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COOKIECUTTER SHARKS


 Size: 50 cm (20 in)

 These little sharks mostly live 200 - 1,000m (650 - 3,280 ft) and migrate upwards to shallower waters to hunt.




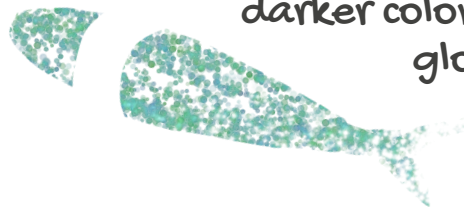
 With the largest mouth to body ratio, Cookiecutter sharks can swim up to larger marine animals and take a bite.


Using their lips to help suck onto prey, they spin in a circular motion removing a circle of flesh.

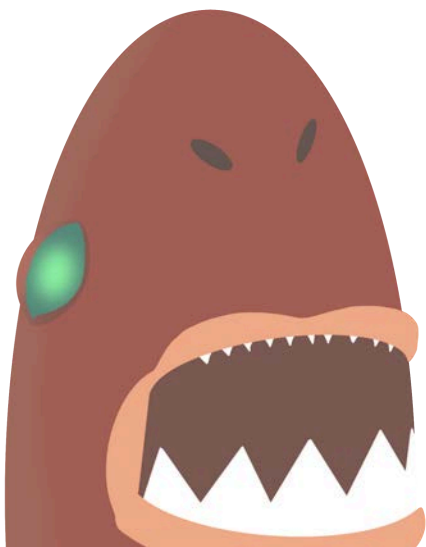
 All Shark species have teeth that renew regularly, but what makes this little shark so unique?

It swallows a whole row! because calcium is scarce in the deep oceans, scientists think that by swallowing the teeth cookiecutters can re absorb and recycle it.

 Special cells on their belly light up (bioluminescence) this coupled with the darker color band causes a break in the glow, mimicking smaller prey. A kind of camouflage.



 They don't eat cookies! but snack on squid and small fish. The tell-tale sign of a cookie cuttershark is the bite marks on larger prey like seals, Tuna, dolphin and other sharks.

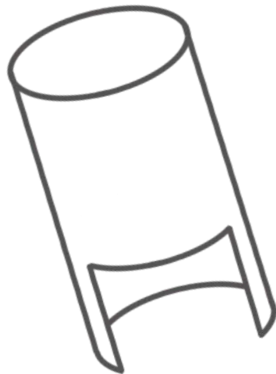


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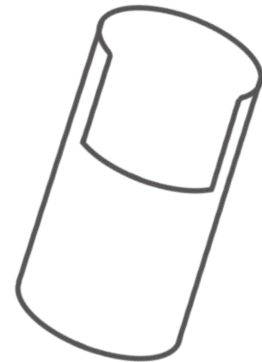
Materials:

- 2 Toilet rolls
- Scissors
- masking tape
- Blue stick
- White paper
- green tissue paper
- Brown paint
- Black pen



Tube 1: (Top) Cut the upper jaw out of the tube, approx 1/3 of the way up it.

Tube 2: cut out the lower jaw approx 1/3 of the way down it.



Tube 1: (Top) Pinch the top, secure with masking tape. Cut off the corners to create eye holes.



Line up the 2 pages with mini cookie cutters at the edge. This is the actual size of a REAL cookie cutter shark!

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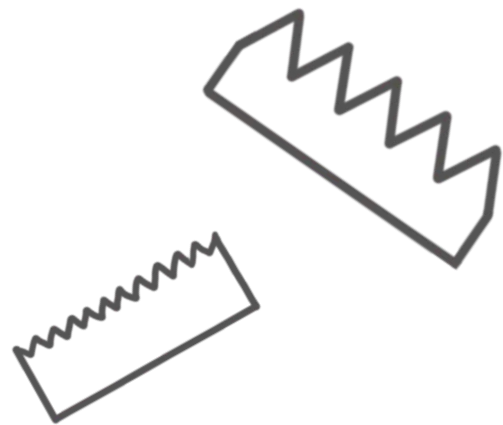
Paint both tubes leaving an area for lips around the mouth edges.

Scrunch up most of the green tissue paper into a ball, leave a long end to anchor / fix eyes and poke up into the eye holes.



They can be fixed in place with some paper tape

Cut out large teeth for lower jaw. Small teeth for upper jaw. Glue into place.



Slot the head over the lower jaw. Use a black pen to add nostrils and five gill slits.

