

Kelp Forest Collage

Discover the role of sea otters in keeping the kelp forest healthy!

Materials Needed

Kelp Forest Printable (or draw your own), large piece of white paper, green tissue paper, watercolor paints, paintbrush, salt, blue and yellow colored pencils, scissors, glue.

Instructions:

Step 1 Paint the ocean. Use a paintbrush to spread water on a piece of white paper. Paint the ocean on the wet paper with watercolors, but leave about two inches of white at the top of the paper. Sprinkle salt over the paper to add a watery texture. Leave the salt in place until the paint is completely dry.

Step 2 Add animals. Paint or color the printed animals. After they dry, cut them out.

Step 3: Make kelp. Cut a strip of green tissue paper about 3 inches (7.5 cm) wide. Fold the strip so there are several overlapping layers. Cut fronds, leaving $\frac{1}{2}$ inch (1.25 cm) connected along one side. Cut the long strip into

The Kelp Forest Ecosystem

Discover some of the species of the kelp forest and how they interact

Sea otters are predators. They dive underwater to eat sea urchins, sea stars, crabs, clams, and other small ocean animals. They are called keystone species

