

Milk Jug Aquarium Diorama Instructions, cont'd.

- 4** To make fish for the aquarium, cut out photos of sea creatures from a magazine, or draw and cut out several small fish from cardboard or stiff fabric. The pictures in the magazine are glued to cardboard and then cut out with scissors.
- 5** Decorate your paper or fabric fish with other colored material. The "holes" punched out with a hole punch make great dots you can glue on for scales and eyes.
- 6** Cut a piece of wire or string about six or seven inches long for each fish. Poke the wire or string through the fish and secure it by bending the wire or knotting the string.
- 7** Glue or tape the strands of wire to the inside of the top of the jug in different lengths, so that the swimming fish won't bang into each other!
- 8** Cut wiggly, wavy strips from green paper, fabric, or acetate and glue them into the bottom of the jug to look like seaweed.
- 9** For added fun, cut small starfish and sand dollars out of light, fine-grained sandpaper. Add details with a marker, and glue to the bottom of the jug among the seaweed. Make a whole undersea ecosystem!
- 10** Decorate the outside of the jug with adhesive vinyl shapes or markers, or glue on paper shapes.

This doesn't only work for a pretend aquarium, you can use it to display all different kinds of environments. You can show cactus and desert creatures made out of wire and paper and glue sand to the bottom, or you can make an environment you are really familiar with — your own room! Look for some ideas on making teeny furniture in the Doll House Furniture project on page 13.