

Milk Jug Aquarium Diorama

Have you ever watched the fish in an aquarium? A well-kept aquarium should try to recreate the ecosystem and environment of the fish and other creatures as much as possible so that they really feel at home. These pretend fish are right at home in a pretend aquarium.

Materials:

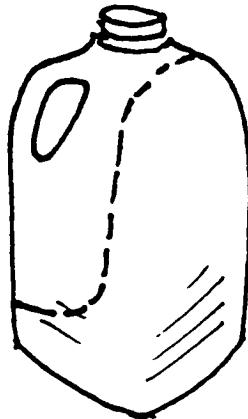
- Carpet scrap for work area
- 1/2 gallon milk jug
- Fabric or upholstery scraps
- Cardboard — like from an old cereal box
- Sand
- Thin, flexible wire or string
- Clear, green acetate or colored paper
- Dots of paper (from a hole punch)
- Fine-grained sandpaper (optional)
- White glue

Tools:

- Scissors or retractable utility knife (grown-ups only!)
- Hole punch
- Adhesive tape

Instructions:

1 Cut jug as shown in diagram. Discard side with handle or save and use for another milk jug craft like the mask on page 65.



2 Starting at the top side of the jug, cut, arrange and glue fabric pieces in the following layers of color from the top: light bluish-green, medium blue, and dark blue, to look as if less sunlight can reach the deeper, darker waters.

3 Glue a piece of dark blue fabric to the bottom of the jug, or glue sand in the bottom.



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