

# Tales from the Land of Gullah

## Paper Shell Mobile

Create a pretend wind chime using pretend Gullah materials.

1. Choose a paper plate. (Pretend it is a piece of drift wood.)
2. Decorate the paper plate.
3. Color and cut out as many shell shapes as you like. (Pretend you gathered them at the beach.)
4. Punch a hole in each shell.
5. Punch holes in the paper plate (one hole for each shell).
6. Tie the shells to the plate with yarn. Use different lengths of yarn to give it variety.
7. Tie on another piece of yarn to hang the mobile.

### **For Parents:**

People on the Sea Islands had to rely on the items that could be found where they lived for food and for fun. Shells were plentiful and easily found, so they were used for decorations and to make wind chimes. Talk about ways that your family is resourceful.

### **Continue the learning:**

Visit *Tales from the Land of Gullah* to find out what else Gullah children learned to do when they were growing up. You will also find a bookshelf full of books about the land and people. Many of the shells the Gullah people used can be found in Texas too. Check out <http://www.seashells.org/identcatagories/mollusksctotx.htm> to learn more about these shells. On your next rip to the beach, see how many you can identify.