



Hide and Sea-k Anemones

Sea anemones give clownfish a safe place to live, with their tentacles protecting the clownfish from predators. But what does the anemone get in return? Clownfish can help scare off predatory fish and their poop provides nutrients for the anemone!

Make your own sea anemone and clownfish pair using paper tubes and coffee filters.

Materials

Paper tube
Coffee filters
Coloring implements
Print-out clownfish templates (page 2)
Scissors
Glue or tape (optional)

Directions

1. **Paint** or **color** your paper tube. This will be the sea anemone's body.
2. **Color** one, two, or three coffee filters. These will be the anemone's stinging tentacles. A sea anemone can either pull their tentacles into their body or extend them out to catch food floating in the water.
3. **Insert** the coffee filters into one end of the tube. They will stay inside on their own, or you can glue or tape them inside to make them more secure.
4. **Color** and **cut** out the clownfish. How many clownfish will live in your sea anemone?

