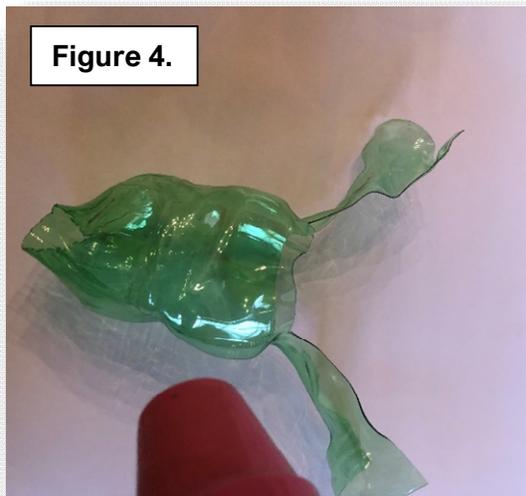
1. Gather all the supplies and lay them out on a flat working space, such as a table.
2. Select one of your bottles, if the sizes are a little different, select the larger bottle to start with. This bottle will be known as B1, the other bottle is B2.

Follow the steps below to create the top half of your fish body, including the head and side fins from B1:

1. Select B1 and using a box cutter or kitchen knife, cut the bottle top off (just below the cap and ring). This will become the head of your fish. **See Figure 1. Help Hint:** Save the cap and ring to use as a decoration on your fish.
2. Using a box cutter or kitchen knife, cut the bottom of B1 off as close to the bottom as possible. **See Figure 2. Helpful Hint:** The bottom piece can be discarded or recycled.

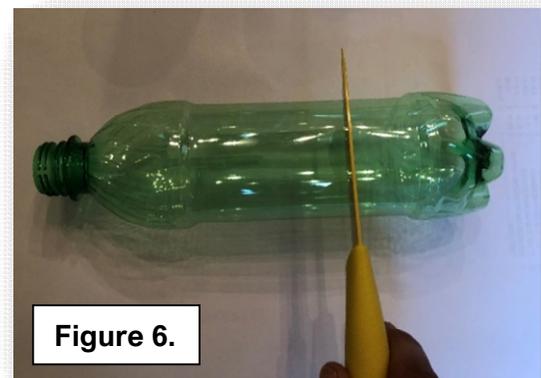


3. Cut out two triangle shapes on opposite sides of B1. This will form the left and right side fins of the top half of your fish body. **See Figure 3.**
4. Using your hot air gun or hairdryer, melt and form the top half of your fish. **See Figure 4. Helpful Hint:** If you pull the side fins away from the bottle while applying heat, they will shape nicely. You may want to use gloves or pliers to protect your hands from the heat.
5. Once you are satisfied with the shape of the top half of the fish body, set the piece aside. The remaining pieces can be discarded. **See Figure 5.**

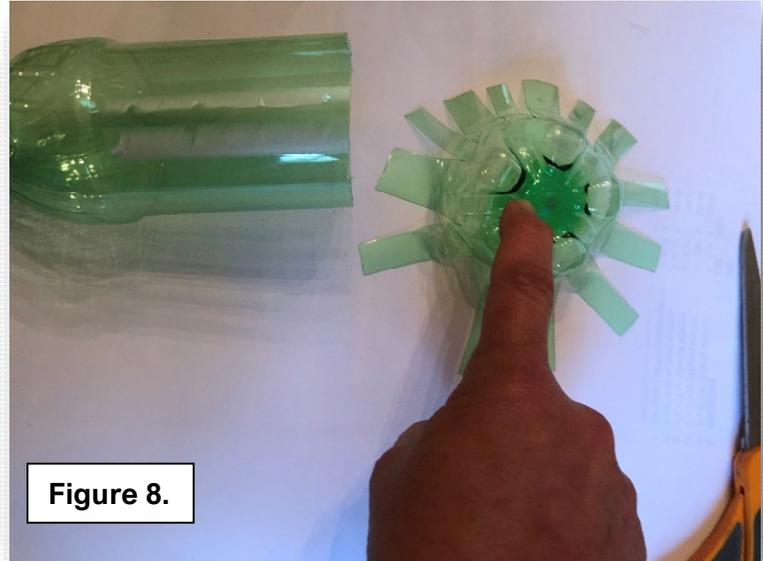


Follow the steps below to create the bottom half of your fish body, including the tail fin from B2:

1. Select B2 and remove the cap and ring from the top. **Helpful Hint:** Save the cap and ring to use as a decoration on your fish.
2. Using scissors or a kitchen knife, cut B2 into two pieces, resulting in a top half (fish body) and a bottom half (tail fin). **See Figure 6.**
3. Set the top half to the side for now.



- Pick up the bottom half of B2 and with your scissors pointed toward the bottom of the bottle, cut approximately 2/3 down the bottle side to form strips. This will form the tail fin of your fish. **See Figures 7 and 8. Helpful Hint:** Leave the very bottom of the bottle intact.

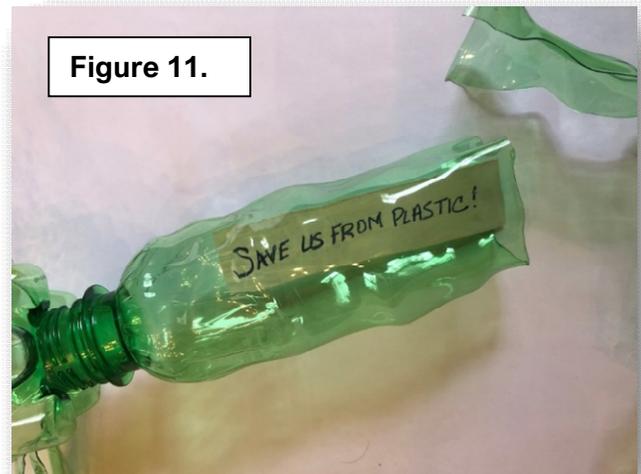


- Using your hot air gun or hairdryer melt and form both pieces, the tail fin and the top half. **See Figure 9. Helpful Hint:** Manipulate the tail fin as you melt it to form curls and twists. Use pliers or a glove to hold the bottle if necessary.
- Align the top of B2 where the lid would screw on to the center of the tail fin. Use a hot glue gun or E6000 epoxy to affix the tail fin to the top of the fish body. **See Figure 10.**



Write your Message:

1. Select a marker or pen. Speak for a fish and write a message on the strip of paper.
Helpful Hint: Look up a water or plastic fact or write something positive that you think our community needs to hear.
2. Insert the strip of paper with your message into the bottom body of the fish, just above the fish tail. **See Figure 11.**
3. Now it is time to assemble your fish!

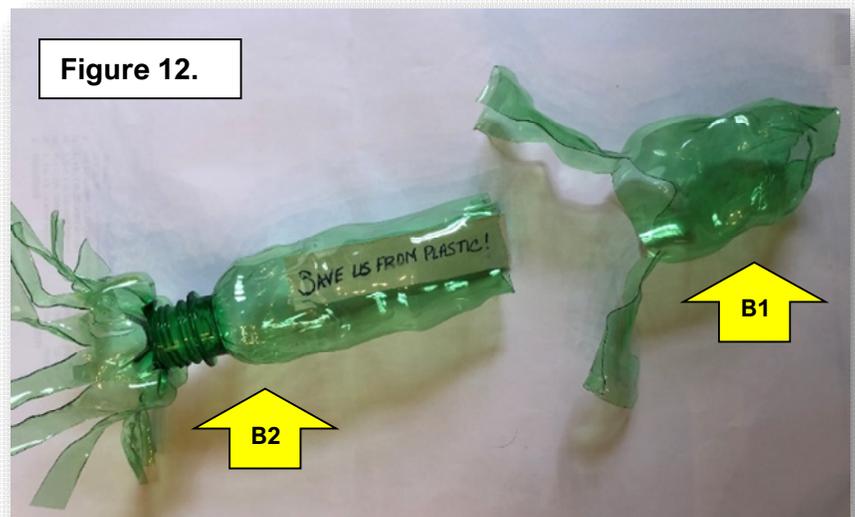


Assembling your Funky FestivALL Fish:

1. Gather B2 (the bottom body of your fish with the tail fin) and B1 (the top body of the fish with the side fins). Align them on the table so that B2 can fit into B1.

See Figure 12.

2. Press B2 (the body) into B1 (the head of fish), ensuring a good fit.
3. Once you determine the best fit, pull the B2 out of B1 and apply hot glue or epoxy to B2 (the bottom body of the fish).
4. Insert the B2 (the bottom body) into B1 (the top of the fish), allowing time for the glue to dry. **See Figure 13. Helpful Hint:** If using E6000 epoxy, consider utilizing a piece of scotch tape to keep the pieces in place until the glue sets. This is not necessary if using hot glue, since it sets up immediately.
5. Once your fish has dried, you can begin decorating your Funky FestivALL Fish!



Decorating your Funky FestivALL Fish:

1. Use the bottle caps that you set aside from B1 and B2 and create eyes for your fish. Determine where they will sit best, then apply glue or epoxy. Allow time for the glue or epoxy to dry. **See Figure 14. Helpful Hint:** If you have googly eyes, you can place those on top of the bottle caps or use the bottle caps to create a top fin. Use plastic pieces and markers to give your fish personality and unique eyes.
2. Use the bottle rings and markers to decorate side fins or the top or bottom of your fish. **See Figure 15.**
3. What other plastic bits do you have in your home that could be used to decorate your fish? **See Figure 16.** Make it your own Funky FestivALL Fish!
4. After you have decorated your fish, take a picture of it and post to social media using the hashtag **#FestivaALLFishFind**.
5. Place your fish in a front window or in a secure location on your porch or driveway for neighbors to notice.
6. Thanks for participating in our Funky FestivALL Fish Find! See if you can locate other fish when walking or driving through your community.



Figure 14.



Figure 15.

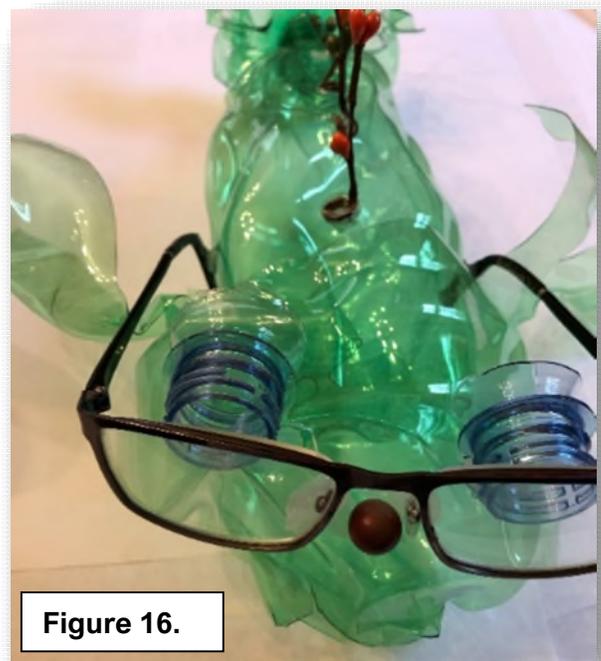


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