



Spirals are beautiful and mysterious. They appear all around us in nature. Inspired by the book, "Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in Nature," use your own artistic ability to create a snail's swirl that will also catch the rays of the sun in your home.

Baccarat Glasshouse, *Millefiori Mushroom Paperweight*, circa 1850, glass. 3 in. x 3 in. The Henry Melville Fuller Acquisition Fund.

Activity: Swirly Snail Suncatcher

Materials:

- Construction Paper
- Coffee Filter
- Markers
- Tape
- Eye Dropper/Paint Brush (either will work)
- Googly Eyes (optional)

Directions:

- Color your coffee filter, by building your design from the center out to the edges. You can use dots, lines, squiggles, whatever you want!
- Once your design is complete, add a LITTLE water at a time to the filter by using the eye dropper or brush. Make sure to lay down a piece of paper underneath your coffee filter. Stop when you are satisfied with how the color blends together.
- Let the colors dry.
- Cut out a snail frame out of another piece of paper by using your coffee filter as a guide. You want it to be smaller than the coffee filter.
- Tape the coffee filter to the back.
- Add eyes next! Use markers or googly eyes, whatever you have.
- Cut out antennas from the construction paper and add them to your snail's head.
- Tape your snail on to your window and let the light shine through.

Tips:

- Have fun!
- As you are creating your snail's design think about the colors you are using. How will they look when they swirl together?
- How does your brush strokes change the look of the snail's swirl?

