

This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. This week for "Oceans of Possibilities" fun, we will make our own loveable octopus. Known for having eight legs that can wrap around and give big hugs, the octopus also has a very large, bulbous heads. The octopus has three hearts, two that only move the blood and one that keeps circulation for the other organs. The octopus is a boneless sea creature, and can squeeze into and out of very tight spaces. Octopi are thought to be very intelligent and have nine brains. There is one main brain and 8 mini-brains in each of the eight arms. This will be fun to create another amazing sea creature. Hold it tight or share with a special someone!



1-Take any old pair of socks and turn one of the socks inside out. (Clean, hopefully!) This is especially useful, if the sock has writing on the outside. Take the other sock and roll it up and stuff it inside the first sock. Push it all the way up to the toe area. Tie a string or rubber band just underneath the stuff sock. Shape the bulb like a round head. Now cut the remaining, long sock into eight, evenly spaced, strips. Cut straight up to where the tie is for the head.

2-Add two eyes with fabric or marker. Decorate your octopus as you like with colorful strips or dots. Your socks may already be colorful. You can even add the suckers on each arm that allow the octopus to grasp and pull objects. That would be great for big hugs too!

If you were an octopus,  
you could hug four people at once!



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