

# The Friendly Octopus With Eight Arms

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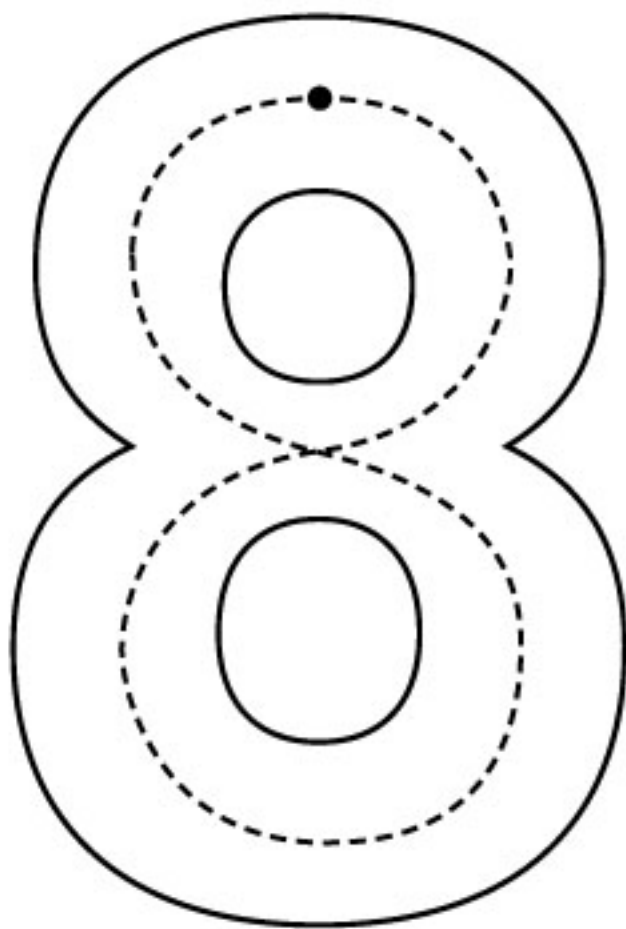
Eight arms for me, eight arms for me,  
I'm a friendly octopus under the sea.  
I've got  
One arm to blow my nose with,  
One arm to wave with,  
One arm to brush my teeth,  
One arm to shave with,  
One arm to comb my hair,  
One arm to shake with,  
One arm to blow a kiss,  
One arm to eat a cake with.  
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Mike Jobb

## Activity :

### Number the Arms of the Octopus.

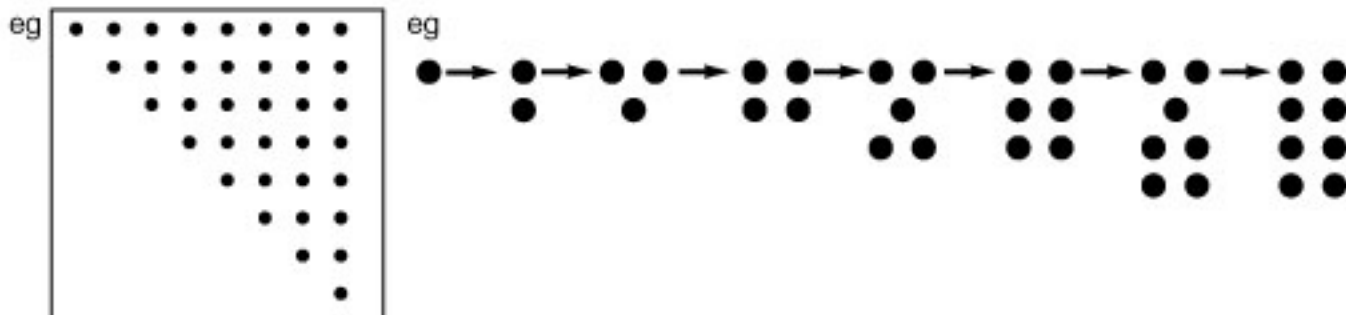
- Provide each child with a photocopy of the activity sheet.
- Look at the mixed up arms of the small octopus at the top of the page. Discuss the order of numbers 1 - 8 and practice counting. Ask which number comes before 5, after 2, between 6 and 8 etc.
- Cut out around the dotted lines of the numbers 1 - 8 and stick onto the octopus in the correct sequence.
- Colour to finish.



## Make : A 'Rainbow 8'

1. Provide each child with an enlarged photocopy of the number '8' and a box of coloured crayons.
2. Discuss the shape of number '8' and practise drawing it in the air.
3. The children count out eight different coloured crayons.
4. Choose one crayon and draw over the dotted lines inside the eight to practice forming the number.
5. Continue until all the crayons have been used and they have a 'rainbow' number 8.
8. To extend the activity the children could cut them out and assemble to make a colourful number '8' collage.

**Play** - with peg boards or counters and make patterns that illustrate the sequence of the numbers one to eight.



My arms are mixed up.

Can you sort them out?

