



Craft
Ages 6–8
30–60 minutes

Seashell Creatures

Description

Participants will create seashell creatures.

The activity worksheet can be used for passive programming.

Number of Participants

For any number of participants

Space Considerations

An indoor space where participants can be seated to do a craft

Competencies

- Artistic expression
- Development of fine motor skills
- Eye-hand coordination
- Study of nature
- Understanding and appreciation of animals

Materials

- Blank sheets of paper and scrap paper
- Paper Seashell Templates
- Seashell Creature Example Sheets (one for each group/table)
- Markers, highlighters, crayons or pencil crayons
- Fine-tipped markers or pens
- Googly eyes (optional)
- Scissors
- Glue

Preparation

- Print one Example Sheet for each table or group

- Print Paper Seashell Templates
- Create a book display that will inspire and help kids with the activity

Implementation

1. Distribute templates, scrap paper and blank sheets of paper to each table or group, including extra copies
2. Distribute the materials to participants

Using the Paper Seashell Creatures Examples Sheet as the Activity

1. Print out one or both of the Seashell Creatures Examples Sheets
2. Decorate the shells
3. Cut the shells out
4. Glue the shells together to create the seashell creature
5. Create any additional details or decorations for your creatures

Using the Paper Seashell Creatures Template

1. Look at books and the Example Sheets for ideas
2. Sketch or plan out creatures on scrap paper (optional)
3. Colour or decorate your template shells
4. Cut out the shells you want to use from the seashell templates
5. Glue the cut-out shells together
6. Create any additional details or decorations for your creatures

Accessibility Considerations

- Offer kids a variety of instruments to colour their image, and encourage them to choose what they feel most comfortable with
- Offer kids some tactile craft options to create the seashells, e.g. seashells, googly eyes
- Offer worksheet with examples of seashell creatures
- Paper Seashell Templates is a Word document, so staff may add more or change the seashell images. We advise choosing seashell shapes that are easy to cut out
- Encourage participants to cut around the seashells or to outline them with a thicker line to make them easier to cut out
- Offer participants the choice of a blank sheet of paper or templates

- Let participants know they can do as much as they want during the program and take the activity home

Book Suggestions

Extremely Gross Animals: Stinky, Slimy and Strange Animal Adaptations by Claire Eamer

The Magic Shell by Jillian Christmas and Diana G. A. Mungaray

Nature is an Artist by Jennifer Lavalley and Natalia Colombo

Set Your Alarm, Sloth!: More Advice for Troubled Animals from Dr. Glider by Jess Keating and Pete Oswald

Wow in the Wild: The Amazing World of Animals by Mindy Thomas, Guy Raz and Jack Teagle

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[Paper Seashell Creature Examples \(.docx\)](#)

[Paper Seashell Templates \(.docx\)](#)

Images

