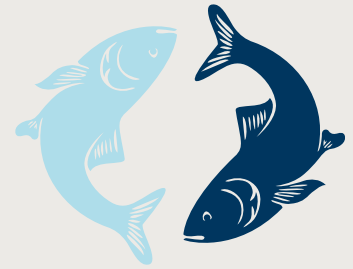


UNLOCKING FISH FUN

Activity Sheet FISH COSTUME

This activity sheet accompanies a matching video tutorial, use them individually or together to best suit you.



UNLOCKING
THE SEVERN



Unlocking the Severn is working hard to improve the underwater world for the fish and other creatures who live in the river. But these fish can be hard to see, and you certainly can't have them in your sitting room unless... unless you made your own fish costume!

Recreate our beloved shad, or any real or imaginary fish that you want. Decorate the costume with your own style and use it for your own games or as part of a film you could make (see our guide to filming video, part of this series, for help with this!).

You will need:

- 1 x large cardboard box
- 1 x pen or pencil
- 1 x craft knife
- Some help from an adult
- A roll of masking tape
- PVA glue
- A pot
- A dash of water
- A small brush
- Decorative paper



STEP 1



Getting started...

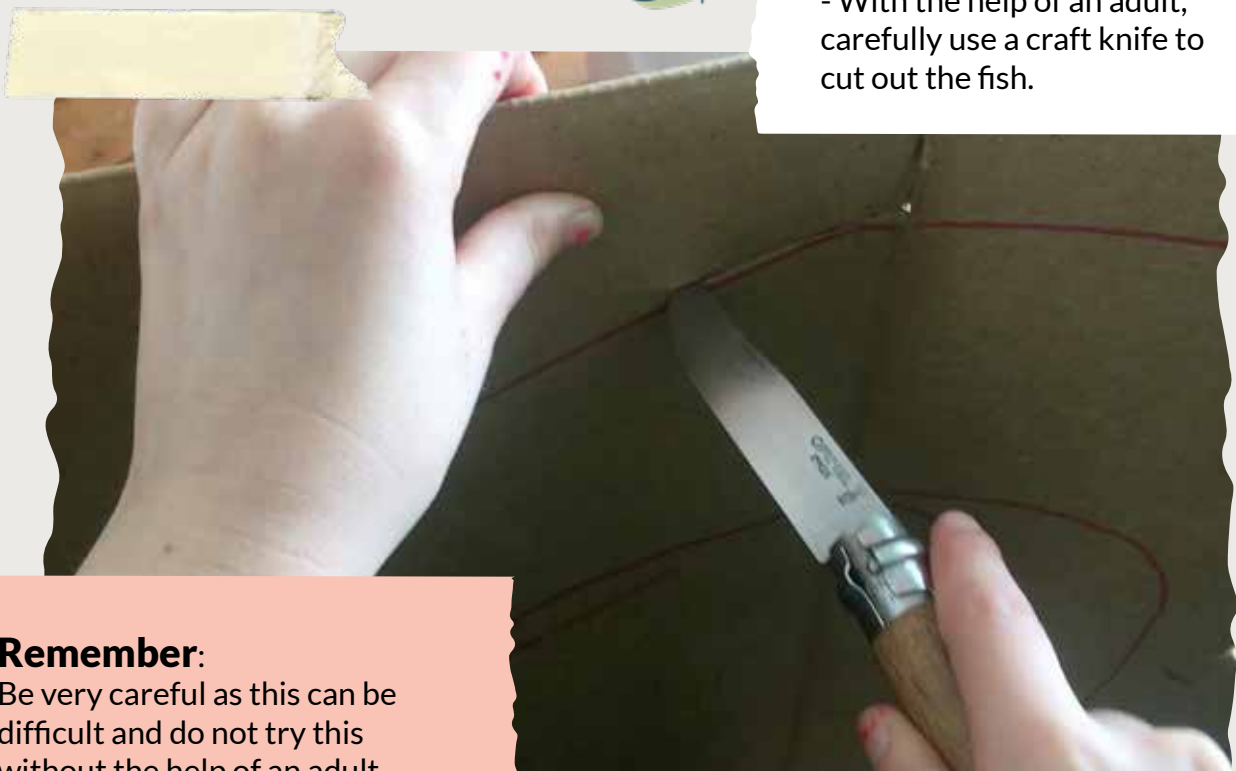
- Open up the cardboard box by cutting or removing the tape.
- Once open, lie the box flat and draw a big fish shape. The bigger the better.
- Check out our fish fact file here for inspiration of fish that live in the River Severn, or make up your own! <https://www.unlockingthesevern.co.uk/our-river/fish-of-the-severn/>
- Remember to draw gills, fins and a good strong tail!



STEP 2

Cutting out the shape!

- With the help of an adult, carefully use a craft knife to cut out the fish.



Remember:

Be very careful as this can be difficult and do not try this without the help of an adult.



STEP 3

A place for your face!

- Draw and cut an oval shape in the head of the fish, test that it is the right size for your face to peer through!
- Next, tear off bits of masking tape to smooth around the edge of the holes. This is so that when you hold the fish up to your face the cardboard isn't too scratchy.



STEP 4

Your fish needs a fin!

- Make a cardboard fin out of the cut-offs from the box.



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the next page...**





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- Make sure the fin as an additional 'flap' to help it join the body. Cut this flap into 3 sections and fold the two outside sections up and the middle section down.



- Attach the fin to the side of the fish securely with masking tape.



- Cover the edge of the fin with masking tape to cover any scratchy edges.

- Once your fish costume is complete you can use it for all manner of fun things. Make up a story or a dance for your fish and film it (tips on filming can be seen in our guide to filming, part of this series).
- Take your costume for a walk around your garden!
- Ask your family to interview you as the fish, where do you live? What do you eat?
- You could even add a strap to make your costume easier to wear!



**Extra ideas to
take it further!**



We hope that you have lots of fun making your fish costume and we would love to see it.

Please share your creations with us on social media and tag us

@SevernUnlocked and use the hash tag **#UnlockingFishFun**.

Or you can contact us via our website:

www.unlockingthesevern.co.uk