

# Make a seaweed picture

Some people think that seaweed is slimy, smelly and disgusting, but it is very important for fish, animals and invertebrates (tiny animals with no backbones).

Seaweed can start to decay and smell which some people find unpleasant, but Sandhoppers love it - they feed on it. If you disturb seaweed you will see them hopping madly about.

Seaweed is also useful to us - you might think that you have never eaten it but you probably have - it is found in some types of ice-cream, milkshakes and even toothpaste.



## How to make a seaweed picture

1. Decide what picture you would like to make, then look around the beach for useful bit of seaweed, driftwood, shells or feathers.
2. Be careful what you collect. A lot of rubbish such as old tin cans, bottles and fishing nets often get washed up too.
3. Mark out your picture in the sand then use the things you have found to complete it (such as seaweed for the hair or shells for a necklace).

Once you have made your seaweed picture, take a photo so you can show your friends. If you would like to see it on our website, please e-mail the photo to [beach@ksbscotland.org.uk](mailto:beach@ksbscotland.org.uk)