Hi 😊 My name is Renata Rodrigues and I am a visual artist. I have been a teaching artist for the last 3 years, working on arts integration with teachers, after school programs, summer camps and privately from my home studio.

The shoe box aquarium is a craft you can make after reading the book “Iris and Walter and the field trip”. Watch a read out loud video here: https://youtu.be/70RkngrX1jo

Then retell the story and describe its characters using the illustrations in the book.

You will need scissors, glue, markers, paper and a shoe box. Start with the background by gluing the colored paper inside the box. After that, you will make the bottom of the aquarium, which can have rocks, different types of coral and seaweed. Draw everything you want then cut around the outline. Add sea creatures by gluing them to the background, hanging them from the top (using thread or paper) or gluing them to the bottom (leave extra space on the bottom of the cutout and fold it like an L to glue it down).

Tips:

* Try to do as many details as you can so anyone can recognize your sea creatures at first look. Add tags with their names if you want. 😊

* Use a pizza box or any other box you have available if you don’t have a shoe box.

* This craft can have endless variations. You may choose to use colored pencils, paint, modeling clay, fuzzy wires, only recycled objects, etc.

* Look for materials in your recycle bin that you can reuse for seaweed and sea creatures, such as plastic caps and shiny wrappers.

* When you are finished you can wrap the front of the box with plastic wrap to look even more like an aquarium.

* Try your best and have fun! 😊

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