

Shell Jewellery Bowls



Items needed (quantity per creation)

- 1 clean shell (oyster shells work best as they have an edge to sit on)
- Tissue paper or napkins
- PVA glue
- Water
- Metallic paint or sharpies

Optional

- Embellishments

Instructions

Collecting shells can be half the fun of this craft, but you need to make sure the shell is really clean. You can do this by soaking the shell in white vinegar or bleach overnight, rinsing it off with hot water and then leaving to dry.

1. Start by making the glue mix. This is one part PVA to one part water. Ensure your shell is clean and dry then coat the inside with your glue mix.
2. Get your napkin or tissue paper and lay it over the piece of the shell you wish to cover. Coat again with the PVA mix. This will soften the tissue/napkin and allow you to rip off the excess around the edges. Set aside to fully dry.
3. Once dry take your sharpie or metallic paint and paint around the rim of the shell. This step will cover any rough edges left by the napkin and add a decorative touch to your piece.

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4. At this point you can add any embellishments you want. Why not add a monogram to give this gift a personalised touch.
5. To finish off the piece cover the entire piece with the PVA mix one more time. This will lock in all the details and make it sturdy.

Alternative

If you have a regular shell you might find that it wont sit upright easily. To combat this you can glue three 5mm beads to the underside in a triangle formation. This will give the shell something to rest on.



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