## Activity 1 – Toilet Paper Roll Mermaid

### Materials

Toilet paper or cardboard rolls

Skin-colored paper

Tissue paper in blues, greens, or purples (any ocean color)

Scissors

Glue stick

Small/mini seashells

Craft glue

Yarn and/or embroidery floss in different shades of greens, blues, and purples

Felt-tip pen in black and pink

### Instructions

1. Measure the length of the cardboard roll and cut out a longer strip of skin-colored paper, gluing it completely around the roll.
2. Lay tissue paper double. Cut out a strip longer than the cardboard roll as done with skin-colored paper.
3. Start gluing the top of the tissue paper at the middle of the cardboard roll and down, leaving the excess to protrude at the bottom.
4. Twist the overhang once like a candy wrapper and cut a fish tail into it at the bottom.
5. For the hair, take several threads and yarn and wind a thick, about 20 cm long strand. Knot it tightly in the middle and cut the loops at each end.
6. Coat the top edge of the roll all around with craft glue. Place the knot in the center front and then press the hair all around the opening.
7. Add a shell bikini by gluing on mini seashells, then add a shell where the knot of hair is.
8. Use the felt-tip pens to add eyes and a mouth.

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