

shell seating-card holders

Perfect for a wedding by the ocean, these scallop shells clasp table designations as if bearing treasures from the sea. Guests pull out their cards to discover their table numbers, which are hidden behind the shells. To get the fan-shaped mollusks to stand, we anchored them in polymer clay, then baked them in the oven. The result is sturdy enough to last for years; encourage guests to take the holders home as keepsakes and use them to display photographs.



shell how-to

All the materials for this project can be found at a crafts-supply store; buy shells that come attached as pairs (ours are about 2½ inches across). To make the base, roll polymer clay to ¼-inch thickness with a Plexiglas craft roller. Cut out base shapes using a 1½-inch oval-shaped cutter. Place a note card in between shells to create space and insert into clay. Remove card and continue with remaining shells. Bake in the oven, following clay-package directions. It's best to make several more holders than you need, in case a few shells close up too tightly after baking and resist opening.