

arttails

by MONET MOUSE

By the sea, by the sea, by the beautiful sea.

You and I, you and I, oh how happy we'll be.

I love to sit beside the sea, beside the sea, beside the seashore, by the beautiful sea.

"She sells seashells by the seashore. . . " Monet Mouse digs in the sand on the beach and repeats the six words faster and faster. They mix together as he speeds up. He rolls in the sand and laughs out loud chanting, "She sells seashells by the seashore. . . Sheshellshellshells. . . Shesellsbyshells. . . Sheshellssheshores . . . Sheseessabells . . ." "Tongue Twisters are so much fun" he hiccups and flops onto his back to study cumulus clouds. "Fantastique" Monsieur Monet exclaims while watching them change from one shape to another across the robin-egg-blue sky. Sea gulls screech and tiny waves tickle his tail when they lap the shore and smooth the sand. He wiggles his tail about to write a message in the wet sand and then, from the pockets of his smock, he decorates his sand art design with tiny seashells and colorful stones collected on summer strolls along the beach. Something catches his eye. What is that spec? A sea gull's feather floats from the sky. Monet holds very still and watches until it lands right on his message like an exclamation mark! Oo-la-la! What do you think he wrote?

MONET MOUSE'S ARTRECIPE

Fun with Sand

Sand Art Designs

Ingredients:

- Cookie sheets or something you may have already that is flat, but has a rim to hold the sand inside.
- Sand
- Small shells and rocks
- Stick or pencil
- Spray bottles with water

-  Fill the tray with sand.
-  Spray to moisten.
-  Make a design and/or write a message with the stick or pencil.
-  Decorate with rocks and shells.
-  Take a picture!

Sand Castle Sculptures

Ingredients:

- Empty and dry clear recyclable water bottles
 - Dixie cups
 - Small funnel
 - Natural sand and colored sand
 - Small brown cardboard boxes
 - Markers or crayons
 - Optional: glue, sandpaper, scissors, feathers, sticks, flags.
-  Pour a little sand in a small Dixie cup.
 -  Using the funnel, pour it into a bottle.
 -  Repeat using different colors to layer the sand bit by bit.
 -  Look how the tower becomes a rainbow sculpture! (Stick a feather or something interesting into the top of the bottle when full.)
 -  Decorate the cardboard box/boxes. (You can also cut and glue sandpaper to the box.)
 -  Arrange the rainbow towers and boxes to build a sand castle sculpture.
 -  Take a picture!

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Sandpaper Art

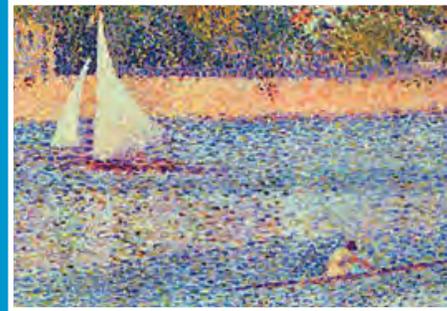
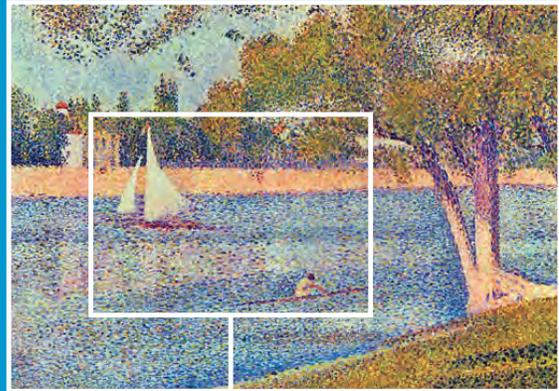
Ingredients:

- 3M (100 Medium) General Purpose Sandpaper, 9" x 11" cut into approximately 3" x 3.5" pieces
- Assorted colorful crayons, preferably Crayola
- Assorted colorful oil pastels

Crayon and/or oil pastels applied to the sandpaper not only give that beach/seaside feel in a drawing, but also suggest pointillism - especially with crayon. The oil pastel is softer, so it fills into the sandpaper surface more readily. However, if drawn with a soft touch it, too, has a dotted effect.

- Pick a piece of sandpaper.
- Wow! How does this kind of paper feel?
- Does the sandpaper remind you of a sandy beach?
- Think about the beach.
- What do you see?
- A horizon line where the water meets the sky?
- Another line where the water laps the shore?
- Pick the colors for the sky. Are there clouds? What do they look like?
- What colors will you choose for the water?
- Is there a boat in the water? People swimming? Fish jumping?

Look at a seascape painting by Georges Seurat. He was a painter who liked to paint with small dots of color that seemed to dance side by side. He used light colors next to dark colors to make shadow and light play.



Detail of a pointillism painting by Seurat.



Oil Pastel on Sandpaper



Crayon on Sandpaper

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WHAT IS MONET MOUSE FINDING?