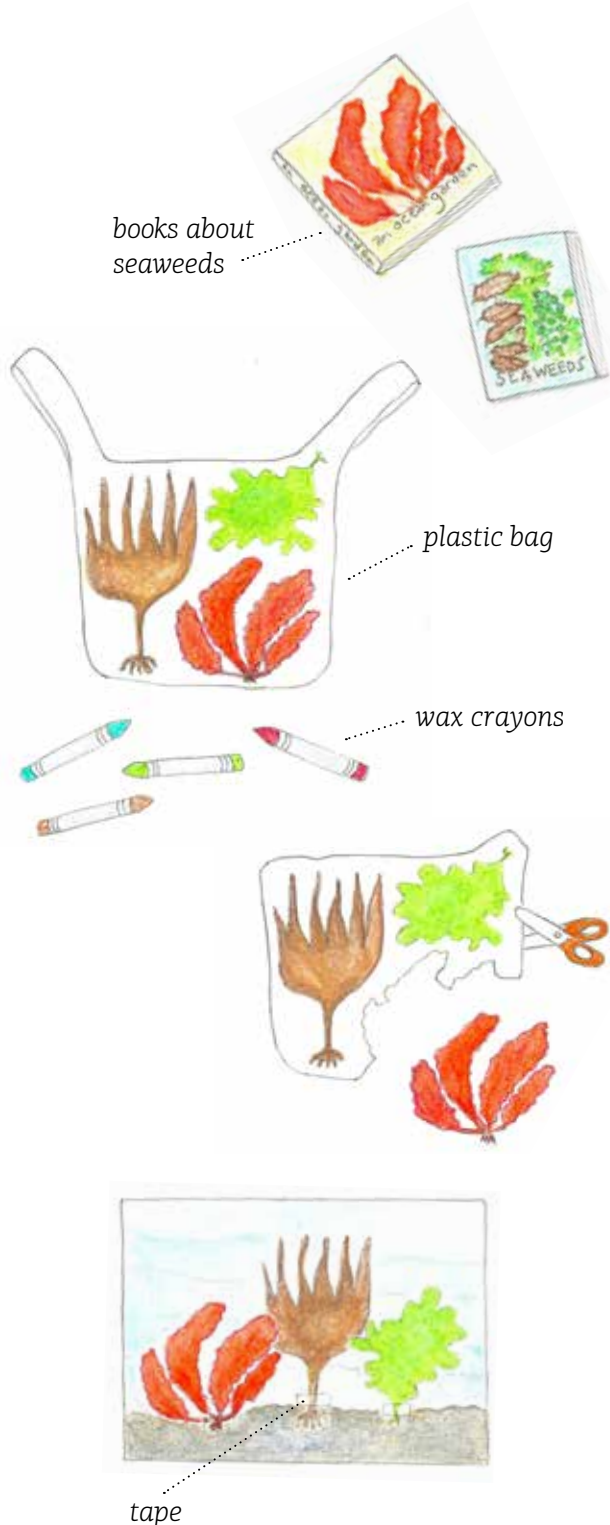


# Create Seaweed Models

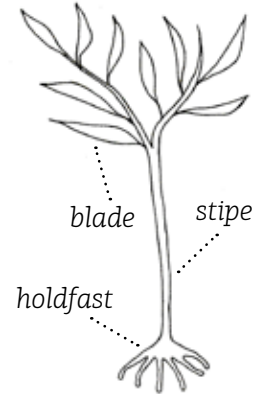


## Materials

white plastic bag, wax crayons, scissors, tape, paper, pictures of seaweeds

## Instructions

1. Look for pictures of seaweeds at your local library or online.
2. Notice the main parts of each seaweed—blades, stipe, and holdfast. Holdfasts anchor seaweeds to rocks and other surfaces on which they grow.
3. Seaweeds are grouped by color—brown, green, and red. You can find seaweeds in many shades of these colors, from dark brown to pale green to pink.
4. Use wax crayons to draw seaweeds on white plastic. Copy species from pictures or make up your own species. Blend your crayons to create shades of brown, green, or red.
5. Cut out your seaweed drawings.
6. Some seaweeds have ruffled blades, bubbly textures, or long, thin stipes. To add these details:
  - Stretch the edge of the plastic to make ruffles.
  - Press your fingertips into the plastic to make bubbles.
  - Twist the plastic to make a thin stipe.
7. Tape your seaweed models to the paper.
8. Leave the background of the paper plain or draw an underwater scene to show where your seaweeds live.



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