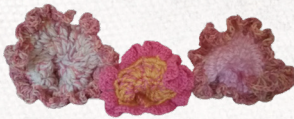




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Sea Fan Coral

Melithaea ochracea

This coral forms colourful fan shaped branches that catch flowing currents. Found on deeper or more exposed reef edges.

Fun fact: Pygmy seahorses hide in sea fans and match their colour.

Fan and funnel (US)

Rnd 1.	ch 5, ss in first ch to form ring
Rnd 2.	8 dc into ring, join with ss to top of first dc
Rnd 3.	3 dc in each of next 8 dc (24 total dc)
Rnd 4.	3 sc in next stitch to end. Join with ss in top of first sc.

You should now have a circular piece that is slightly imperfect

Take the piece and fold it in half. Keep your working loop at the top of the right-hand side. Partially close it up, creating the funnel aspect of the coral and giving it a "pedestal" to stand the finish piece.

Rnd 5.	sc in next st, going through both sides to seal it up 8 times (8 stitches total). Do not stitch the whole thing closed, just those first 8 stitches.
Rnd 6.	Now open up your piece and sc around until you reach the seam you just made.
Rnd 7.	Turn. Work 5dc in each sc around. This will cause the "ruffle" around the edge.

F/O and weave in ends. To stand, put seam side down with funnel end to the back. The closed part of your piece will prop up your coral.

Tentacle (make 90):

In the following pattern, the tentacles are described with 8 rnds of the colour (A). However, vary the length between 8 and 11 rnds so that they look more natural when sewn onto the body later.

To change colour, insert into the last stitch before changing colour and pick up yarn with old colour, end sc with new colour.

Use colour (A).

Start with a long thread beginning. You will need this to sew the finished tentacles to your cap right away.

Rnd 1–8.	5 sc (5st).
Rnd 9.	change to the colour (B), 5 sc (5)
Rnd 10.	5 sc, slip st, F/O (5)

Thread end of thread into a needle and through all back loop only. Pull thread closed. Sew thread.

Also sew all other threads to the top of the tentacles.

Now mix all the 90 tentacles and sew them to the lid with the long thread from the beginning. Sew them all in a total of 3 circles next to each other on the cap.

Body:

Use colour (B). 8 sc in to a MR.

Rnd 1.	(2 sc into the following st)*8 [16 st].
Rnd 2.	(2 sc into the following, sc)*8 [24 st].
Rnd 3.	(2 sc into the following st, 2 sc)*8 [32 st].
Rnd 4.	(2 sc into the following st, 3 sc)*8 [40 st].
Rnd 5.	(2 sc into the following st, 4 sc)*8 [48 st].
Rnd 6.	(2 sc into the following st, 5 sc)*8 [56 st].
Rnd 7.	(2 sc into the following st, 6 sc)*8 [64 st].
Rnd 8.	(2 sc into the following st, 7 sc)*8 [72 st].
Rnd 9.	(2 sc into the following st, 8 sc)*8 [80 st].
Rnd 10.	(2 sc into the following st, 9 sc)*8 [88 st].

Rnd 11.	(2 sc into the following st, 10 sc)*8 [96 st].
Rnd 12.	(2 sc into the following st, 11 sc)*8 [104 st].
Rnd 13.	(2 sc into the following st, 12 sc)*8 [112 st].
Rnd 14.	(2 sc into the following st, 13 sc)*8 [120 st].
Rnd 15.	(2 sc into the following st, 14 sc)*8 [128 st].
Rnd 16–23.	sc [128 M].
Rnd 24.	(2 sc into the following st, 15 sc)*8 [136 st].
Rnd 25–30.	136 sc [136 st].
Rnd 31.	(sc2, 15 sc)*8 [128 st].
Rnd 32–39.	128 sc [128 st].
Rnd 40.	(sc2, 14 sc)*8 [120 st].
Rnd 41.	(sc2, 13 sc)*8 [112 st].
Rnd 42.	(sc2, 12 sc)*8 [104 st].
Rnd 43.	(sc2, 11 sc)*8 [96 st].
Rnd 44.	(sc2, 10 sc)*8 slip st, F/O [88 st].

Filling the Body:

Now stuff the body with absorbent cotton. Stuff it only very lightly and leave the space in the middle a little free. This will make it easier to put the tentacles into the sea anemone later.

Crochet the cap to the body:

Now put the cap on the body with the tentacles facing up. Now crochet with colour (B) from the outside (see picture 5) through both layers with 88 sc the cap to the body. F/O. Sew the protruding thread.

