

My Special Scallop



When you think of seashells, one of the first shapes that comes to mind might be a scallop. Scallops are a type of animal called a mollusc, and are related to clams, mussels, and oysters. The two halves of a scallop's shell are hinged together, allowing them to use their muscle to snap the top and bottom shells open and shut, propelling themselves through the water. Create your own colorful scallop shell out of paper plates

Materials

Glue
Scissors
2 paper plates with ridges
Pencils or crayons
Scotch tape
Cotton balls



Directions

1. **Cut** a small triangle out of each side of both paper plates, as pictured here, to create 2 scallop shells. *Tip:* When cutting the second shell, you can lay the already cut shell on top of the second plate and trace the cuts.
2. **Color** both sides of each scallop shell. Scallop shells come in a variety of colors, from grays and browns to purples and pinks, so pick your favorite!
3. **Glue** 5 cotton balls on the inside of one of the shells with the curve of the plate facing up. These make the muscle and organs of the scallop, hiding inside its protective shell.
4. **Place a piece of tape** on the inside of the bottom shell hinge and place the second shell, curved side down, on top to connect the 2 shell pieces together.



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