

FRAGGING 101

The enjoyment of growing out pieces of cut corals, along with their sales has reached near epidemic levels in North America. Coral fragging is also gaining popularity in Europe and many parts of South America and South East Asia.

Marine Aquarist® shows you an easy, simple, goof-proof way to frag corals. Fragging is an educational and enjoyable DIY project for any marine enthusiast.



- 1) Selecting a healthy donor colony for cutting or fragging is essential. Avoid corals with any tissue degeneration.
- 2) Twenty drops of Lugol's solution into 1/2 gallon of aquarium water makes an anti-bacterial & disinfectant solution.
- 3) Cutting the donor coral colony with a high speed saw that can be used in a wet environment.
- 4) Placing a few drops of a suitable glue onto a disinfected coral plug.
- 5) Gluing or affixing the cut coral fragment onto the coral plug. Allow one minute to adhere.
- 6) A five minute bath in the Lugol's anti-bacterial disinfecting solution for both the donor colony and fragged coral.
- 7) Two days after, the donor colony and coral frag appear in excellent condition in a healthy marine aquarium.
- 8) Required Equipment: High speed saw with ability to work without hazard or danger in a wet environment. Two 1 gallon pails. One cup to hold frag plugs. Lugol's solution. All needed equipment must be clean prior to use. The high speed saw must be cleaned with fresh water after use.

Using a quality marine salt is essential for freshly cut frags to grow and maintain their rich natural dramatic colors. Aqua Craft Products® marine salts will mix without residue into a clean, clear, stable solution without heating up. ♦