

PATTERN 4

COLOURS: 2



Sponges

Porifera

Sponges are simple, hole filled animals that filter huge amounts of seawater. They live attached to reef surfaces and help keep water clean.

Fun fact: Some can live for hundreds or thousands of years.

Tube Sponge (US)

Use colour (A) yarn.

Base:

Rnd 1.	With A, sc 6 in MR (6)
Rnd 2.	inc in each st around (12)
Rnd 3.	(sc 1, inc) * 6 (18)
Rnd 4.	(sc 2, inc) * 6 (24)
Rnd 5.	sc in each st around (24)
Rnd 6.	(sc 3, inc) * 6 (30)
Rnd 7.	(sc 4, inc) * 6 (36)
Rnd 8.	(sc 5, inc) * 6 (42)
Rnd 9.	Crochet into the BLO, sc in each st around (42)
Rnd 10.	Crochet into the BLO, sc in each st around (42)
Rnd 11.	(sc 5, dec) * 6 (36)
Rnd 12.	(sc 4, dec) * 6 (30)
Rnd 13.	(sc 3, dec) * 6 (24)
Rnd 14.	(sc 2, dec) * 6 (18)
Rnd 15.	(sc 1, dec) * 6 (12)

Finish with a slst into the next st. Cut a short yarn tail for sewing. Stuff the base with polyfill. Sew the opening closed by inserting the needle into the front loops of the remaining st and then pulling the yarn tail tight. Weave in the yarn tail.

Tubes:

Each of the six tubes will start in the same manner. The heights of the different tubes are achieved by the number of rounds crocheted after R12.

Use colour (A) and colour (B) yarn.

Rnd 1.	With A, sc 6 in MR (6)
Rnd 2.	inc in each st around (12)
Rnd 3.	(sc 2, inc) * 4 (16)
Rnd 4–8.	sc in each st around (16)
Rnd 9.	With B, sc in each st around (16)
Rnd 10.	Crochet into the BLO, sc in each st around (16)
Rnd 11.	With A, sc in each st around (16)
Rnd 12.	+ sc in each st around (16)

Tube A:

Rnd 13–40.	sc in each st around (16)
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Finish with a slst into the next stitch. Cut a long yarn tail for sewing.

Tube B:

Rnd 13–36.	sc in each st around (16)
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Finish with a slst into the next stitch. Cut a long yarn tail for sewing.

Tube C:

Rnd 13–30.	sc in each st around (16)
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Finish with a slst into the next stitch. Cut a long yarn tail for sewing.

Tube D:

Rnd 13–27.	sc in each st around (16)
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Finish with a slst into the next stitch. Cut a long yarn tail for sewing.

Tube E:

Rnd 13–24.	sc in each st around (16)
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Finish with a slst into the next stitch. Cut a long yarn tail for sewing.

Tube F:

Rnd 13–20. sc in each st around (16)

Finish with a slst into the next stitch. Cut a long yarn tail for sewing.

Use the bottom of the crochet hook to push the top of the tube to invert it. The tube should fold at R10 where the piece was crocheted through the back loops.

Stuff the bottom of each tube with polyfill.

Sew the tubes to the base in a layout of your preference.

