





Créate a seaside scene

Craft your own beach-inspired picture using discarded items.

Are you heading to the seaside on your summer holiday? Whether you make it to the beach or not, you can craft your own beach scene by following the steps below. We've got shells, shiny fish and a seagull but you can add whatever makes you think of the seaside. Maybe it's an ice cream, a striped umbrella or a starfish.

Foil or foil containers with wrinkles are great for making fish and shells. You can make shells from small paper cake cases in any colour. See what materials around the house you can use to make your scene (but ask permission from an adult first).

What you need

- Thick card
- Scissors
- Glue
- Wooden lolly sticks or stirring sticks
- Paints
- Brushes
- Sandpaper
- A pencil
- Thick foil
- Cupcake cases
- Paper or thin card
- Thin twigs
- Coloured pens and pencils
- String





Cut a piece of 12cm x 10cm thick card for the background. Glue a row of lolly sticks across the card, then leave to dry.



Brush or sponge paint over the sticks. Leave to dry. For a weathered effect, repeat with another colour and rub with sandpaper when dry.



Draw 5–6cm fish shapes on thick foil. Draw eyes and patterns by pressing the foil with the pencil. Cut out fish and lightly brush with paint.



To make a shell from a cupcake case or leftover foil from the fish, cut a 3–4cm circle and a tiny triangle, then glue them together.



Glue small bits of card on the backs of the fish and shells to help them stand out. Stick them on the background. Glue twigs around the edge.



6 Alternatively, paint or draw a beach scene and stick on cut-out pictures. Glue on a frame made of lolly or stirring sticks tied with string.

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