

Create a Crab

There are about 4,500 different kinds of crabs on earth. Some are so teeny they could fit on your fingernail, while others are as large as a ruler from one side to the next. Many people love to eat crabs. How about you? Crabs are pretty amazing creatures. Their five pairs of legs help them crawl, swim, fight off predators, and catch food. They can be found in both salt and fresh water! Baby crabs hatch from eggs on their mother's back. Most kinds of crabs do not have legs when they are first hatched. They are transparent, legless, and swim around eating plankton. Baby crabs are called *zoea*.

NGSS Standards

1-LS3-1. Make observations to construct an evidence-based account that young plants and animals are like, but not exactly like, their parents.

2-LS4-1. Make observations of plants and animals to compare the diversity of life in different habitats.

Materials:

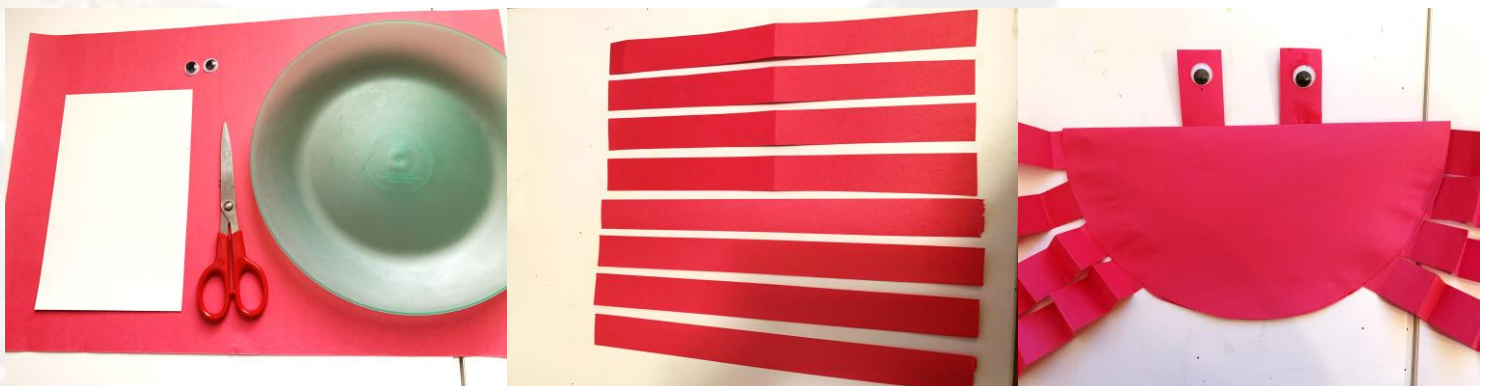
Red Construction Paper

Scissors

White Paper

Googly Eyes (optional)

Newspaper or tablecloth

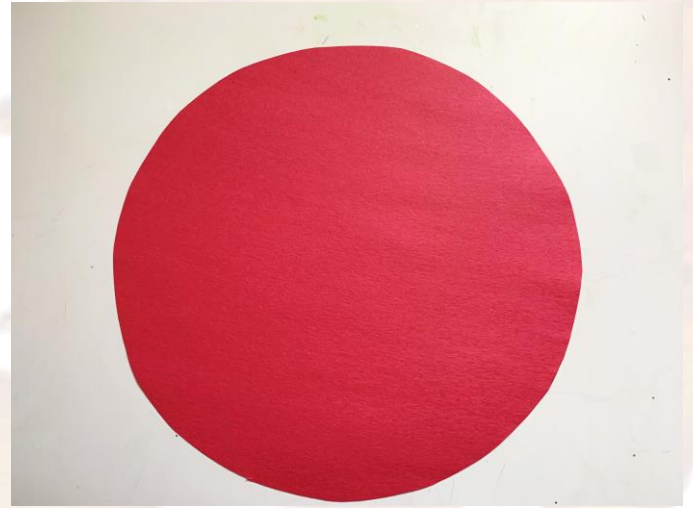


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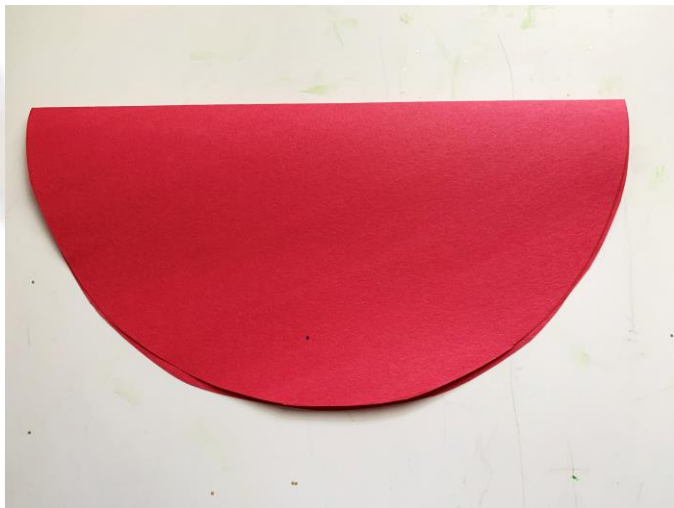
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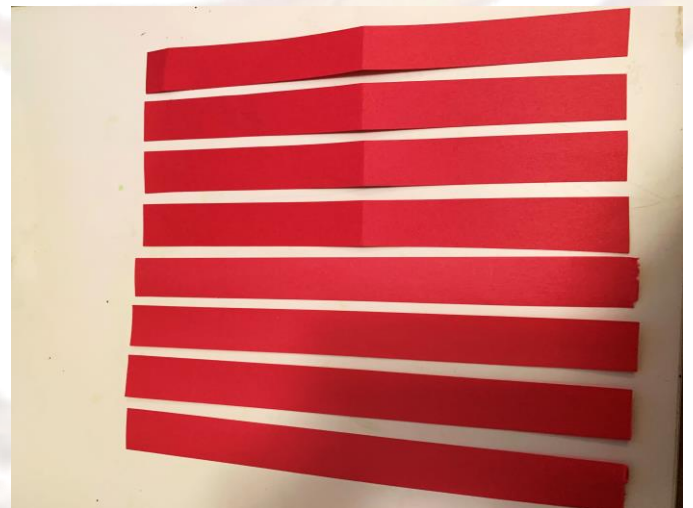
1. Start by gathering your materials and a space to create your crab.



2. Make a circle on the red paper by tracing a plate. Cut out the circle.



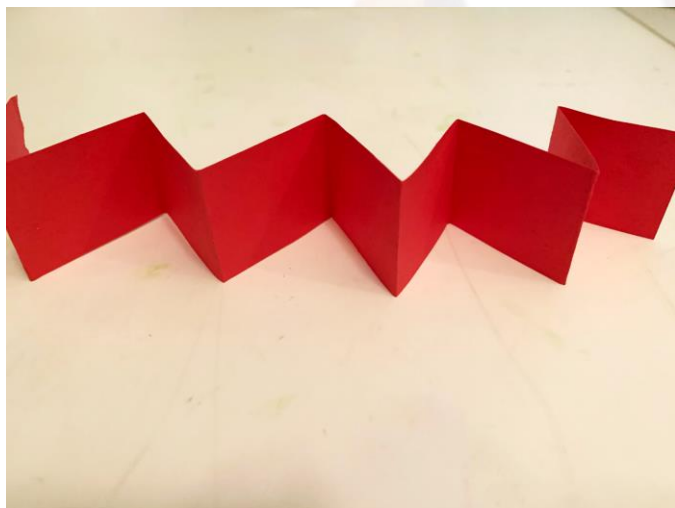
3. Fold the circle in half.



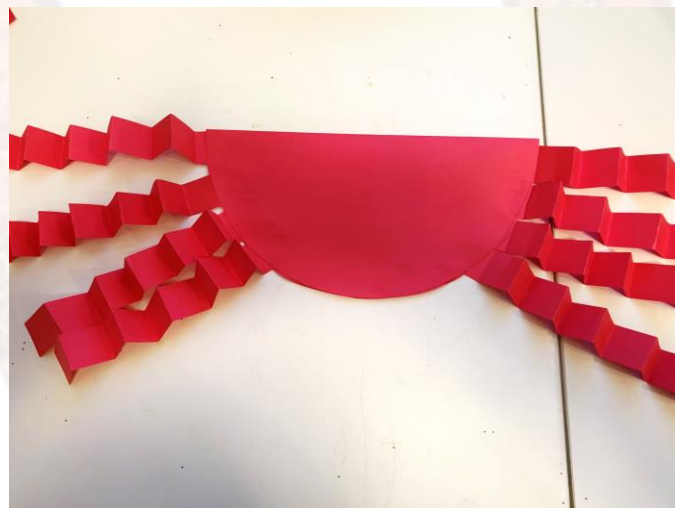
4. Cut eight red strips for the legs.

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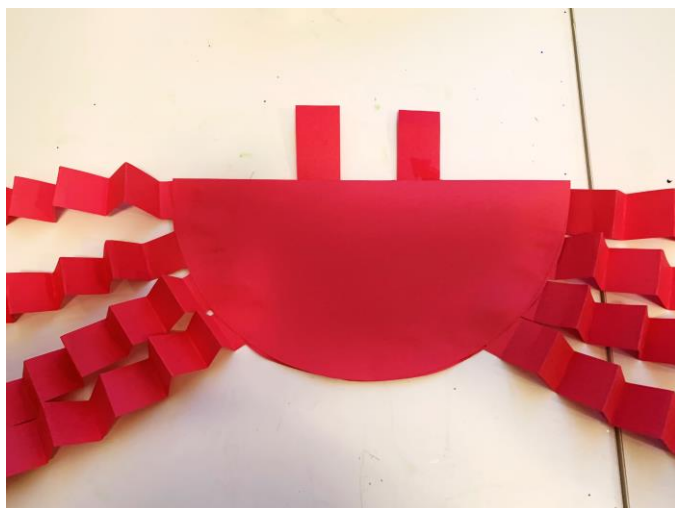
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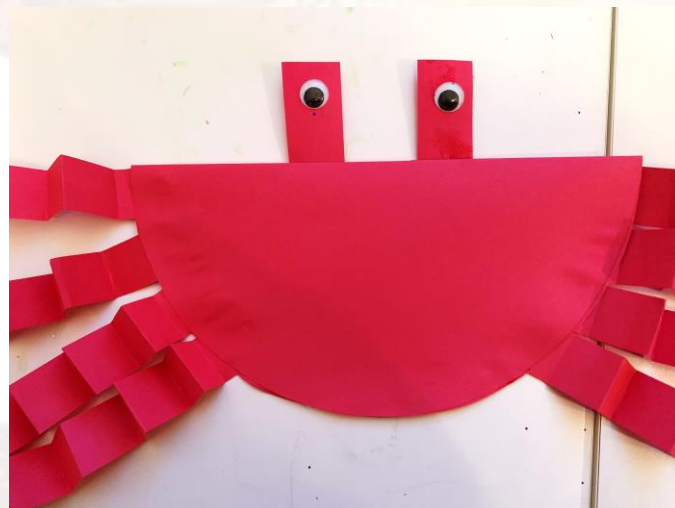
5. Fold them back and forth like an accordion.



6. Attach the legs to the bottom of the plate. Put four on each side.



7. Cut two strips for the antennae. Paste them at the top of the head.



8. Cut out two white circles for the eyes or glue on wiggle eyes. Paste them at the top of the antennae and color the eyes.