

Rock Pooling

Rock pools are full of incredible and colourful species, making them fascinating places to explore. Using the following steps, you will be able to get up close and personal with some of the beautiful creatures that live there, without disturbing them. If you're lucky you might see a starfish, a mussel or even a sea slug. Just watch out for the hermit crabs!

Can you find...



Starfish



Sea Slug



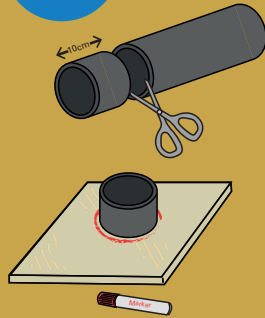
Mussels

What you will need:



1. A plastic tube or a piece of guttering.
2. Strong, transparent plastic.
3. Scissors.
4. Waterproof glue.
5. Sandpaper.

STEP 1



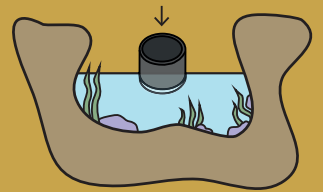
Cut a piece of tube about 10cm (4 in) long. Trace around one end of the tube onto a piece of clear plastic.

STEP 2



Using the scissors, cut out the plastic circle that you've drawn and sand the edges down until it's smooth. Glue the piece of plastic to one end of the tube.

STEP 3



Once the glue has dried, you're ready to start exploring rockpools. Just push the plastic end of the viewer into the water and watch!

