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HABITAT: SEASHORE

ACTIVITY : ART WORK/SCIENCE COLLECTION



SEAWEED PRESSING

Pressed seaweed collections are used by marine biologists. They can also be used to make pictures.

On the sea shore

You will need: container filled with water.

What you do : collect a variety of seaweed, making sure you do not pull any living plant off the rocks. Avoid collecting the fleshy seaweed.

On the sea shore or in the classroom

You will need: Large shallow tray, heavy white paper or card, newspaper, pieces of old sheet, heavy books or plant press.

What you do : Put one piece of seaweed into the tray. Watch how it spreads out in the water. Slide the paper under the weed and lift it slowly, arranging it gently with your fingers. Alternatively you can put several contrasting pieces into the tray and create a picture. Cover the seaweed with a piece of cloth and put between newspaper. Repeat with all the seaweed. Stack all the pieces in between the heavy books or put into a plant press. Replace the newspaper once a day. After a week, peel back the cloth. The seaweed should be stuck onto the paper, but can be gently removed for remounting.

Now you can make the seaweed into a picture or mount them as specimens in a collection. Write field notes about each. You can use this space.

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ALWAYS WASH YOUR HANDS BEFORE EATING