

## Shell Paper Weight

When you visit the beach collect lots of shells. Carefully wash them and leave to dry. You will also need some clean sand (e.g. play sand sold for sandpits), a small plastic pot, an old paintbrush, Plaster of Paris, a few sheets of newspaper and varnish.



1) Place sand in your pot. Select some of the prettiest shells you collected and push them upside down into the sand.

2) Mix up the Plaster of Paris and carefully pour over your shells. Leave to set.

3) Turn out your paper weight. Use an old paintbrush to gently remove the excess sand from between the shells.



4) Varnish.

5) Optional: Add glitter to the sides.

