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Shell Fossil Magnets (Pk/24)**DID YOU KNOW...**

The sea beds of the world contain the largest concentration of fossils on the earth. This is because the soft ground under the sea is made of rock that is composed of layers of sand and mud. When sea creatures die, they drift to the bottom of the ocean and are covered with a layer of sand. In time, a volcano or mudslide may cover the surface under which they are buried. In this way, a new layer is added, and the fossil is preserved. Therefore, fossils made in this way are sometimes referred to as "sedimentary fossils." While there are many of these fossils, they are often very hard to get to. Often, they are dug from ground that was once underwater.

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MAKING IT EASY
to Help People Play and Learn

**Shell Fossil Magnets (Pk/24)**

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE STARTING

**YOUR KIT CONTAINS:**

- Plaster
- Shells
- Magnetic Tape
- Acetate Strips
- Tablecloth

AGE GROUP: 8 and up
PREP TIME: 10 minutes
PROJECT TIME: 30 minutes

YOU WILL NEED:

- Sand
- Tape
- Water
- Mixing Bowl or Bucket
- Scissors

PREP INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Cut magnetic strip into 1" lengths.
2. Using tape, secure the acetate sheet in a circle as shown in Figure A.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Select a sandy area outside, fill a bucket with sand, or use a clean sand table. Arrange a few shells in the sand. Press the shells into the sand so that they are about half covered.

TIP: The side of the shell you want to expose when your craft is done is face down in the sand.

2. Press the acetate sheet firmly into the sand, surrounding the shells (see Figure A).
3. Mix the plaster according to the directions on the box. Pour the plaster into the acetate mold, completely covering the shells. Let dry.
4. Pull gently upward on the acetate sheet until the plaster casting is free from the sand. Remove the tape and peel the acetate away from the plaster casting.
5. Brush excess sand away from the casting. Some sand will remain. Apply the magnetic tape to the back.

FIGURE A