

PLAN YOUR OWN AQUARIUM

All the tanks and labels at the aquarium were put together by people. They are there to help people learn about the way animals live in water.

If you could add a tank to the aquarium, what would it have in it? What would its label say? Think of answers as you plan another tank to add to the aquarium. It can be any size.

Here is how to make your plan:

1. Draw a large rectangle on a sheet of paper. This stands for your tank.
2. Use words or pictures to show what is inside your tank.
3. Write a label that tells about the tank. Here are some things you could put in the label:
 - Why people should take care of the water in the world.
 - A message from the fish in the tank to the people who visit the aquarium.
 - Important facts about the fish in the tank.
 - Why these fish are important to people.
 - Your label can include pictures and charts, too. It can be any size.
4. If you have time, you could make a model of this tank and label. Cut out shapes to stand for the parts, including the fish. Make a paper frame that stands for the tank.

Use clear blue plastic for the water – or color it blue. Put your label next to your tank.

If your class makes many displays, you could put them together to make one exhibit. You could call it your own paper aquarium.

Write a sentence about the exhibit. Make sure that people understand why they should learn about the natural world from your sentence. Use it to remind people that the things they do today can change the world forever.