

CORAL REEF HABITAT!

Coral reefs are colourful and vibrant habitats, always teeming with life and providing shelter for a variety of different species! If you have a spare shoe box lying around, why not have a go at creating your own coral reef habitat?

- Materials needed:
- Shoe box
 - Stapler
 - Blue and yellow paint
 - Paintbrush
 - Pipe cleaners
 - Coloured tissue paper
 - Scissors
 - Coloured card
 - Colouring pencils
 - Hole punch
 - String & sellotape



1. Turn the shoe box on its side and remove the lid.
2. Paint the ceiling and inside walls of the box blue. Try sticking down different shades of blue tissue paper to make your background more interesting.
3. Paint the bottom of the box yellow, or stick down some yellow card to make the seabed.
4. Glue on some scrunched up tissue paper and staple on some pipe cleaners to the base of the shoebox to make the coral. You can use these materials to make some rocks and seaweed too!
5. What animals might you find in coral reefs? Would there be a crab scuttling by, a fish hiding in the coral or sharks cruising along? Once you've chosen your creatures, draw them on white card and colour them. Or you could draw them straight onto coloured card.

Depending on where your animal lives, you can:

- Draw a flap at the bottom of your animal. Cut the animal out, bend the flap over and glue it to the base of the shoebox. Or:
- Cut out an animal and attach a piece of string to the back using sellotape. Create a hole at the top of the shoebox, thread the string through the hole and tie a knot. This will make it look like they are swimming!

Your coral reef habitat will then be complete!