



**NATASHA WILSON** HERITAGE COLLEGE  
*A Drop of Ocean Water*  
plastic milk bottles, metal, timber, LED lights, 100 x 100 x 30cm

## ARTSPACE at home



'A Drop of Ocean Water' represents how plastic pollution is affecting micro-organisms within the ocean. The artist created tiny ocean creatures from recycled milk bottles to convey this concept. These organisms can be discovered in a single droplet of water under a microscope.



### ACTIVITY EXTENSION

Explore the backyard with a magnifying glass. What lives there that you don't normally see? Take photos, draw pictures and create a story of how you are going to look after these tiny creatures. Don't have a magnifying glass? You can download a free app on any smartphone or tablet.



### IMAGINATIVE PLAY EXERCISE

Play with your child with their new sea creatures. Turn your bed or couch into a boat, then go on a voyage to save the ocean. You might see a whale, a plastic bag, a turtle or pirates. You can let your child take the "lead" role and simply provide details to enrich their pretend play. If it is hard to get their imagination engaged try presenting a problem to fix. You never know when a boat will spring a leak!



## WHAT YOU NEED:

- Milk bottle lid
- Plastic container cut up by big people
- Permanent marker and/or white-out pen
- Tape or glue
- Paper and pencils or crayons

## INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1 Play the video of Natasha talking about her art work to inspire the little people
- 2 Go to the recycling bin and get out a plastic bottle and lid
- 3 Big people pre-cut the plastic bottle into inspiring shapes
- 4 Little people draw faces on your lids and arrange your 'legs'
- 5 Stick together with tape or glue
- 6 Create an ocean image for your microorganisms to live in