

# Ames Public Library @HOME Activities

## Sand Art

Sand art is using colored sand to make to make fun creative patterns. Many cultures around the world use colored sand to make decorative patterns and beautiful art.

See a related video on the Library's YouTube Channel at <http://bit.ly/APLvideos>.

### Books and Media:

| Title  | Author / Performer  | Call Number   |
|--|---------------------|---------------|
| <i>Beach Baby</i>  | Elmquist, Laurie    | E ELM         |
| <i>A Single Pearl</i>  | Napoli, Donna Jo    | E NAP         |
| <i>Sand</i>  | Miller, Pamela Anne | ETR E MIL     |
| <i>Take a Walk on a Rainbow: A First Look at Color</i>               | Moss, Miriam        | ETR 535.6 MOS |
| <i>STEM Kit; Perfect Patterns</i>                                    | (STEM KIT)          | J STEM PER    |
| <i>Play, Make, Create, a Process-Art Handbook</i>                    | Cherry, Meri        | eBook         |
| <i>The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That! Season 1 Episode 4</i> | CITH Productions    | Hoopla Media  |

### Take Away Kit: Sand Art figurines

Bag Contents:

- 3 bags of colored sand
- 1 lanyard cap
- 1 keychain cap
- 2 sand art fillable figurines

To start your Sand Art Necklace, follow these directions or watch the Sand Art Necklace @Home Activity video on the library's YouTube channel @ <http://bit.ly/APLvideos/>.

1. Decide which figure you would like to start with and stand it up flat.
2. Place funnel in the opening on the top of the figure.
3. Pour a small amount of one color of the sand into the funnel until it creates a visible layer in the bottom, you may also add more of one color to make a thicker layer.
4. Continue to pour sand in until the figure is full. Secure the top with the lanyard or keychain cap.
5. Repeat steps 2-4 for second figures
6. For fun patterns, check out some of the books listed above.

## To make your own Sand Art Bottles at home:

Items you will need:

- Sand
  - Water
  - Food coloring
  - Bowl
  - A tray
  - Paper towel
  - 8 oz. water bottle
  - 1 piece of paper
1. Place the sand in a bowl and add water until the sand is all wet. Make sure not to add too much water to avoid extra time for drying.
  2. Add the food coloring to the bowl and mix. The more color you add, the darker the sand will be.
  3. Scoop the sand onto a section of the tray that is covered in paper towels to help absorb moisture. Repeat step 1-2 with different colors.
  4. You can take the tray outside or to a sunny area to help evaporate the water. Once dry, place different sands in jars.
  5. Make sure your plastic water bottle is completely dry before pouring sand into the bottle.
  7. Roll a piece of paper to make a funnel. Pour a small amount of one color of the sand into the funnel until it creates a visible layer in the bottom, you may also add more of one color to make a thicker layer.
  8. Repeat until the bottle is full.
  9. Fasten the lid on top and enjoy your at home Sand Art bottle.

Source: Mother Natured Blog: <https://mothernatured.com/nature-crafts/how-to-make-coloured-sand/>

## Vocabulary

**Rainbow-** An arch in the sky made of lots of colors. A rainbow appears when white light from the sun shines through raindrops in the air.

**Contrast-** the arrangement of opposite colors, textures and shapes to create visual excitement, interest and drama.

**Primary Colors-** colors that can be mixed together to produce other colors. The three primary colors are: red, yellow and blue.

**Secondary Colors-** colors resulting from mixing 2 of the primary colors, such as purple, green, and orange.

**Complementary Colors-** colors that are pairs and create a strong contrast together. Such as: yellow and purple, blue and orange, green and red.

**Neutral Colors:** These colors are not true colors as they do not produce color. Examples are: white, black, gray and beige.

**Sand painting:** A ceremonial art form using bright colored sands for symbolism.

**Texture:** The look and feel of the surface of the artwork such as rough, smooth, shiny or fuzzy.

**Symmetry:** balanced similarity that is found in two halves of an object.

**Sand bottle:** A plastic or glass bottle filled with different colors of sand.