

PATTERN 22

COLOURS: 1



Stony Corals

Scleractinia

These reef-building corals create the hard framework of tropical reefs. They thrive in sunny, shallow water.

Fun fact: Each tiny coral polyp builds its own limestone cup.

Staghorn coral (US)

Part 1: 5 PCs

Row 1.	4 sc in MC
Row 2.	4 sc
Row 3.	inc, 3 sc (5)
Row 4-5.	sc, sl st, F/O

Part 2: 5 PCs:

Row 1.	4 sc in MC
Row 2.	4 sc
Row 3.	inc, 3 sc (5)
Row 4.	5 sc
Row 5.	inc, 4 sc, sl st (6), F/O.

Part 3: 6 PCs

Row 1.	4 sc in MC
Row 2.	4 sc
Row 3.	inc, 3 sc (5)
Row 4.	5 sc
Row 5.	inc, 4 sc (6)
Row 6.	6 sc, sl st, F/O.

Part 4: 1 PC

Row 1.	4 sc in MC
Row 2.	4 sc
Row 3.	inc, 3 sc (5)
Row 4.	5 sc
Row 5.	inc, 4 sc (6)
Row 6.	6 sc
Row 7.	inc, 5 sc, sl st (7), F/O.

Part 5: 1 PC

Row 1.	4 sc in MC
Row 2.	4 sc
Row 3.	inc, 3 sc (5)
Row 4.	5 sc
Row 5.	inc, 4 sc (6)
Row 6.	6 sc
Row 7.	inc, 5 sc (7)
Row 8.	7 sc, sl st, F/O.

Part 6: 4 PCs

Row 1.	4 sc in MC
Row 2.	4 sc
Row 3.	inc, 3 sc (5)
Row 4–6.	5 sc
Row 7.	inc, 4 sc (6)
Row 8–9.	6 sc
Row 10.	2 join sc with part 1, 4 sc on part 6 (7)
Row 11.	7 sc (3 sc on part 1 starting with the arrow, 4 sc on part 6)
Row 12.	5 sc, 2 join sc with part 2 (9)
Row 13.	9 sc (5 sc on part N° 6, 4 sc on part 2)
Row 14.	9 sc
Row 15.	3 sc, 2 join sc with part 3, 4 sc (11)
Row 16.	11 sc (3 sc on part 6, 4 sc on part 3, 4 sc on part 6)
Row 17–19.	11 sc, sl st, F/O



Central part:

Row 1.	4 sc in MC
Row 2.	4 sc
Row 3.	inc, 3 sc (5)
Row 4-6.	5 sc
Row 7.	inc, 4 sc (6)
Row 8-9.	6 sc
Row 10.	2 join sc with part 1, 4 sc (7)
Row 11.	7 sc (3 sc on part 1, 4 sc on central part)
Row 12.	5 sc, 2 join sc with part 2 (9)
Row 13.	9 sc (5 sc on central part, 4 sc on part 2)
Row 14.	9 sc
Row 15.	3 sc, 2 join sc with part N° 3, 4 sc (11)
Row 16.	11 sc (3 sc on central part, 4 sc on part 3, 4 sc on central part)
Row 17.	3 join sc with part 3, 8 sc (11)
Row 18.	11 sc (3 sc on part 3, 8 sc on central part)
Row 19.	7 sc, 3 join sc with part 4, 1 sc (12)
Row 20.	12 sc (7 sc on central part, 4 sc on part 4, 1 sc on central part)
Row 21.	3 sc, 3 join sc with part 5, 6 sc (13)
Row 22.	3 sc on central part, 4 sc on part 5, 6 sc on central part (13)
Row 23-28.	13 sc
Row 29.	(3 join sc with part 6) * 4, 1 sc (33)

Row 30. 7 sc on part N° 6, pull loop through the next single crochet, pull loop between the branches, pull loop through the first single crochet of branch on the left, crochet all 4 loops from the hook at once, 6 sc on the next part N° 6, pull loop through the next single crochet, pull loop between the branches, pull loop through the first single crochet of branch on the left, crochet all 4 loops from the hook at once, 6 sc on the next part N° 6, pull loop through the next single crochet, pull loop between the branches, pull loop through the first single crochet of branch on the left, crochet all 4 loops from the hook at once, 6 sc on the next part 6, pull loop through the next single crochet, pull loop between the branches, pull loop through the first single crochet of branch on the left, crochet all 4 loops from the hook at once (28)

Row 31. 28 sc

Trace the base around the perimeter on cardboard. Cut a circle out of thick cardboard - it will give the coral stability.

Row 32. 3 sc, inc) * 7 (35)

Row 33. 35 sc, F/O (for those who decided to sew a felt bottom).

Cut a circle of felt with an allowance of 1-2 mm. Place a pebble or granules into the base for weight, put cardboard, then sew the bottom with the blanket st.

If you don't have felt, you can crochet the bottom. A felt bottom however gives greater stability. So, to crochet the bottom:

Row 34. (3 sc, dec) * 7 (28)

If desired, insert a wire frame. You can add a weighting stone to give stability. Insert a thick cardboard circle. Place a little padding polyester between the cardboard and the frame.

Row 35. (2 sc, dec) * 7 (21)

Row 36. (1 sc, dec) * 7 (14)

Row 37. 7 dec = 7, pull the hole by the front loops. Straighten the coral branches into the desired shape.

Middle disk:

With colour (B), ch 26.

Rnd 1.	Skip first ch from hook, inc, sc 23, inc, ch 1 and turn (27)
Rnd 2.	(sc 2, inc) 9 times, ch 1 and turn (36)
Rnd 3.	(sc 3, inc) 9 times, ch 1 and turn (45)
Rnd 4.	(sc 4, inc) 9 times, ch 1 and turn (54)
Rnd 5.	sc 15, hdc 8, dc 8, hdc 8, sc 15, ch 1 and turn (54)
Rnd 6.	(sc 5, inc) 9 times, ch 1 and turn (63)
Rnd 7.	sc 16, hdc 10, dc 11, hdc 10, sc 16 (63)

Assembly:

Sew the top disk along the top edge of the base. Use the front loops of R20 on the base as a guide.

The two ends of the top disk will overlap as shown. Sew the middle disk near the center (around R17) of the base.

