

# BLINK AT HOME

## Hermit Crabs

### What do different animals need in their homes?

#### Skills to Develop

- + Science content knowledge
- + Science process skills
- + Mathematical thinking

#### Materials

- + Hermit crab information sheet [PDF]
- + Hermit crab sort [PDF]
- + Paper
- + Glue
- + Crayons/markers/colored pencils

### WHAT TO DO

#### During the Learning Activity

1. Print and cut out the hermit crab sort [PDF] and print the hermit crab information sheet [PDF] (optional).
2. Choose *A House for Hermit Crab* by Eric Carle or another favorite book about hermit crabs.

#### During the Learning Activity

1. Discuss your child's knowledge of hermit crabs. Ask: *what do they look like? What do they eat? Where do they live?*
2. Read the hermit crab information sheet together and spend some time looking at the pictures of hermit crabs. Ask your child to share observations about the hermit crabs they see in the photos: *what colors do you see on these hermit crabs? How are they alike? How are they different?*
3. Read *A House for Hermit Crab* by Eric Carle. As you read, discuss the illustrations and the new things you are learning about hermit crabs. Ask: *what did hermit crab do when he outgrew his shell?*
4. Invite your child to help each hermit crab find the right size shell home using the hermit crab sort. Once each hermit crab is matched with a shell, invite your child to glue each hermit crab into its new home and decorate the shells like the hermit crab does in the story.

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#### Extend the Fun

- + Create hermit crabs from art supplies or building materials.
- + [Learn about other animals living in the marine tank](#) and create homes for those animals from art supplies.