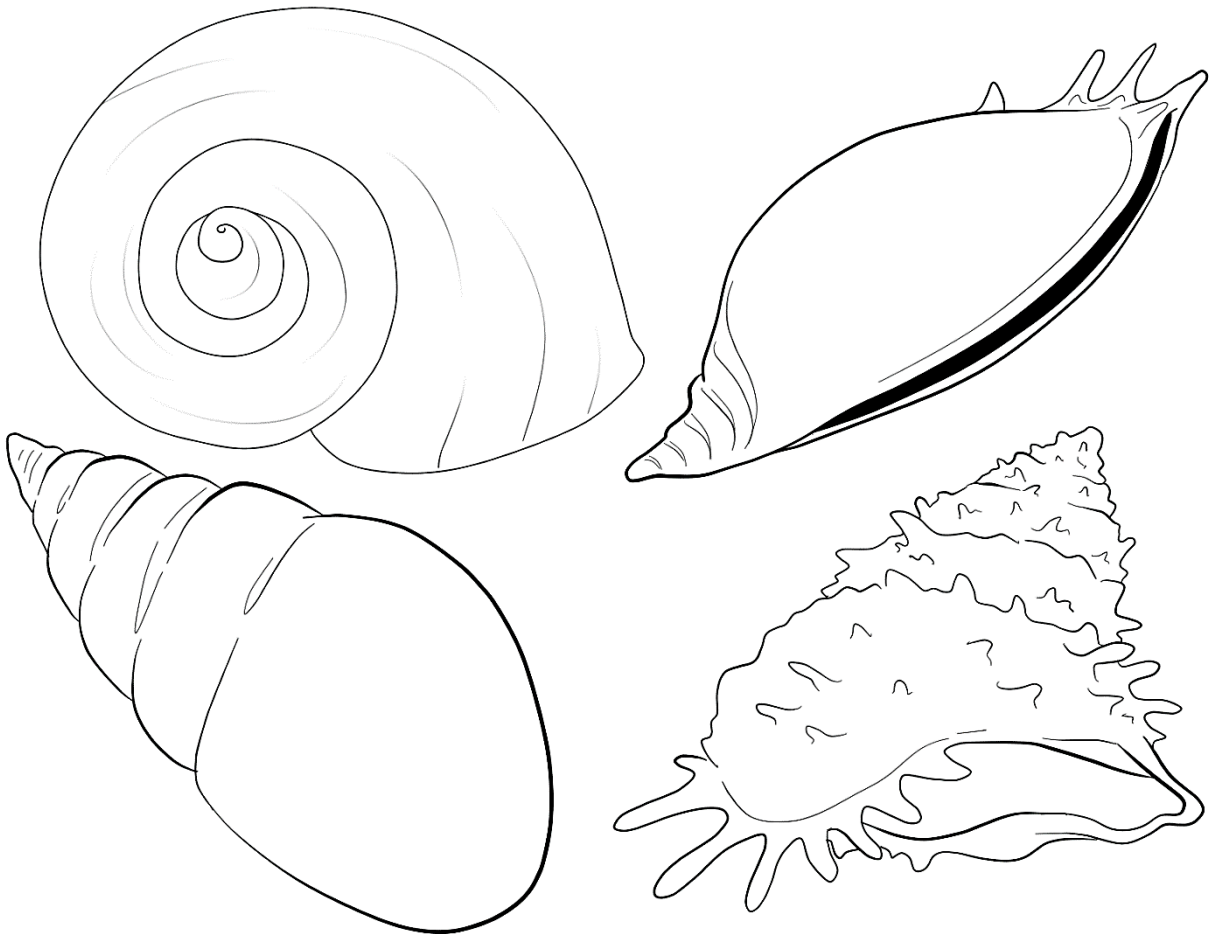


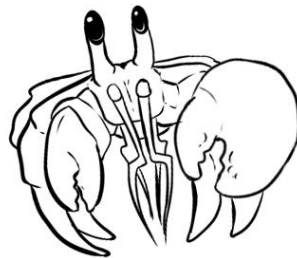
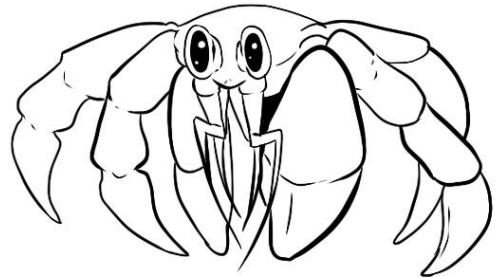
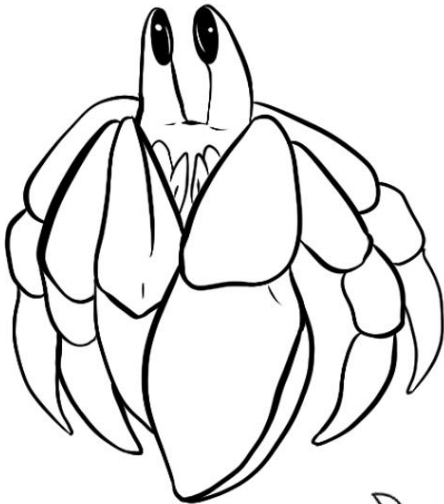
Hermit Crab Shells

Hermit crabs are amazing crustaceans! While half of their body has a hard exoskeleton, they also have a long soft abdomen. This is why they need to find protective shells. Unlike some animals, hermit crabs don't grow these shells themselves and have to find homes. They have to find shells that fit them perfectly though or it will be too big or too small. When hermit crabs don't just pick any shell as their new home, they make some evaluations before picking the perfect one:

- Can the shell be moved?
- Is the shell texture and shape suitable?
- Will the shell opening fit its body?
- How roomy is the interior?
- If the shell is turned upside down, can be flipped back up?

Help the hermit crabs by decorating the shells below. Cut out the hermit crabs and glue to the shells to help them find their perfect home!





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