



PATTERN 31

COLOURS: 2



## Honeycomb Coral

*Diploastrea heliopora*

This coral forms rounded colonies with neat hexagon patterns. It strengthens Indo-Pacific reef structures.

**Fun fact:** Its honeycomb surface looks perfectly tiled due to its growth rate being so even.

### Honeycomb (US)

Use colour (A) yarn.

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**Row 1.** 7 sc in MC. Please note that the crocheting should be wrapped inward – crochet inside out.

**Row 2-3.** 7 sc, sl st. Make ch 2, cut the thread and pull the tip out of the last ch st. Now, when you tie this knot, the last loop of the green part will not stretch and the circle will look aesthetically pleasing. Then tuck the resulting ponytail inside out. To attach colour (B) thread.

**Row 4.** ch 3, inc bullion st in each stitch of previous row, sl st in the first bullion stitch of the row. You should get 16 bullion stitches in a circle (2 bullion stitches in each sc and sl st of previous row). Don't count the lifting loops and try to make them move to the wrong side of the coral.

**Row 5-6.** (2 rows): 16 sc.

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Sew along the bottom for 2–3 pairs of loops. Combine the parts into a large bunch.

Trace the resulting part on thick cardboard, cut out, smoothing out irregularities.

Cut out the same part from the felt, leaving an allowance of 2–3 mm around the perimeter.

Pin the felt to the base of the coral at the protruding points. Don't forget to include cardboard. Sew the felt to the base of the coral using a blanket stitch. Don't forget to add a little filler between the cardboard and the crocheted part of the coral during the sewing process.