

## April Mayor's Book Club for Kids

### Making a Friend for Pout-Pout Fish

Supplies needed:

- Red construction paper (if you don't have red, use another color. If you don't have construction paper, make your own by coloring a piece of regular paper)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Small paper plate (if you don't have one, you can cut out a circle from paper board, like a cereal box or tissue box, about 6 or 7 inches in diameter)
- Glue (glue stick or white glue)
- Markers or colored pencils
- Sequins, glitter, foam shapes, anything you want to add to our friend's shell
- Google eyes and red pipe cleaner (optional, pipe cleaner color to match paper color or not)
- Scotch tape (if using pipe cleaner)

Step 1:

Trace your open hand onto the red construction paper. Be sure to spread your fingers out!



Step 2:

Cut out your paper hand.

**Step 3:**

Glue your hand shape to the edge of the front side of the plate with the fingers sticking out as far as you can. These will be the crab's feet! Let that dry before moving on to the next step, or just work carefully.



**Step 4:**

Turn your plate over, so you can start decorating the back of the plate (opposite side that you glued the hand)

**Step 5:**

**DECORATE!** You can use a marker, crayon, or colored pencils to make a spiral pattern, or just draw your favorite shapes. Glue on sequins or other fun shapes. Use your imagination. What other fun things could you use to decorate his shell?



Step 6:

Option 1: Draw eyes on the top finger of the hand, close to the plate. The thumb works best, since it's the shortest, then the long fingers can be legs!



Or

Option 2: Fold a short piece of pipe cleaner in half (3-4 inches) and glue a google eye to each end. Wait for this to dry (can also use tape for this part). Tape (or glue) the pipe cleaner to the back of the plate, so it sticks out close to the hand to make his eyes.

