

# Button Sea Star

Great for ages 5-7

Sea stars remain as tiny plankton for weeks or even months before they become adult sea stars! Did you know that not all sea stars have five arms? Some have six or seven, and the sunflower sea stars here in BC can have up to 24 arms! You can customize this sea star craft by increasing the number of arms!

A fun tactile craft! This is for all those that are missing the fun times at AquaCamps and virtual programs! Sea stars are amazing ocean creatures that campers get to touch at the aquarium. They have tiny little bumps all along their backs, which gives them a cool texture, reminiscent of leather or a rough rock! This craft is great to have kids express their creativity as well as have a tactile experience!



## Materials Needed:

- Paper
- Markers
- Glue
- Scissors

## Steps:

- Cut out some sea star templates. You can find these online or cut out stars
- Separate your buttons and other things that were going to be glued on
- Let your little one use their hands and explore the bin of buttons
- Help them glue on the buttons
- Let the glue dry and you're done!

Tips:

- Did you know sea stars have many little suction cups on their feet to move them along? If you have any suction cups at home, glue them on the bottom of the sea star!
- Did you know the leather star has a funky smell? Some say they smell like garlic. This can be a transition to have your little ones smell some garlic and help with preparing your next meals!

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