

Something to do

Mix equal weights of sand and dry plaster of Paris. Pour it into a transparent plastic container to make a layer of about 2 cm (1 in). Now make a mixture of fine gravel and plaster and pour that in. Do the same for various mixtures of coloured sand, or pebbles, all with plaster of Paris. Throw in a seashell or two on a layer.

Now top the container up with water. Next day you will have your own sedimentary rocks. The water will have caused the plaster to recrystallize and cement the whole mass together. The seashells will be present as fossils.

