

# Artful Shell Mirrors:

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Shell Projects are everywhere, gluing shells onto any surface is easy but to get them to stick and stay, layer them, or move them once you place them is not an easy task! How about hiding the glue blobs or what if my shell is broken off - can I still use it?! That can be a challenge, well not anymore - Aves FIXIT Sculpt is my favorite product to use as both an adhesive and a sculpting/textured medium, it matches/blends the shells in so well and you have plenty of time to rearrange and adjust if needed. It sticks great directly to a mirror, no frame is needed. You can use this technique on anything you want to embellish. And with these shell projects you can certainly add extra objects - star fish, mermaids, urchins, crystals, sand.... For this project we will be using a repurposed picture frame.

\* pick your surface!

\* Clean off your piece and your shells before starting you want things to be clean and debris free.

1. Do a test fit laying the shells on your piece and take a picture to mark your work, remove the shells placing them in an order you can grab them to use them as you work.

2. Tape your edges and any area you don't want to clean off later.

3. Ready to mix FIXIT Sculpt?! Okay Lets do this! Wearing gloves, Mix & Knead FIXIT® Sculpt for 2 minutes until color is uniform and it feels a little warm in your hand. (this is your signal for activation!)

4. Apply the FIXIT Sculpt where you want the shells to lay, making a tootsie roll or flatten and smear.

5. Start laying your shells by placing and gently pushing, in-between each shell that sticks roll a little marble/ball of FIXIT Sculpt to however thick or thin is needed to fill the space under the shell or just so it sticks.

6. Now that all your shells are laid adjust as needed add more FIXIT Sculpt in-between and under them. If you want to add extra objects - you can - star fish, mermaids, urchins, crystals, sand....

7. Time to texture and blend or remove any product you don't want to see- use a tool, it can be a pen, a craft stick, a sculpting tool, and start texturing anywhere you put the FIXIT Sculpt, in and alongside the shells - this is totally options but it's going to really make your piece stand out. Dip your tool in water as needed to keep your textures clean looking and preventing the product from sticking to the tool. if you want to remove it just scrape and wipe it off.

8. Using a damp wet rag rub over the shells and to clean them and smooth the product if desired. Use some Aves Safety Solvent to finish off the tiles or mirror/frame to fully clean them.

9. Remove the tape before the product cures and again wipe up any FIXIT Sculpt that you don't want to stay on the piece. Let your project sit for 24 hours to fully cure.

## Supply List:

Mirror, Picture Frame, box top, jar...whatever surface you want to use.

Shells - any shape, size, color variety you like - mix and match them!

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Disposable mixing gloves atleast 2 pairs.

craftstick, pen, sculpting tool, Dental tool, wood tool...whatever you want to use.

Paper Towel

low tack blue tape

FIXIT Sculpt, [www.apoxie.com](http://www.apoxie.com).

Aves Safety Solvent, [www.apoxie.com](http://www.apoxie.com)