Ka uhu finger puppet

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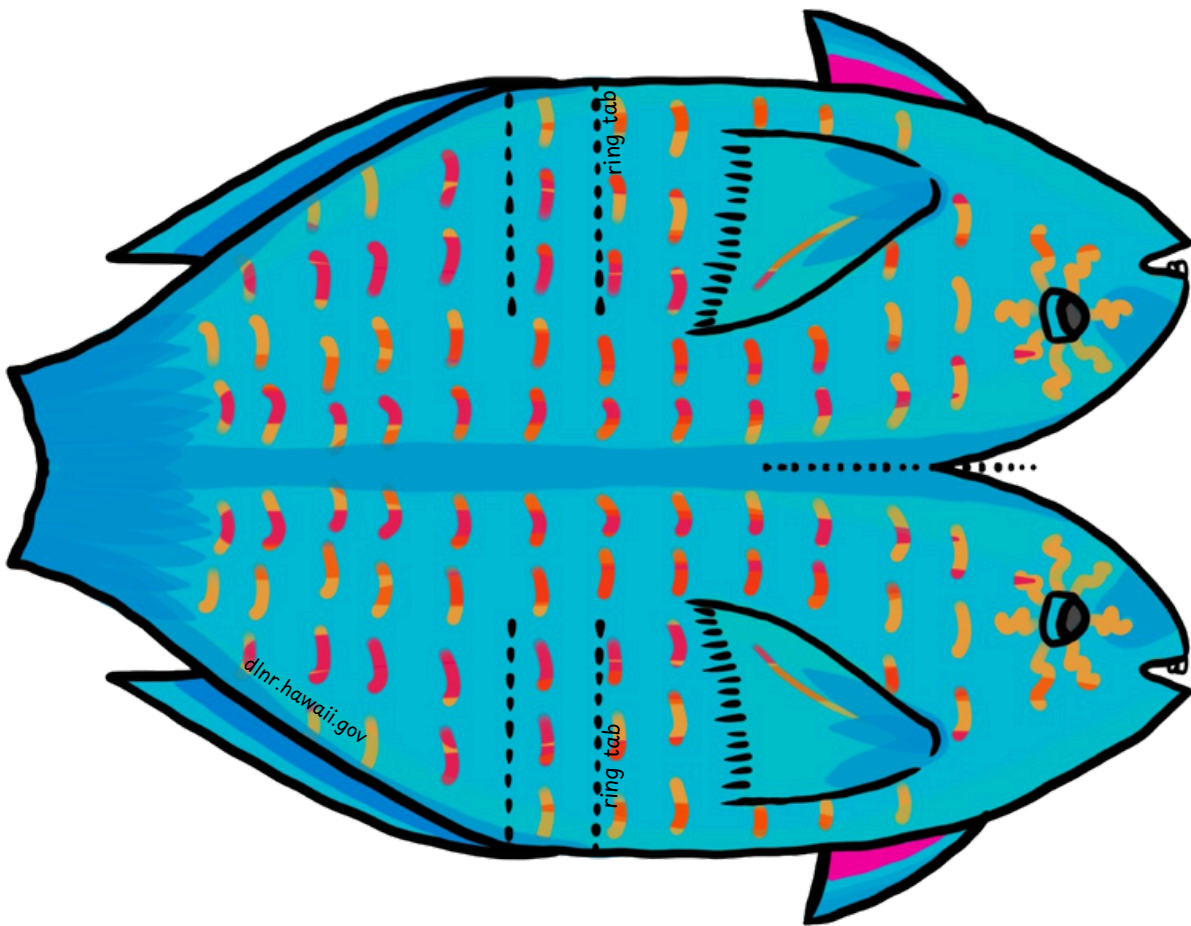
1. Print on heavy card stock. Cut out the body and tail along the solid black outline of the fish.

2. Cut along the black dotted lines behind the head of the fish.

3. Fold along the dotted line between the eyes while matching up both sides of the mouth. Glue the two sides of the face together using a glue stick.

4. Staple or tape the bottom edge of the fish to keep the sides together. Be sure to only fasten the edge, as your finger will need to fit in the opening between the two pieces once the puppet is complete.

5. Bend ring tabs down to form a ring that fits your finger. Tape overlapping tabs together.

6. Have fun swimming around!

All about ka uhu

- Ka uhu get their English name parrotfish from their bright colors and beak-like mouth.
- Ka uhu are vital to the marine ecosystem, eating limu from the reefs and breaking down dead coral to create sand. Their teeth allow them to crunch on corals, which creates a loud sound underwater.
- In Hawaiian legend, ka uhu is the parent of all fish species.
- Because they sleep at night, they can be vulnerable to predators in the dark. Some uhu species sleep in a cocoon of snot, masking their scent and protecting their skin from parasites.
- Ka uhu can be quite large, growing up to 15-20 inches long.

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