Trash to Tide Pool

Let’s make a tide pool using recycled materials as your building material.

First, gather your supplies

- Raid your garbage or recycling for clean supplies. I used a cereal box as the base of my tidepool.
- Scissors
- Tape
- Glue
- Markers or crayons
- Paint (optional)

Next, build the base of your tidepool.

- Rip cardboard for a textured look, and use scissors if you want a smoother edge.
- Color or paint to add a background to your tidepool.
- Once you have finished decorating, tape your base together
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Now for the fun part! Let’s add texture and animals to your tidepool. Simple shapes with a lot of texture work best! Have fun, and get creative!

Crumpled paper bags make great rocks. This example was painted with watercolors.

Once you have finished creating your pieces, arrange them on your background. Secure with glue and tape.

Chip bag sea star!

Packaging snail and seaweed!