

Afternoons at the Aquarium: Create a Hermit Crab

Ages: 4-8

Materials:

- Printed template from p. 2
- Scissors
- Crayons or colored pencils
- Glue (optional)

Background:

Did you know that shells are made by animals? Snails are one animal that make shells found at the beach. Hermit crabs will then use the shells made by the snail for their own home. In this craft you can create both a hermit crab and a shell for it to live in.

Directions:

1. Color and then cut out the hermit crab from the template below.
2. Cut along the dotted square and along the edge of the shell from the template.
3. Color the ocean around the shell.
4. Then slip your hermit crab through the cut you made in the side of the shell.
5. You should be able to move your hermit crab in and out to make it walk. Hermit crabs switch shells, so you might even make yours a few shells to switch between!



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Template for hermit crab and shell: print and cut out

