

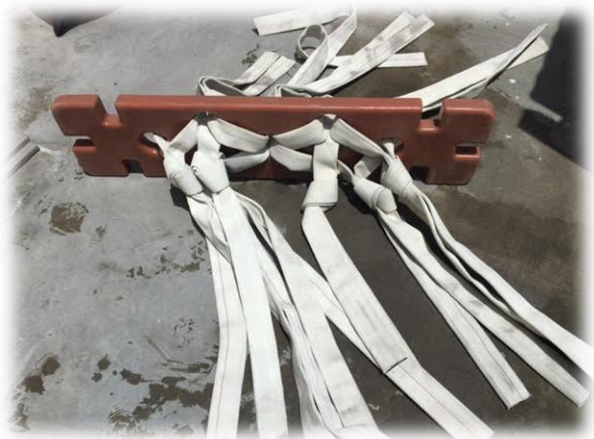


Floating Jellyfish Instructions

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General Information

This fire hose environmental enrichment device is quick and easy to make and requires no hardware. There are many variations; these instructions give you the basics.



Safety Concerns

- Keep the holes between the knots in the firehose tight enough so as not to create an entanglement hazard.
- If using hardware to secure the loose fire hose ends, make sure that the animals who will have access to it will not chew on the hardware and break a tooth or consume the hardware.
- As always, check with the veterinarians, curators, and superiors to ensure that the device is approved and appropriate for your species of animal.
- Check that the fire hose “tentacles” will not be sucked into skimmers or stuffed into the inflows of the system.

Items needed

Fire hose

Plastic floating toy or similar item with holes in it

STEP 1

Choose the plastic floating item you will use as the base. See examples shown below.





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STEP 2

For the “tentacles”, cut one strip of fire hose twice the length you want the tentacles to be, plus 18” to allow for knotting. Cut as many strips as you want, factoring in that each strip will make 2 tentacles.

STEP 3

To avoid fraying of hose, seal the ends of each strip with a heat gun or water resistant/marine glue (such as Aqua Seal/Seal saver) if allowed by your facility. Let the strips cool or dry.

STEP 4

Pass each strip of fire hose through one hole, out another hole, and back toward in the general direction where it started. Pull each strip until there are equal lengths of that strip on each side of the device. Knot each strip onto itself as shown below. Twisting as you are pulling the knots tight will help them be tighter and more secure.

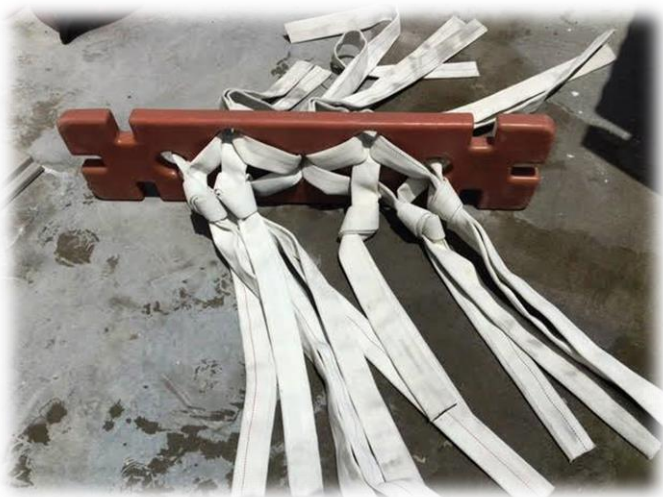




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STEP 5 Use as many pieces of fire hose as you need or have until your enrichment device is complete.



Variation Without A Plastic Item

