



Greetings beautiful ArtVan friends! Throughout the winter, ArtVan will stay connected to you with ArtBags and project demonstrations on our YouTube channel. Each ArtBag focuses on a theme and includes a variety of materials and project ideas based on that theme. As always, we encourage you to use these materials in any way you choose!

## What do you SEA?

Maybe we're getting ahead of ourselves, but we can't stop thinking about a warm, sunny day at the beach! Where is your happy place? What are you most looking forward to as spring approaches?

**Materials included:** Sea shells, wire, yarns, card stock, acrylic paint

**Project Ideas:** \*\* Find demonstrations of materials and selected projects on **YouTube: Art Van Program\*\***

1. Imagine yourself as a sea creature with paint on cardstock. What color would you be? What special abilities would you have? Would you swim with a school of others like you, or travel solo?
2. Create a mobile (a sculpture that moves) using yarn, wire, seashells and any other materials from nature you can find outside. What can you use as a "base"? How do you find balance as you build?
3. Create a painting that shows the different layers of energy in the ocean - big energetic waves on top, to cool, dark stillness at the bottom. How do you find stillness when the going gets rough?
4. Use acrylic paint to decorate a few of your seashells. How will you give each one its own unique, colorful personality? Will you save them, or give them to a loved one?
5. Wrap a seashell in wire to create a pendant, and hang it with yarn to make a necklace. As you wrap the shell, think of fun, sunny memories you'd like to keep close to your heart.
6. Imagine yourself as a tiny sea plant, moving with the flow of water at the bottom of the sea. You have strong roots, and a calm, relaxed body. Create a sculpture with wire and yarn that shows this feeling!
7. Use paint and cardstock to create a habitat for one or more sea shells. Where would this creature feel safe? What would it need close by for food? How many seashells live together in this place?
8. Make a very wet painting on one half of a piece of cardstock, then fold it in half so the paint prints on the other side. What do you see when you open it up?
9. Use wire to add unique new features to a seashell (like legs, arms, antennas, or wings!). Add extra details with paint. What will you name this new creature? What would
10. Imagine you've discovered a private, tropical island in the middle of the sea. Use paint on cardstock to create a postcard inviting friends and family to come visit you! Who would you want on this island with you? What objects would you most want to take with you while you were away?

*\*Turn over to find artwork by our ArtVan ArtStar of the month! Have fun adding your own colorful ideas!\**

We would **LOVE** to see what you create! Share photos of your artwork with us at:

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