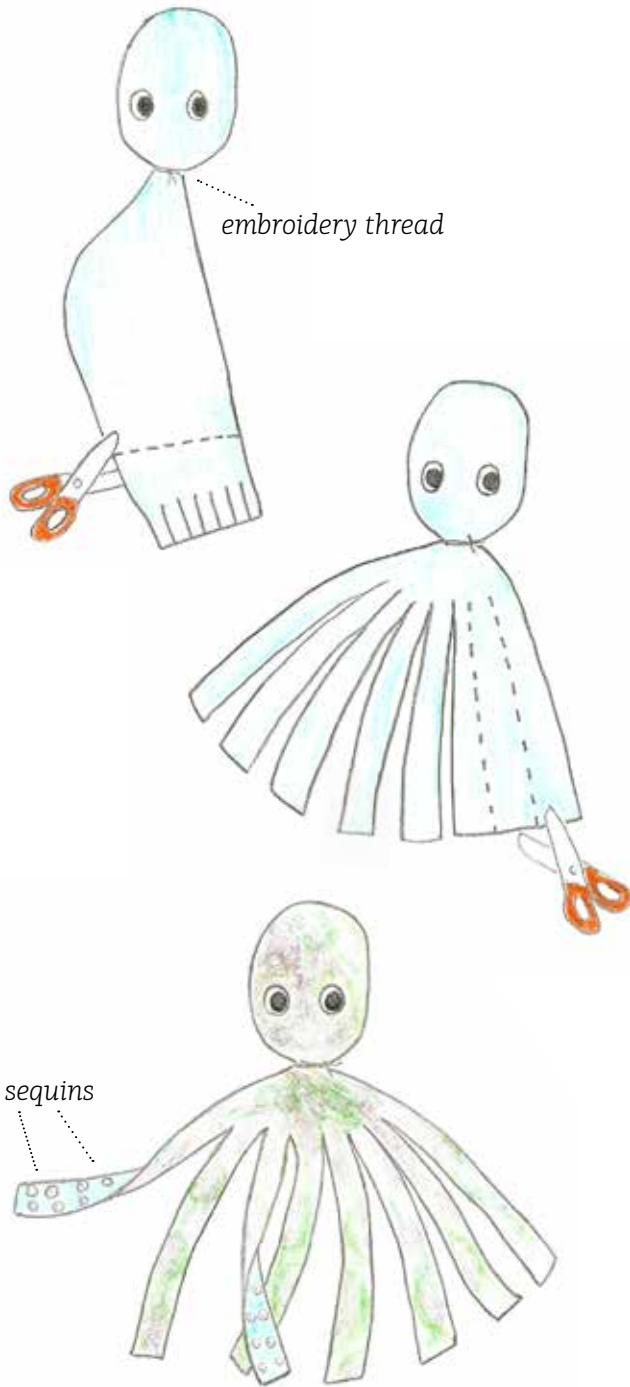


# Make a Socktopus



## Materials

sock, embroidery thread, fabric glue, fiberfill, permanent markers, scissors, sequins, wiggle eyes

## Instructions

1. To create your socktopus's head, stuff fiberfill into the toe of the sock. Form it into a sturdy "egg" three to four inches long.
2. Pinch the sock closed right below the stuffing and tightly wind embroidery thread around it about 10 times. Double knot the thread. Trim the ends of the thread.
3. Glue two wiggle eyes to the head. Octopuses can see really well, even in the dark.
4. An octopus has four pairs of arms right below its head. Decide how long you want your socktopus's arms to be and trim off the part of the sock you don't need. Cut your sock lengthwise to make eight arms.
5. Glue sequins along the inside of the arms. The sequins represent suction cups. An octopus uses its suction cups to hold onto things, including its prey. The suction cups are so sensitive that the octopus also uses them to taste what it's holding.
6. Decorate your socktopus with permanent markers. Octopuses are experts at camouflage. You can decorate your socktopus so that it blends into a background.
7. Have your socktopus "swim" around the room and squeeze into small places to hide from predators!

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