



Hooked on Scouting – Big Fish Fun Leader Resource Sheet

Introduction

These big fish will make a splash in your Scout meeting! They are very easy to make using the custom designed fabric for the Hooked on Scouting membership drive 2024.

Making the Big Fish

These big fish are not hard to make. The directions below are simplified for experienced crafters. Please watch the video for detailed instructions.

Big Fish

- Materials
 - Printed Fish Fabric available from Spoonflower (1 yards makes 5 fish)
 - See video for fabric suggestions:
 - Minky is soft, a Scout favorite in testing, but slightly harder to sew.
 - Heavy duty cotton is vivid and easy to sew.
 - Cost per yard - \$22
 - Order Link
 - Basic Sewing Supplies (fabric scissors, sewing machine, white thread, pins, needle for hand sewing).
 - Chalk for marking Minky
 - Craft stuffing material
- Note
 - Pins work, but if you have craft magnets, those are handy. The magnets in the video are from Sew Tites company. <https://www.sewtites.com/>
- Directions
 - Cut fish apart, leaving as much fabric as possible around the outside.
 - Right sides together, match fish. Use pin matching or Sew Tites as shown in video.
 - Sew about ½ inch around fish, leaving an opening to turn.
 - Turn fish. Push out fins and seams with blunt stick (chopstick shown in video).
 - Fill fish with stuffing.
 - Pin opening closed & hand stitch to close.

Tote Bag

If you purchased fabric for fish bean bags of catch and release game, you have two labels. It is nice to use one of them to make a carry bag for your big fish.

- Materials
 - Canvas tote bag from craft store (Hobby Lobby or Joannes)
 - Label from small fish yardage.
 - Fusible interfacing (like Pellon Wonder Under) scrap.
- Directions
 - Adhere fusible interfacing to label following the directions.
 - Cut around the label
 - Adhere to the canvas tote with a hot iron (follow interfacing directions)
 - Put your fish in your tote bag!

Big Fish Fun Games

What you can do with your Big Fish depends on how many you have. You may decide to team up with another leader so you each get 1 or 2 fish. The cost of each fish is about \$5, so this is very reasonable to have many of these and a perfect activity for a crafty mom or dad.

Best of all, ask your Scouts what game they want to play with them!

- Simon Says with Fish:** Play Simon Says, but have each scout have a big fish, so it is “Simon says put the fish on your head”, etc.
- Over/Under Relay:** Divide players into two (or more) teams, or at least 4 players. Each team needs a Big Fish. Teams form a line, facing forward. The player at the rear of the line passes the fish over the head of the person in front of them. That player passes the fish under the legs of the person in front of them. Continue over, under, over passing until the fish reaches the start of the line. That player runs to the back and starts passing the fish. The first team to rotate through all the players, so the first player returns to the back of the line with the fish, wins.
- Hot Fish** (hot potato with a big fish): Players stand in a big circle. When the leader starts playing music, players begin tossing the fish as quickly as they can to another player, either across to any player or in a circle. (Leader should decide.) When the music stops, whoever has the hot fish is out.
- Talking Fish:** Instead of a Talking Stick, you can have a Talking Fish. In your closing circle, only the person with the fish can talk.
- Hot & Cold Fish:** Leader hides a fish somewhere in the room. Give the clue “hot” or “cold” to help them find the fish.