

CORAL REEFS

Coral reefs are amazing underwater homes for many sea creatures. There are three main types of coral reefs: fringing reefs, barrier reefs, and atolls. Let's learn about each one!

FRINGING REEFS

Fringing reefs are like gardens growing right next to the shore. They start from the coastline and stretch out into the sea. Imagine walking from the beach straight into a beautiful underwater forest full of colorful fish and corals. These reefs are easy to reach because they're so close to the land.



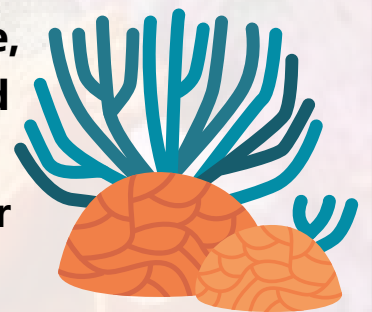
BARRIER REEFS

Barrier reefs are a bit further out in the ocean. They have a big, deep pool of water called a lagoon between them and the shore. Think of them as underwater walls that protect the land from big waves. The Great Barrier Reef in Australia is the most famous example. It's like a giant city for sea creatures, with lots of different animals living there.



ATOLLS

Atolls are very special. They look like rings of coral with a calm, shallow lagoon in the middle. They start as fringing reefs around a volcanic island. Over time, the island sinks, but the coral keeps growing up and around it, forming a ring. These reefs are usually found far out in the ocean, creating a safe haven for many sea animals.



TEXTURED REEF

Have fun using textures to make art with this simple watercolor coral reef creation!

INSTRUCTIONS

STEP 1: Print fish template and ocean background.

STEP 2: Use textured items like sponges, bubble wrap and watercolor to design your background.

STEP 3: Paint or color your fish with markers and cut out.

STEP 4: Use glue stick to add the fish to your ocean floor.

SUPPLIES

Templates
Watercolor
Sponge
Bubble wrap
Water
Markers
Glue stick

TEXTURE IN ART

Texture in art is all about how things feel when you touch them, and it can make your artwork look really cool! Artists use different tools to create texture. For example, they might use a sponge to dab paint on the paper, which can make it look bumpy or soft. Another fun tool is bubble wrap! When you dip bubble wrap in paint and press it onto your artwork, it leaves a pattern of tiny circles that looks super interesting, like bubbles or tiny fish scales. Playing with texture helps make your art more exciting and fun to look at, because it gives your pictures a special touch that everyone will want to feel and explore!

