

# Baptism Shell Materials List

1. **Shells:** purchased from Shell Horizons Inc in Clearwater FL [www.shellhorizons.com](http://www.shellhorizons.com) the shells I use are listed under Pectins, Scallops, Abalone, go to Irish Baking Scallops, size A1-14 these are 4 ¼ to 5" at 7.20 per doz, these net out at .60ea before shipping. Since there is always 2~4 shells that get discarded for chips, or blems that make them unsuitable it does raise the cost up a bit but still under the dollar per shell mark. They also offer a heart shaped pink shell that is adorable for little girls.
2. **Paints:** these can be sourced locally from Home Depot, Lowes or Ace hardware. These are the basic rattle can spray paints. I use Rustoleum Bright Coat Gold metallic finish. Stock # 7710830 \$6.99  
Rustoleum Clear enamel, stock #7701830. \$6.99 Krylon gloss clear is also good choice.
3. **Paint Pens:** I use Craftsmart Gold metallic fine tip paint pen. Stock #621355 \$5.99 available from Michaels Crafts.  
There are a ton of alternative choices on Amazon or other craft stores such as Hobby Lobby. I don't know how the gold color matches up with the gold Rustoleum, the Craftsmart is really close. If you try a different brand be sure to get a fine tip nothing larger.

Sakura Pigma micron .05 fineliner black 2pack, \$4.40 from Amazon.

4. **Decal Paper:** Waterslide decal paper for inkjet printers. 20 sheets 8.25x11.75, A4 \$13.99 from Amazon.
5. **U/V Resin:** JDiction U/V activated resin, crystal clear hard glue solar cure sunlight activated resin. 2 100gram bottles 15.59 from Amazon.
6. **Other Materials:** paper towels, I use Viva signature cloth as these don't shed lint like regular paper towels. You don't want stray lint getting locked in under the UV resin.  
Latex or nitrile disposable gloves, use these when spreading the resin with your finger.

The approximate cost is \$61.00 plus applicable shipping and state or local taxes.

The UV resin should be good for 50+ shells. The decal paper will last for several hundred shells. The spray paint is the highest usage consumable with about 20~25 shells per can.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact:

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## **EXAMPLE SCRIPT**

The Knights of Columbus thank you for bringing this child into the Catholic Faith and our community of believers in Christ Jesus.

To inspire parental fidelity to one's promises, the Knights of Columbus are presenting a Rosary to the Mother and to the Father, and a Baptismal Shell to the child, hoping that these gifts are reminders to pray that the Lord blesses this child and family throughout their natural life.

The practice of using the shell for baptism has been a Catholic tradition for centuries. A symbol of Christ.

The Rosary is one of the most cherished and ancient prayers of the Catholic Church. In honor of this child's first sacrament, we offer Holy Rosary beads and the Baptismal garment. These blessed beads and garment were lovingly crafted by the Rosary Makers and the Women's Council of St Ignatius Parish.

The Knights of Columbus invite you to pray the Rosary daily to bring Jesus and his loving embrace into your home.

Today your child receives the Divine Grace of Baptism. By asking for this sacrament, parents work jointly with Christ and the Catholic church in its effort to bring about a bountiful Catholic life.

And so, please accept these gifts as a token of our appreciation to the parents and their efforts to raise this child as a follower of Jesus Christ.