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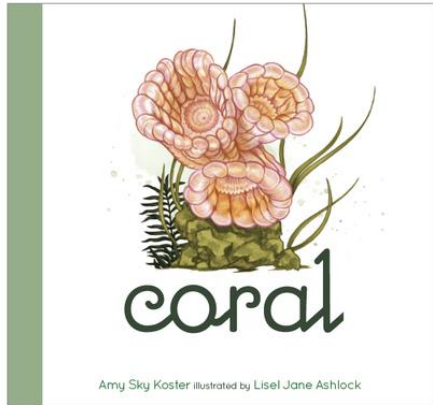
Virtual ARTSmart Classes for Salt Air



Looking Activity: Coral Reefs

Visit the exhibition online at <https://www.mkbma.org/exhibitions/salt-air/>

In addition to fish and mollusks, there is a wide variety of plants and animals living near the seafloor to inspire artists!



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A coral "group" is a colony of many genetically identical polyps. Each polyp is a sac-like animal typically only a few millimeters in diameter and a few centimeters in height. A set of tentacles surround a central mouth opening. Each polyp excretes an exoskeleton near the base. Over the generations the colony creates a skeleton characteristic of the species which can measure up to several meters in size.

Margaret and Christine Wertheim, *Crochet Coral Reef*. Courtesy Museum Frieder Burda, Baden-Baden.

<https://www.margaretwertheim.com/crochet-coral-reef>





Dale Chihuly, *Seaform Installation*, 2002, 5 x 30',
Monterey Bay Aquarium, Monterey, California

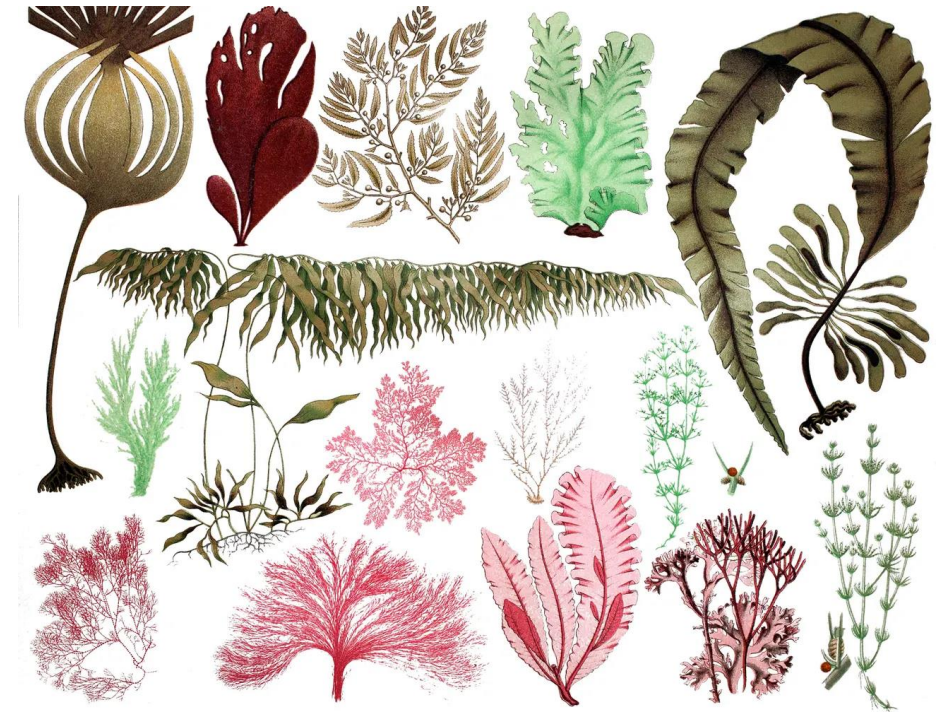
Wendy Ellsworth Sea Form Gallery (bead art)

<https://wendy.ellsworthstudios.com/seaforms-gallery>





A 'women's pastime' practiced by Queen Victoria, 'seaweeding' spread from the UK to California – these pressed seaweeds are from the Museum of Natural History.



An archival lithograph of algae and kelp



Leafy Sea Dragon, Pygmy Seahorse and a Sea Cucumber



Meet the feather star, an ancient species of marine invertebrate.



<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?ref=saved&v=1381968522226400>

We have been loving this print by Lydia Aseneta – full of Sea Cucumbers and Sea Dragons. Our ARTSmart kiddos used it for inspiration!



Lydia Aseneta (Philippines, 1925 – California, 2021)
Under the Sea, 20th century
Color screenprint on paper
KSU, Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art, gift of
Lydia V. Aseneta, 2009.181

What do you think is living
in these deeps????

Harry Elno Krug (United States, born
1930)

Nocturnal Sea, ca. 1970

Color screenprint on illustration
board

KSU, Marianna Kistler Beach
Museum of Art, gift of the
artist, 2012.284



ARTSmart friends used sponges, watercolors, straws to blow paints, and some stencils to create their coral reefs.



