Create a coastal oasis with gems, stones and rocks.

Decorative Stones and Gems

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It's a vacay in a vase: sand, driftwood, seaweed, stones and gems. Now, if only we could bottle up the sound of the crashing waves and the smell of sea salt…

Much like Rome, this tray wasn’t built in a day. We worked in layers: mixture of sand and decoupage medium; gems, pearls and faux glass stones; resin.

Tip: Let the sand mixture dry overnight before adding the resin.
ROCK ON
This whitecap-esque votive holder started out as a tea light holder. We added river stones and gems one layer at a time to build up enough height to hold a taller votive candle.

STONE ZONE
Diamonds aren’t the only stones worth accessorizing with. When you pair jewelry components (like bezels, braided wire and chain) with decorative stones and gems, the result is as gorgeous as a day at the beach.
River stones are known for their background vase-filling role—but thanks to alcohol ink and gold leaf, they finally get their day in the sun. **Tip:** The stones are naturally shiny, so sand them first for a matte look like ours.

**GEM TO GEM**

The gem-decked letter takes this whitewashed wreath to ocean-oasis status. **Tip:** You can brush adhesive right onto the letter (in small sections) instead of applying adhesive to each gem individually.
Decorative stones were once intended to blend into decor, but they can become decor with the right accent pieces. In this case: a quirky terrarium and a faux succulent.

This plate comes with the textured edge (talk about doubles as decor!), so making it display-ready was as easy as securing paint-embellished gems to the center.

Light and airy macrame belongs in a beach house—or really, any place you love to be. We started our wall hanging by tying strands of cording to a birch rod (secured with staples to keep them from shifting) and added gems as we worked.
HANG TIME

From the seascape-inspired gem design to the sand-filled jar to the weatherworn paint job, this DIY sconce brings the beauty of the beach inside.