

Lesson Plan

SAND AND SEA DIMENSIONAL ART



Objectives: Introduce concepts of dimension, texture, and color mixing. Allow students to explore mixed media artwork with a variety of materials.

Materials:

- ACTIVA Rigid Wrap plaster cloth
- ACTIVA Scenic Sand in light brown
- Blank canvas or sturdy cardboard
- School glue or clear glue
- Blue paint in a variety of shades
- Seashells
- Patterned paper or cardstock
- Straws, lollipop sticks, or popsicle sticks
- Paint brushes
- Scissors
- Small bowls to hold water
- Warm water

Time: Two, 45 minute sessions (plus drying time)

Skill Level: Kindergarten and up

Directions

Step One: Cut strips of Rigid Wrap and dip them, one at a time, in warm water. Students should use their fingers to remove excess water into the bowl. Press the wet Rigid Wrap strips onto canvas or cardboard to create the ocean. Scrunching and pinching the wet Rigid Wrap will allow students to create 3D waves.

Step Two: While the Rigid Wrap dries on the canvas, mix clear glue or school glue with Scenic Sand in light brown. Paint the glue and sand mixture onto the remaining part of the canvas, and sprinkle additional Scenic Sand onto any thin or bare spots. This will cover those spots and add natural sand texture to the "beach" portion of the sand and sea art.

Step Three: While the sand dries, students should draw beach umbrellas onto patterned scrap paper and cut them out. Glue the paper umbrellas to paper straws or other objects that will serve as the beach umbrellas' stakes, and glue them to the sand portion of the scene.

Step Four: When the Rigid Wrap oceans are dry, allow students to paint their oceans in a variety of blue shades. This will add to the appearance of depth in their projects.

Step Five: Allow the paint to dry and have students glue seashells onto the sand portion of their artwork. Students will enjoy taking a "vacation" every time they look at their works of art!

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