

CREATIVE SAND ART ACTIVITY

School Age Activity

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This activity is open-ended and great for multi-age groups of children. The *Magic Beach* is a great book to build on experiences with different landscapes and colors that make up these landscapes. You can talk about the different times of the days and seasons and how this affected the colors in the landscape.

You can look at the illustrations in the book and talk about the different layers of colors in the landscape. You can count them and talk about the size, for example the hills look small in the background because they are further away and the rocks look larger because they are closer in the landscape.



You will need sand, *Magic Beach* by Alison Lester, yarn, PVA craft glue, paper, scissors and paint brushes.

Instructions:

- Apply PVA craft glue to your paper with a paint brush. Apply it thick.
- Cut the wool (yarn) and create shapes for the landscape.
- Apply more glue if needed.
- Sprinkle the different colored sand using a spoon or finger tips.
- When the art work is dry, shake off any excess sand.
- Apply more glue and sand if needed.
- Add other elements to the art work such as leaves or shells.

Learning Opportunities:

- Creativity and imagination
- Cause and Effect
- Spatial awareness – experimenting with size and space
- Sense of pride and achievement.
- Sensory exploration.
- Experimentation and discovery.
- Building self-esteem, sense of satisfaction.
- Overcoming challenges and problem solving.
- Language development – describing process.
- Communicating art ideas and making connections with our world.
- Color recognition.