







Make a Tidepool Mural

Create a giant mural using the tidepool illustration on the next page as a template. Have your students colour in, cut out and glue on the animals that belong in the tidepool.

THIS activity is intended to reinforce what your students learned about aquatic animals and habitats during their BC Hydro AquaVan visit. Your class will learn how the colouring and structure of animals (camouflage, disruptive colouration and hard outer skeletons) help animals stay alive in different habitats. Through the careful creation of an ideal habitat, this activity is intended to instill simple conservation messages about respect and care of aquatic animals.

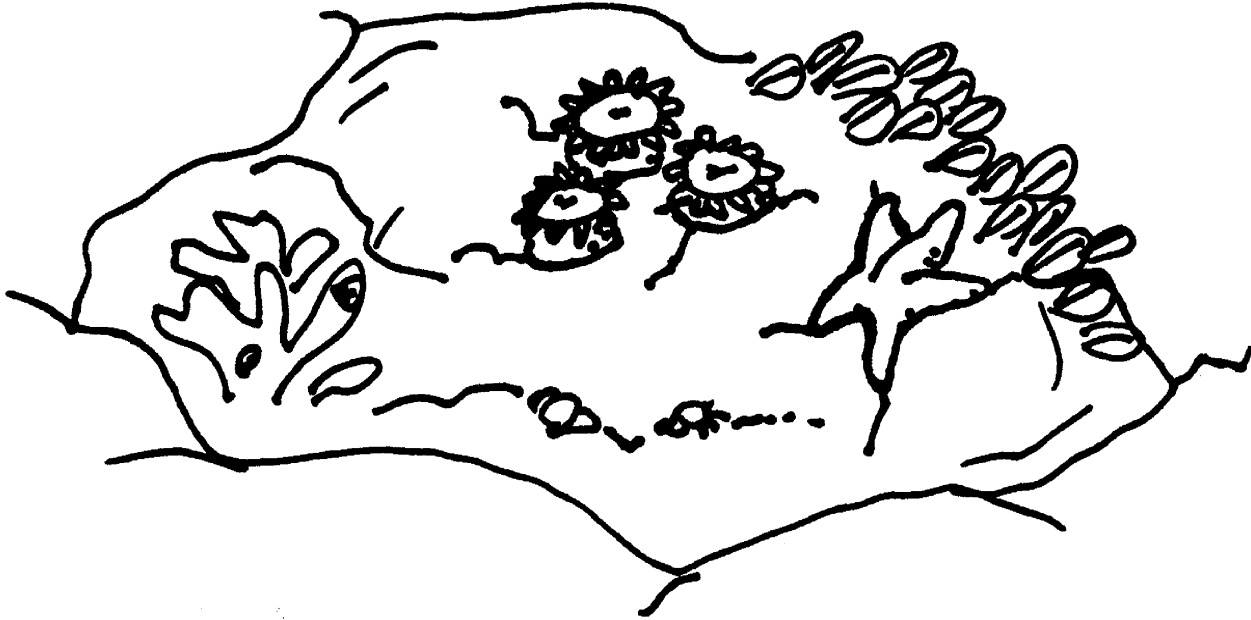
MATERIALS

-  Poster paper for mural
-  Pencils, Crayons or Paint
-  Glue or tape
-  Creature Cutout Sheets

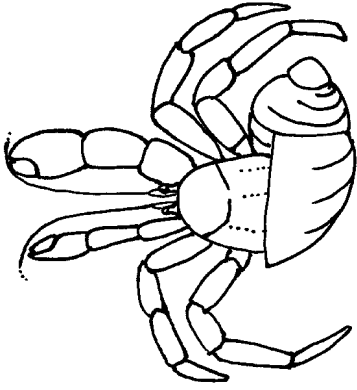
Steps

- 1)** As a class, create a tidepool mural using large paper, pencils crayons or paint. As a guide, use the example on the following page.
- 2)** Have your students colour their tidepool animals and glue them to your mural habitat.
- 3)** Speedy students can draw and colour other tidepool animals and the mural while others finish working.
- 4)** Discuss how removing an organism from its habitat can affect the survival of all the species in that habitat e.g. What happens to a tidepool if sea snails are removed? More algae will grow. The increased amount of algae will provide more food for other herbivores.

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Colour the animals and place them in the class tidepool mural.

Together your class will create a seaside home.

