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Leaning tower of limpets

1. Decorate each of the limpet templates (on the next page)
2. Cut each limpet out and create a slit along the radius
3. Fold the circle into a cone and tape or glue in place

Limpet shells are often found amongst piles of other shellfish behind sand dunes or further inland. These ancient piles are remains from Aboriginal gatherings, and are called middens. Sometimes you can find shells stacked one on top of the other. This shows us children were playing amongst those gathered, just like we play with blocks today.

4. Stack your limpets and see how tall your tower gets!

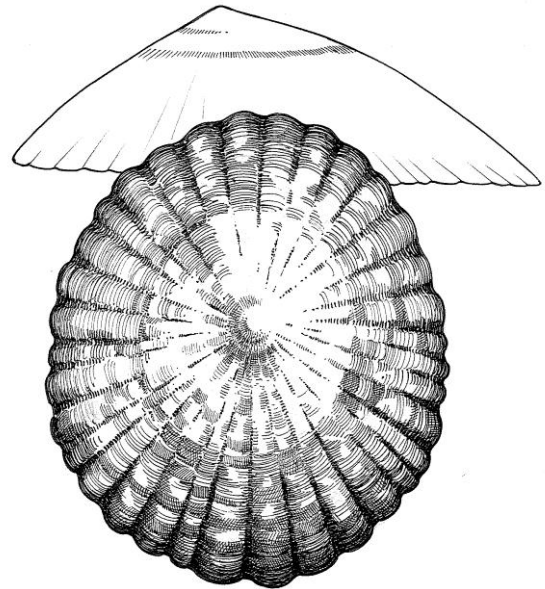
Fun Fact:

All marine snails and limpets belong to a group called the Gastropods. Their name in Latin means stomach (gastro) foot (pod), because these animals look like they crawl around on their belly.

Life in a rockpool

Rockpools are fascinating places, and are home to a large number of marine plants and animals. But it's not easy living there!

As the tide comes in and out, rockpools are submerged and exposed twice a day. Can you imagine living somewhere that has two floods and two droughts every day?



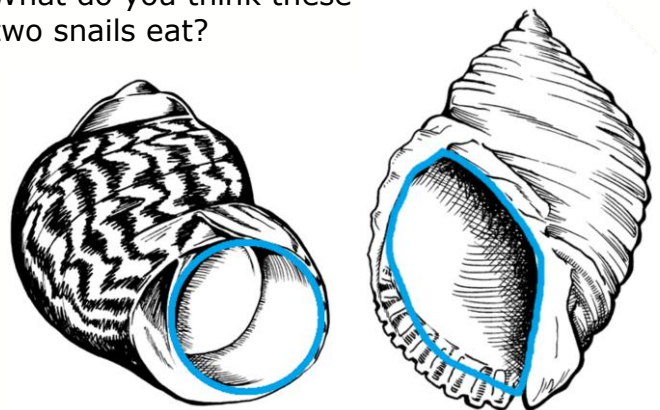
Did you know?

You can tell what a sea snail eats by looking at their shell.

Herbivores like to eat plants, so they have an opening shaped like a salad bowl.

Carnivorous snails like to eat meat, so their opening is shaped like a gravy boat.

What do you think these two snails eat?



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