

Ocean diorama



Age 5+
(adult supervision)



30 minutes

Details

What you need

- 1 large cardboard box per group (i.e. shoe box)
- Craft materials such as plasticine, construction paper, junk modelling, old newspapers and magazines for collage
- Alternatively, you could use building blocks or similar construction equipment

Safety and Guidance



Precautions

Care should be taken when using scissors.

Overview

A diorama is a model representing a scene with three-dimensional figures. In this activity you can construct a 3D model, to illustrate some of the ways we use the sea, known as ecosystem goods and services. You may need to collect recycling and/or materials for junk-modelling before starting.

Preparation

You may need to ask students to bring in recycling and materials for junk-modelling before the session.

Running the activity

1. Explain that the students will use the shoe box to create a 'stage'. This is done by turning the box on its side.
2. Students can use Student Sheet 2a: Diorama Background to form the background of their diorama, or you may wish them to draw, paint or collage the background. They will need to create the ocean on the floor of the 'stage'.
3. Using craft (or construction) materials students then make models which illustrate some of the ways we use the ocean. For example, they could make a model of someone fishing, people eating at a restaurant, tourists snorkelling or people out on boats.

