

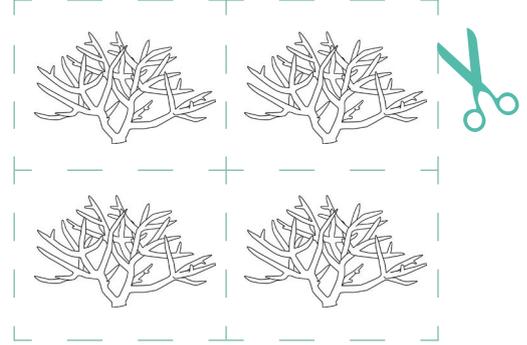
Reef habitat zones



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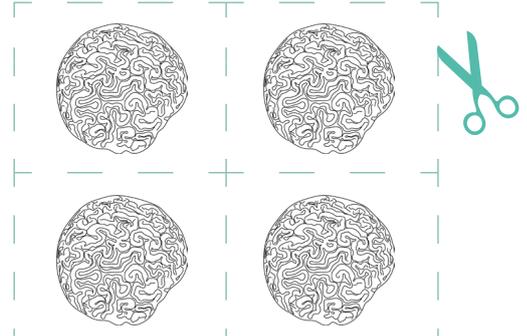
Branching Coral

These corals are some of the fastest growing corals on the reef, potentially growing up to 2 meters tall. Found in a variety of areas up to 30m deep.



Boulder Brain Coral

The most common coral found in the Caribbean Sea, predominantly in the shallower areas of the reef habitat.



Encrusting Coral

They have a low spreading growth, usually along hard rock surfaces. Unlike other corals they grow in width not upwards.

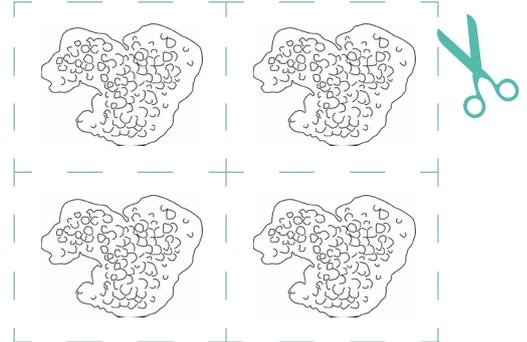
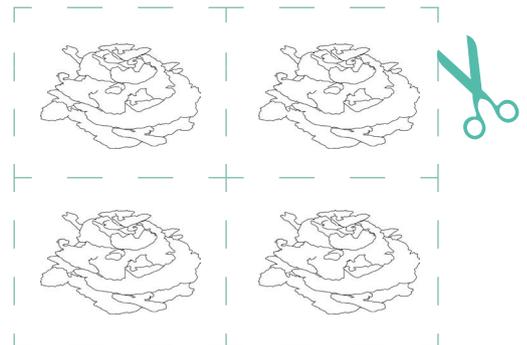


Plate Coral

These corals usually live in deeper rocky areas on the reef. It is a very common coral found in the Indian and Pacific oceans.



Branching Plate Coral

These corals are found in the reef slopes and lagoons, protected from strong wave action and usually in areas of between 0-30m depth.

