TAKE & MAKE

PARENTAL GUIDENCE RECOMMENDED

AQUARIUM IN A BOTTLE

Instructions:

1. Using alcohol-based permanent markers draw desired picture onto the rough side of the sheet. *(If you want the color white just leave desired section void of color)*
2. Cut out the shapes as smoothly as possible. Careful when trying to cut angles, the scissors can accidentally rip the sheet, and ruin the image. *(To fit in the mini aquarium the sea creatures have to be less than two inches tall, and less than two inches wide before shrinkage.)*

Baking Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. Use tin foil to line baking tray.
3. Place pieces colored side up on the lined tray.
4. Put into preheated oven.
5. Watch them shrink. Time varies. Wait 3-7 minutes until the pieces are smaller, and relatively flat. *(As they are baking they will curl. Do not worry. They will flatten themselves out as they bake.)*
6. Remove them from the oven. It helps to use a small spatula to get them off the baking sheet.
7. Place on a plate and use a folded piece of paper to help flatten the pieces. If they harden before you flatten them, putting them in the oven for a minute helps soften the piece for reshaping.

Putting it all together:

1. Fill your bottle with the blue gravel and sea shells.
2. Put your sea creature in the bottle and close the topper.

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