Egg Carton Mermaids!

YOU'LL NEED: EGG CARTON, PAINT OR MARKERS, GLUE OR TAPE, YARN OR STRING, SCISSORS, PAPER OR THIN CARDBOARD

1. DESIGN AND CUT
– For the tail, **CUT** out the round cups from an egg carton or two.
– **DRAW** a body from the waist up onto paper or thin cardboard (like a cereal box). Use the round part of an egg carton piece to measure how big it should be. Measure the open end of an egg carton piece, and draw a flipper shape to go at the bottom of the tail.

2. PAINT AND DECORATE
– Color your mermaid however you like. The egg cups will be stacked upside down to make a tail, so you'll want to paint the **OUTSIDE.** Feel free to use your favorite colors, or add glitter and sparkle!

3. ASSEMBLE
– Once everything is dry, start by poking a small hole in the rounded top of each egg carton cup. Get a grownup's help!
– Then, cut a long piece of yarn or string. **THREAD** an egg cup onto the yarn, and tie a big knot in the yarn, so it doesn't fall off the end. Leave about 1 inch of yarn space, and **TIE** another knot. Thread the next egg cup onto the yarn. Keep going until your whole tail is assembled, and end with a knot.
– You can also use **GLUE** to stick the egg carton pieces together– just add a ring of glue to the inside, and **STACK** the egg cartons pieces. Using the ties makes your tail more wiggly, and using the glue keeps your tail pieces in place!
– Once your tail is ready to go, attach the body to the top of the tail. You can either make a slit in the top egg carton and slide your body inside, or use glue or tape to stick it to the top.

We made a merperson- but you could make any animal you'd like! Imagine a mercat or a merdragon!