

UNDERWATER ART

THE DEEP
For conservation, not profit



KS3



• Art



40 mins



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OVERVIEW

This practical workshop covers both imaginative drawing and drawing from life, and allows learners to extend their skills as they work with our diverse collection of marine life resources.

Our collection has been donated by past collectors or has been ethically sourced in-line with our principles as a conservation charity.

The Deep can supply HB pencils and A4 copy paper, but you are welcome to bring your own drawing materials too.

OBJECTIVES

- Make a detailed observational drawing from life.
- Work collaboratively to make a visually attractive display.
- Draw a cartoon version of a marine animal as part of an imaginative drawing.

LEARNING SESSION CONTENT

First we introduce The Deep as a marine conservation and educational charity. We then take a brief look at the origins of our collection. There will be coral skeletons, shark teeth, tropical shells, shark egg cases, crab skeletons and lobster skeletons available to draw.

Learners are split into two groups, changing activities half way through.

Drawing from Nature:

Shark jawbone? Coral skeleton? Or maybe a beautiful tropical shell? Choose one piece, look closely then make a detailed observational drawing. Use a magnifying glass to get an even better close-up. If you have time, choose and draw another item.

Coral Garden:

Work together in small groups to make your own coral garden using contrasting shells and pebbles together with our colourful scientific-grade replica coral. Make a sketch of your arrangement. Then choose one model animal and create a cartoon version to live in your coral garden.

We are happy for you to take photographs during the workshop. These photographs together with the workshop drawings could be used as source materials for further work.