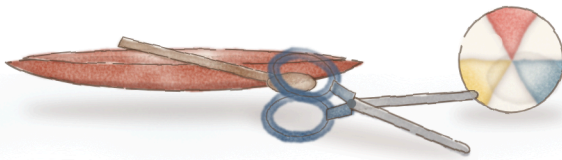
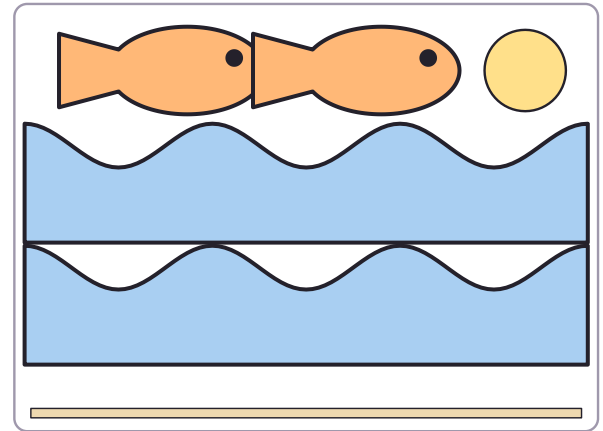


Scissor-to-Craft

Wavy Ocean Cutting Adventures

Gentle swells, a big blue whale, jellyfish with wavy tentacles and a sailboat on choppy waves: curves that get a little tighter in every craft.



Gentle Swells, finished (drawing)

THE LEVELS IN THIS PACK (OUT OF FIVE)

S0

Get ready

S1

Snip

S2

Cut straight

S3

Turn and curve

S4

Build

IN THIS FREE CRAFT

- A wide-curves warm-up
- Two wave strips and two fish
- A seascape base to glue them on
- Easier and harder ways
- Safety and grip notes
- A low-ink cut sheet

Digital download · Print at 100% on US Letter · Always with a grown-up and child-safe scissors · Practice and play, not a therapy program

Before you begin

About 20 minutes. You need child-safe scissors, a glue stick and crayons.

On a curve, the helper hand does most of the work: it turns the paper a little at a time so the line stays in front of the scissors. These swells are long and gentle.

SAFETY FIRST

- A grown-up stays with the child for every cutting activity.
- Use child-safe scissors with rounded tips that fit the child's hand, and left-handed scissors for a left-handed child.
- Cut sitting at a table. Walk with scissors closed, holding the blades.
- Glue sticks only. Keep small paper scraps away from children who still put things in their mouths.

GRIP AND HELPER HAND

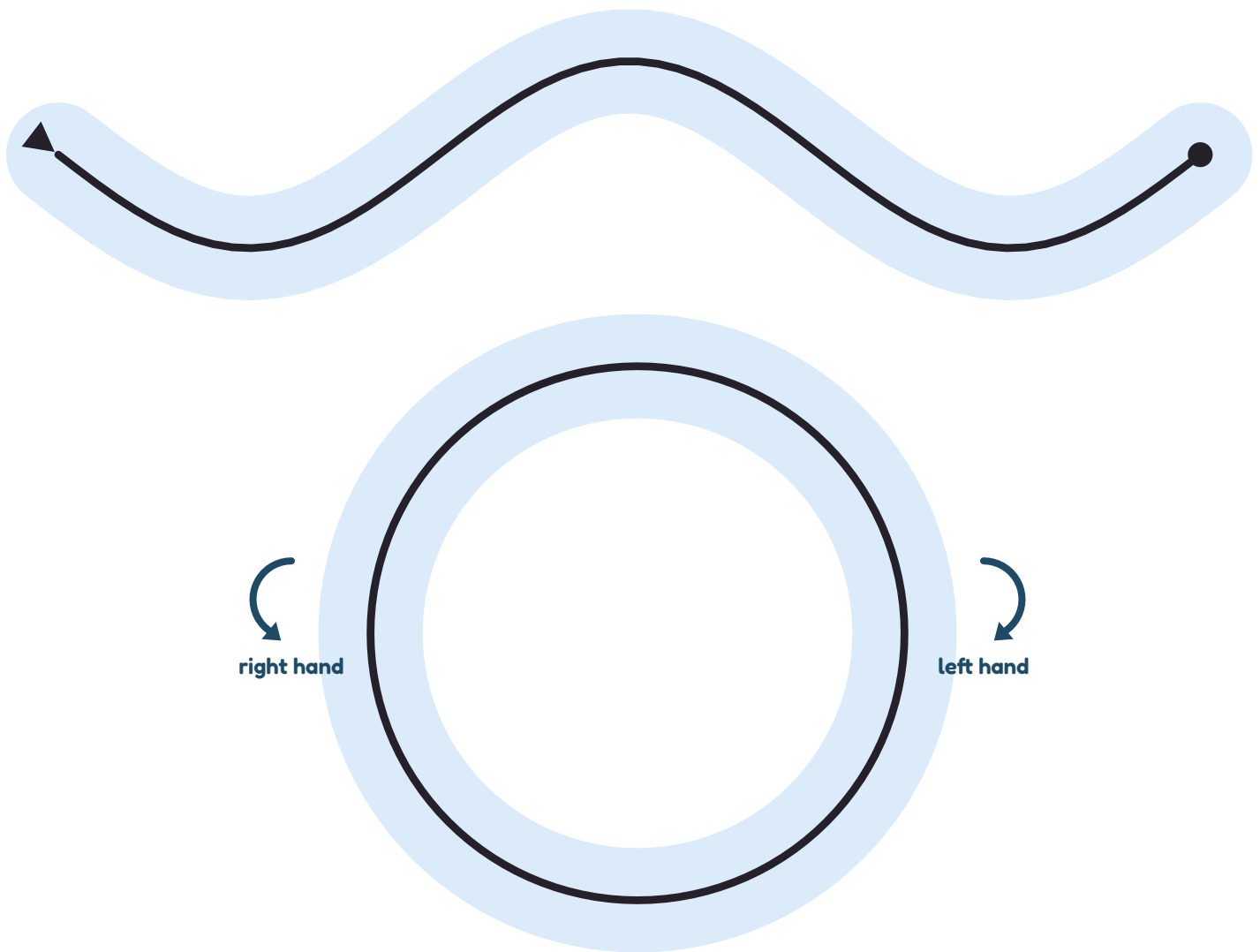
- Thumb in the top loop, pointing up ("thumbs up"). Fingers in the bottom loop.
- The helper hand holds the paper near the edge, thumb on top, fingers below and away from the blades.
- Use left-handed scissors: the blades are reversed so the child can see the line.

PRINT CHECK

Print at 100% ("Actual size"). The pieces are drawn at real size, so they match the glue base only at 100%.

Warm-up: Wide curves

For Gentle Swells. Turn the paper slowly with your helper hand so the curve stays in front of the scissors.



GROWN-UP: WATCH FOR

- Thumb on top ("thumbs up"), scissors pointing away.
- The helper hand holds the paper, fingers away from the blades, and turns it at corners.
- Left-handed? Use left-handed scissors. Any direction that keeps the line in view is fine.



Cut it out: Gentle Swells

— cut on the line



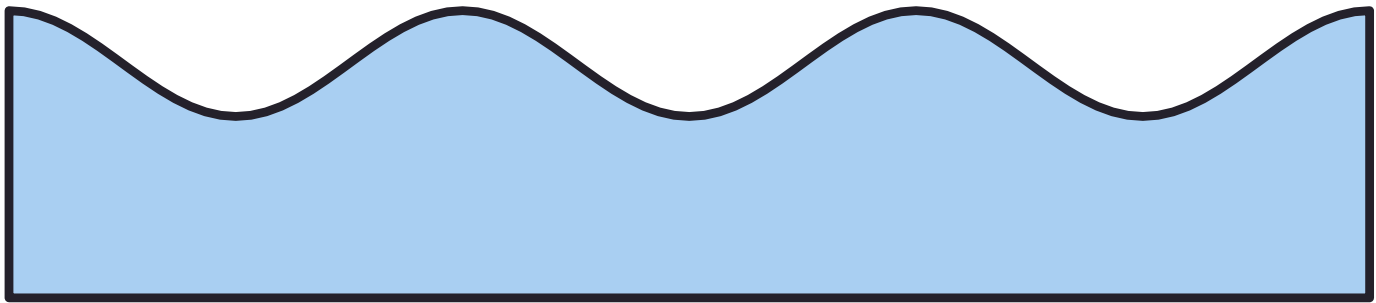
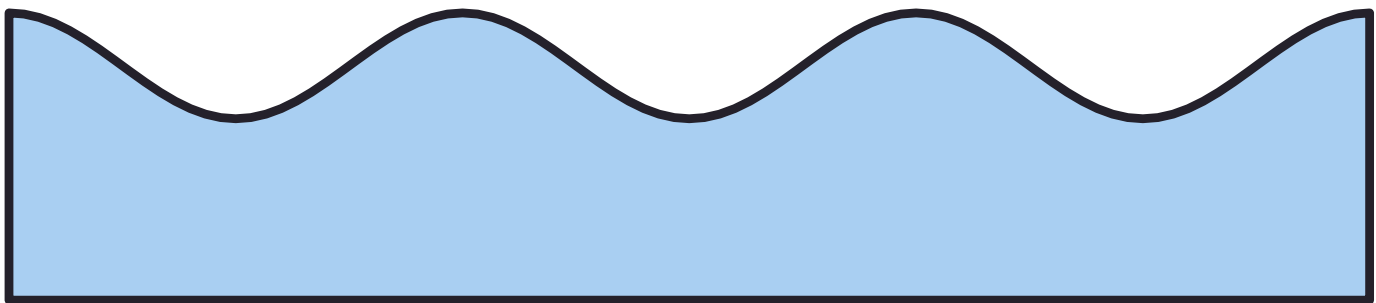
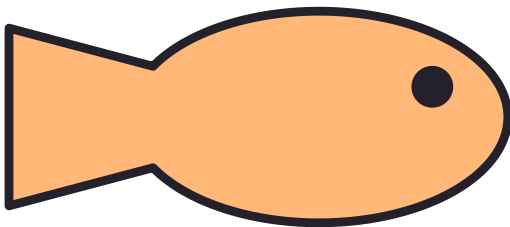
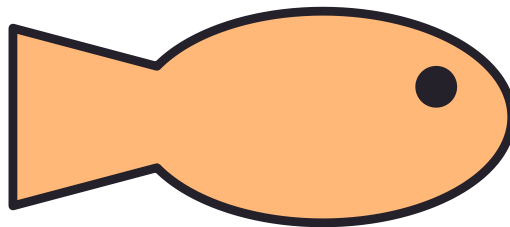
snip, stop at the
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— fold



glue

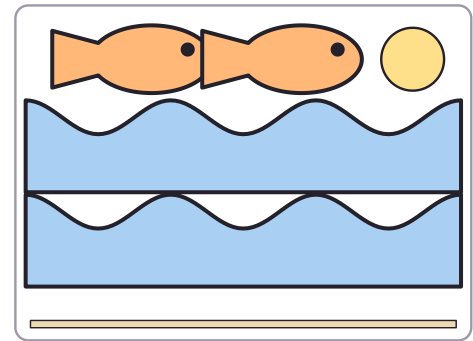
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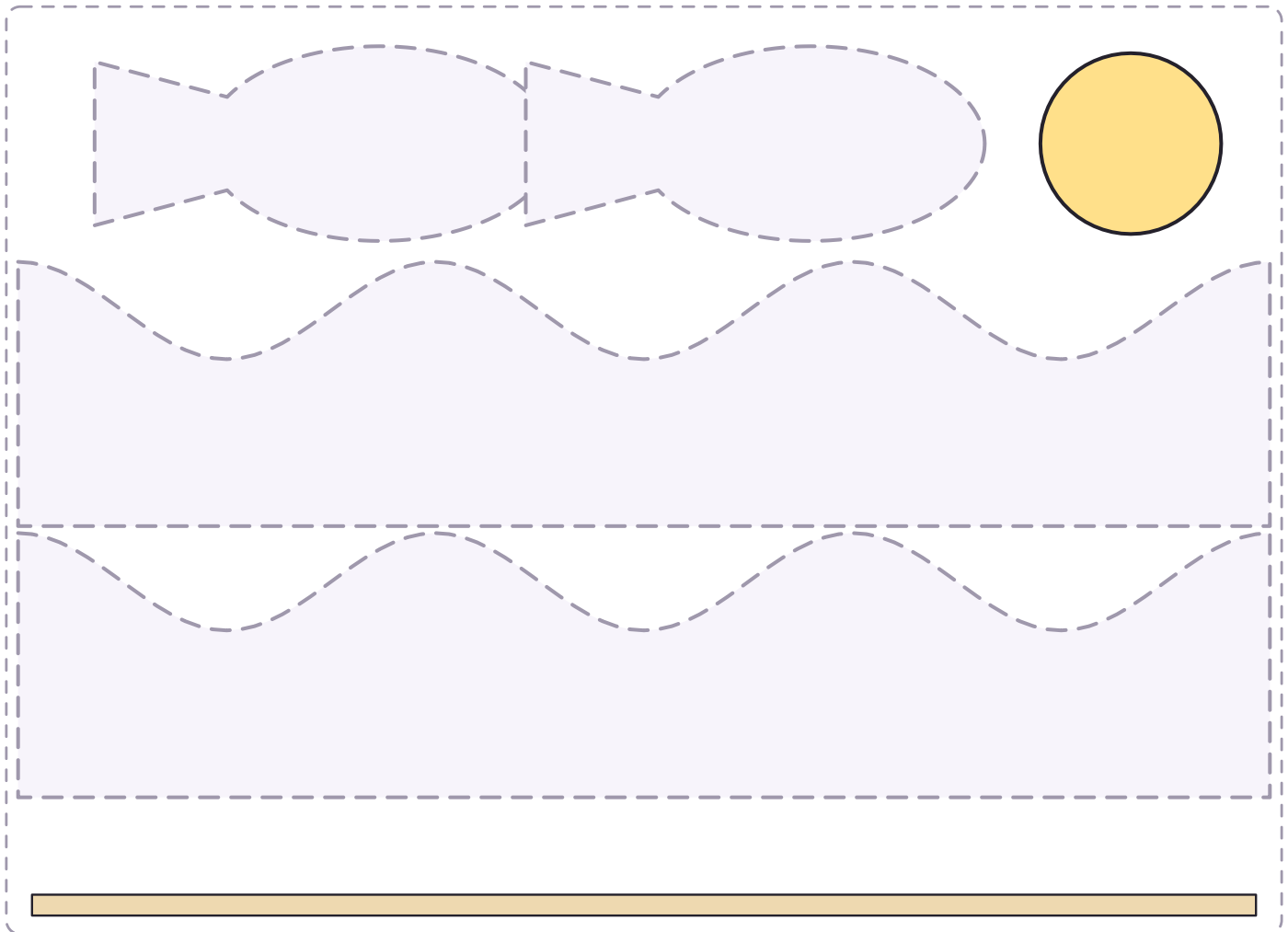
Make it: Gentle Swells

- 1 Cut out a swell: along the wavy top, turning the paper slowly; then the straight sides.
- 2 Cut out the second swell and the two fish.
- 3 Glue the swells on the sea, one above the other.
- 4 Glue the fish jumping over the swells.

FINISHED (DRAWING)



GLUE THE PIECES HERE

**EASIER**

The grown-up cuts the straight sides; the child cuts only the wavy tops.

HARDER

Cut a third swell from scrap paper: draw a wavy line first, then cut it.

GROWN-UP CHECK

Does the helper hand turn the paper, so the scissors keep pointing forward along the curve?

Cut it out: Gentle Swells

— cut on the line



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