

Shallal Studios Underworld project ideas to follow at home

Watery Seaweed Layers

We can use different things to paint in a watery way and create the feeling of looking into a rockpool

You will need:



Instant coffee



Watercolour paints or any water-based paint



White acrylic paint



A paintbrush



Paper – thick paper is good but use what you have

1. Start by thinking about the beach.
Sometimes there are rockpools, seaweed, shells, interesting stones or tiny creatures.
You might want to visit the beach before you start, or look at some pictures of the beach.



2. Put about 6 teaspoons of instant coffee in a mug, half-fill with hot water and leave to cool. Please ask for help if you don't usually use the kettle.



3. Paint some simple seaweed or shell shapes with your cold coffee.



4. When the coffee is dry, paint lines round some of your shapes with white acrylic paint. Keep the paint thick, not watered down.

5. When the white paint is really dry, paint thin, watery lines over the top with watercolour paint in different colours. Your watery lines could be layers of seaweed swishing around, or the tide washing in and out.



The white paint should show through the colours, giving the feeling of layers.

