HORSESHOE CRAB PUPPET

Follow the directions on the puppet pattern pages and create your own horseshoe crab puppet. We suggest that the shell and legs be made out of brown construction paper, the book gills be made out of orange construction paper and the mouth be made out of red construction paper. Don’t forget to draw the simple and compound eyes in with black marker and you have completed creating a “living fossil” that is found in great Bay! (adapted Great Bay NERR design)
Directions
Cut out pattern pieces. Numbers on pieces correspond to how many you need of each traced onto colored construction paper.

Glue 5 book gills, 2 sets of legs and a mouth on bottom of crab as shown below.
Cut holes for fingers. Draw simple and compound eyes on top shell as shown.
Glue rounded edges of top and bottom shells together. Leave back of shells open to insert your hand to hold puppet.
Fasten telson (tail) to rear of top shell with paper fastener.

Bottom of crab (brown)

Holes for fingers

Mouth (red)

Legs (brown)

5 book gills (orange)
Draw simple eyes

Draw compound eye

Draw compound eye

TOP OF CRAB
(BROWN)

Hole to connect tail
PATTERN FOR:
Bottom Shell Book Gills Legs

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