

Make A Coral Reef Aquarium

You will need:

A cardboard box

Paint, glue, glitter

Fish pictures - you can draw your own, use stickers or cut out pictures found in magazines or on the internet

Cotton or string

Play sand, stones, pebbles

Small toys - perhaps diver figures, a treasure chest, jewellery or pieces of treasure

Glass pebbles (optional)

Instructions:

1. Cut away one side of the cardboard box and make sure that all the other sides are still glued firmly in place - maybe secure with masking tape if they don't feel very sturdy.
2. Paint the box inside and out. A mixture of blue, green and white paint can make it look like sea water.
3. Decide which side will form the bottom of the box. Coat with glue and sprinkle with play sand. If you like you could add a sprinkle of glitter, and you could also add some small stones, shells or pebbles.
4. Glue some of the smaller fish shapes or stickers on the back and the sides of the box.
5. Mount some of the larger fish shapes onto thin card and hang them from the top of the box using some cotton or string.
6. Finish decorating your aquarium with any small toys that you have around. The finished aquarium could either be used for display or for small world under the sea play.

