



## Sojourn Souvenir Frame

Create a lovely memento of time well spent with family and friends. For this DIY project we gathered shells while walking along the shoreline then glued them to a painted frame.

### What's Needed:

Shells

8" Non- Stick Scissors- Fiskars

Artful Minds Wooden Frame- Michaels

Glacier Chalk Paint (50691)- Folk Art/Plaid

Pearl Stickers 2 pks- 1\$ Type Store Brand

Wood Glue- Elmer's

Synthetic Paint Brush

### How To Make It:



1-Frames can be made from different types of natural objects. We used shells but twigs, pinecones, seed pods, small pebbles, bark, whatever you find along the way to tell the day's story can be used. Simply gather them up and bring them home.

2- Remove the any dirt or sand from the found objects. For shells or pebbles wash in a pan of warm soapy water. Other items such as twigs or bark may just need to be wiped off.

3. Place cleaned objects on a towel to dry.



4- Choose a colour of chalk finished paint and basecoat the frame. Brush the colour out to avoid paint drips. Paint the entire frame, front, back and sides. Let paint dry. Natural wood frames can also be used.

Lightly sand the frame with extra fine sandpaper or a piece of brown paper bag.



5- Arrange the shells or found objects on the frame.

Be sure the stand hole is at the bottom of the frame.

Avoid shells or found objects hanging over the bottom of the frame as this will keep the frame from sitting flat.



6- Once you are pleased with the arrangement, glue the shells to the frame.



7- Remove shells one at a time to keep the placement. Put a small drop of glue on the bottom of the shell where it sits against the frame. Set shell back in place.



8- Continue gluing shells on the frame. When finished, let the glue set.



9- If using a sheet of pearl stickers cut the adhesive strips so pearls can be used one at a time.



10. Place a small swipe of glue on the bottom of the pearl.



11. Place pearls randomly around the shells. You can never use too many pearls! Let dry.



12. Size and place photo in frame. Write the day's events on the back of the frame.