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Create a Shellyfish

Supplies included:

- Clear fishing line
- Embroidery thread
- 1 sea urchin shell
- 1 air plant
- several beads

You'll need the following on hand:

- Scissors
- Tweezers

Instructions:

1. Doing your best not to cut the plant with the thread, carefully loop the thread through/around some of the arms of the air plant. Tie in a knot (not too tight!)





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2. Carefully, pull the tail of the remaining thread through the top of the sea urchin. If the hole is too small, use a pencil or tack to carefully widen the hole.



3. Adjust as needed until the plant rests as desired in the sea urchin shell and with access to the base of the plant.
4. If you want to hang your shellyfish with the included embroidery thread, you can tie the ends together and hang as is!
5. For a 'floating' effect. Tie the ends of your thread together with a knot just above the hole of your urchin shell. Run the included fishing through this loop of thread and tie to secure.
 - a. If your shellyfish hangs off-kilter, try adjusting the placement of the embroidery thread on your air plant so the knot is centered at the base of the plant.
6. Optionally, you can add some included beads as decoration, or to create 'bubbles' above your shellyfish. To add beads, feed beads through the fishing line and tie a knot as best you can on either side where you want them to stop/start.
7. Hang somewhere with plenty of indirect light and air flow. Water your plant either by thoroughly misting your plant twice a week, or by dunking the entire plant in water for several hours weekly.
 - a. Watering times are for summer weather, water less often during the winter months.
 - b. Refer to the included instructions for more details on caring for your air plant.

