

AQUARIUM

Here's what we used...

SCENEARAMA® Items

- Sculpting Kit
- Scene Setters: Marine Life
- Desert Sand ReadyGrass Sheet
- ShowBox

Household Items

- Disposable Cup
- Foam Brush (1")
- Newspaper
- Pencil
- Rubber Bands
- Ruler
- Scissors
- White Paper (2)

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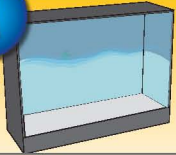
An aquarium is a tank with at least one glass side for keeping and exhibiting aquatic plants and animals. Aquariums come in all shapes and sizes. There are small ones, like ones found in homes, to very large ones housing dolphins and whales at marine mammal parks.

Fun Fact!

Sperm Whales can hold their breath up to 40 minutes!



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ShowBox and Paint

- Assemble *ShowBox*.
- Paint an underwater scene inside your *ShowBox*.
- Paint the outside if desired.
- Let dry.

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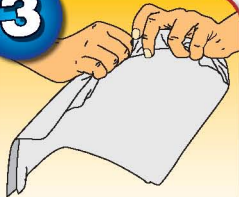


ReadyGrass Sheets

- Measure and cut *ReadyGrass Sheet* to fit bottom of *ShowBox*.
- Glue in place using *Project Glue*.

NOTE: Save remaining *ReadyGrass* for Step 4.

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Newspaper Wads

- Wad small sections of newspaper to make sea rocks.
- You choose the size, shape and number of rocks.

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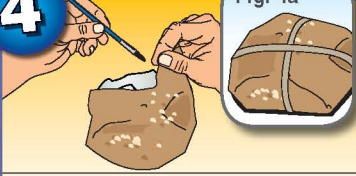


Fig. 4a

- Cut sections of *ReadyGrass* to fit around newspaper wads.
- Use *Project Glue* to glue in place. Use rubber bands to hold shape while drying. (Fig. 4a)

TIP! When making rocks, some *Desert Sand* may fall off. Glue it on the sea floor to add realistic textures.

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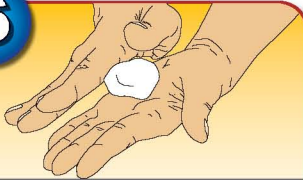
Fig. 5a

Ocean Plants Template

- Use templates to draw sea plants on white paper in a variety of heights and widths or use included templates.
- Paint as desired. (Fig. 5a)
- Set aside to dry. Then, cut out.

TIP! Curl sea plants using a pencil. This will give them a realistic shape.

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Sculpt Figures, Plants & Animals

- Sculpt sea life (coral, sea vegetation, animals, etc.).
- Paint as desired.
- Set aside to dry.

TIP! Scenearama.com has How-to Videos.

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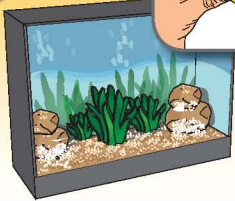



Fig. 7a

- Design your aquarium. Decide where to put marine animals, vegetation and rocks.
- Glue vegetation, loose *Desert Sand* and rocks in place. (Fig. 7a)

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- Use *Project Glue* to install *Scene Setters*.
- For swimming animals, cut *Project Wire* to desired length and attach to *Scene Setters*. Glue opposite end to desired location.

TIP! Have a grown-up help you with this step.

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Labels

- Label and add signage to your project.

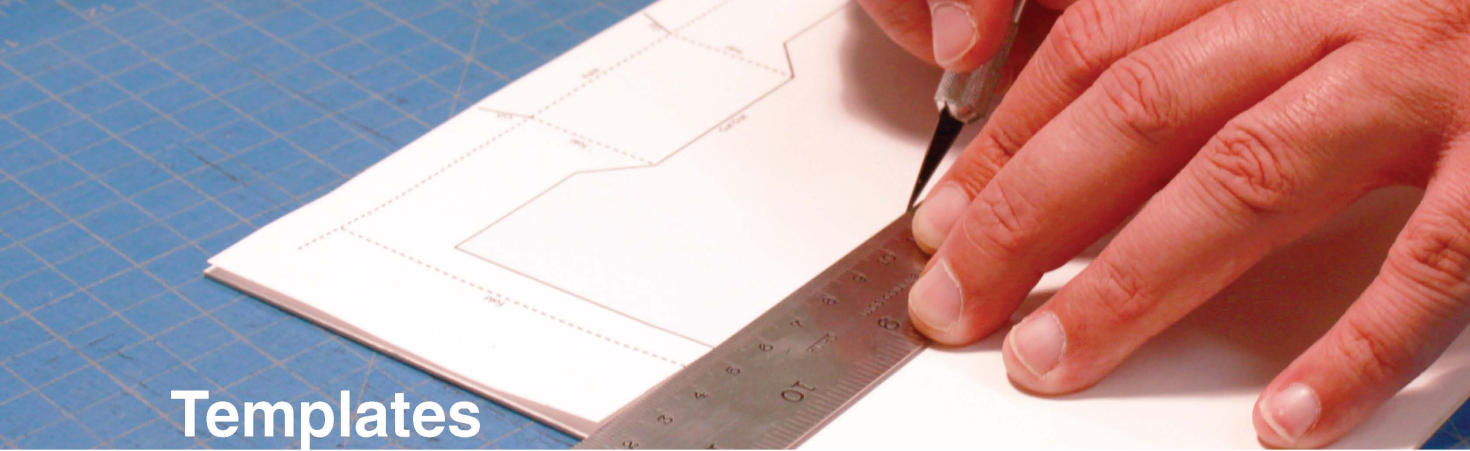
Helpful Hint
Small seashells or other items from nature add authentic details.

See the **A+ PROJECTS & DIORAMAS: The Student's Handbook (SP4171)** for more information.

More Ideas!

Are you feeling creative? Try sculpting marine life figures! It's easy with *Sculpting Clay* and *Project Paints* from the *Scene-A-Rama Sculpting Kit*.





Templates

- Photocopy, trace or scan template onto white paper. Cut out, then trace onto specified material.
- If needed, reduce or enlarge templates to fit your diorama.
- Each template includes basic assembly instructions and needed materials.
- Read through the corresponding project instructions for clarification on using template.
- Short dotted lines ----- indicate fold lines
- Long dotted lines — — — indicate score lines
- Bold, solid lines ————— indicate cut lines

Ocean Plants

Basic Assembly

Aquarium

- Copy template on white paper or Construction Board (cardstock), then cut out.
- Paint or color, as desired. Attach to diorama with Project Glue.

TIP!

Three-dimensional Look:
Place plants 2 or 3 in a row,
off-setting them slightly.

