

Keep Anemones Close! Symbiosis Craft

Animal Friends: Clownfish & Anemones

The symbiosis between an anemone and a clownfish is known as mutualism, meaning both animals benefit from the relationship! An anemone is covered in tentacles armed with stinging cells. These stinging tentacles allow the anemone to not only defend itself, but to capture prey as well. Clownfish have special, protective mucus on their skin that makes them immune to the anemone's sting! In fact, clownfish actually seek out shelter and refuge by nestling within the tentacles. To return the favor, clownfish give the anemone food and chase away fish that would otherwise feed on the anemone. So, safety is a major benefit of this endearing animal friendship.



Clownfish & Anemone Craft*

Step 1: Create a clownfish. Learn how to make a paper roll fish at <https://www.thecrafttrain.com/paper-roll-fish/>. Color with orange, black, and white.

Step 2: Create your anemone.



Materials: Paper roll, scissors, paint (or other coloring materials).



Paint half the paper roll with an earthy color, and half with a bright color of your choice!



Cut strips around the top of your anemone to create the tentacles.

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Bend your anemone tentacles downward and place your clownfish on top and secure using tape.
Great job!