

Make a Washcloth and Soap fish

We went on another short term mission trip this summer (2008) and this was one of the crafts for vacation Bible School. We try to have one craft that will help the children's health in some way. This year we decided on the fish. Below you will find the directions for making soap and washcloth fish.



For this project you will need a washcloth, a rubber band, a piece of ribbon or yarn, a small or travel size bar of soap, and some self-stick foam. We used travel size Irish Spring for the Mission Trip. Today I used a small bar of Dove.



Put the soap inside the washcloth. Gather all of the corners together. Put a rubber band around the gathered washcloth. This makes the fish tail.



From self-stick foam cut fins (or use already cut hearts). Cut eyes. Punch black eyeballs out of foam with a 1/4 in. paper punch. If you are cutting eyes and mouth ahead, like we did for the mission trip, I would suggest taking the back off the self-stick foam and attaching them to a piece of wax paper (notice the first picture). That way they don't get lost or misplaced before you are ready to use them. Glue or stick the eyeballs on the eyes. I have stayed away from plastic goo-goo eyes for safety reasons. Cut out and stick on a mouth.



Put eyes on fish. Add fins also. Now tie a pretty ribbon or a piece of yarn over the rubber band. You now have a pretty fish to use for decoration, a gift, or you can wash with it.