

# Counting Octopus

This activity explores

**123** Number Sense & Counting

## Learning Goal

Practice counting 1-8.



## What You'll Need

- Paper plate
- Construction paper
- Markers or crayons
- Cereal loops, sequins, or buttons
- Scissors
- Glue
- Googly eyes

## Steps



Denotes a step that may require adult support.

- 1. Make an octopus!** Cut the paper plate in half to make the head.
- 2. Decorate!** Add googly eyes and use crayons to draw a mouth.
- 3. Cut the tentacles!** Cut 8 long paper strips to make the octopus legs, or tentacles.
- 4. Number the tentacles!** Write a number on each leg, 1-8.
- 5. Glue!** Glue the legs to the head in number order.
- 5. Add the suckers!** Using small round items like cereal loops or buttons, add suckers to the tentacles in the amount of the number on each one. Practice counting together!

## Watch Video



## Talk Together

- Which tentacle has the most suckers on it?
- How many suckers does the octopus have?

## Book Suggestion

**“Dos en el Zoológico/Two at the Zoo”**

written by Danna Smith  
and illustrated by  
Valeria Petrone

## Online Game

**Curious George:  
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