



# Bikini Bottom Theme Tank

Plans and ideas for my dream reef aquarium



# The Vision



# The Concept

A tank inspired by my love of Spongebob, full of bright colors and unique shapes that looks just as beautiful under full-spectrum or whiter-toned lights as it does under blues.



# Inspirations

**This tank concept is inspired by my love for Spongebob! Specifically, I'm pulling my inspiration from the show, from the Broadway musical, and from Bikini Bottom's real life counterpart - the reefs of the Marshall Islands!**

**In addition, I'll also be drawing inspiration from aquariums I've seen online, focusing on mixed reefs, colorful softy tanks, and NPS-dominant tanks.**







## The Show

The show's backgrounds feature a lot of rocky arches (in beautiful coralline purple), as well as a variety of colorful corals. The show will have a big influence on my aquascaping and coral choice!







## The Musical

The vibrant colors and unique background character designs of the musical will influence a lot of my livestock choices. I want my fish to look as colorful and diverse as the residents of Bikini Bottom!





While I didn't limit myself to only animals native to the area, I kept the indigenous species in mind while planning my stock list!

## The Marshall Islands

Bikini Bottom was originally intended to be located beneath Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands, so what better natural reefsapes to take inspiration from for this tank?







**Caribbean Biome Tank**  
by BRSTV



**Softy Tank**  
by MikeC (MJC) on R2R



## Other Tanks

While the Spongebob theming is the heart of this build, it will help tremendously to have some examples on hand of tanks with similar looks to what I'm aiming for.



**NPS Paradise Tank**  
by Dragon Lee on R2R

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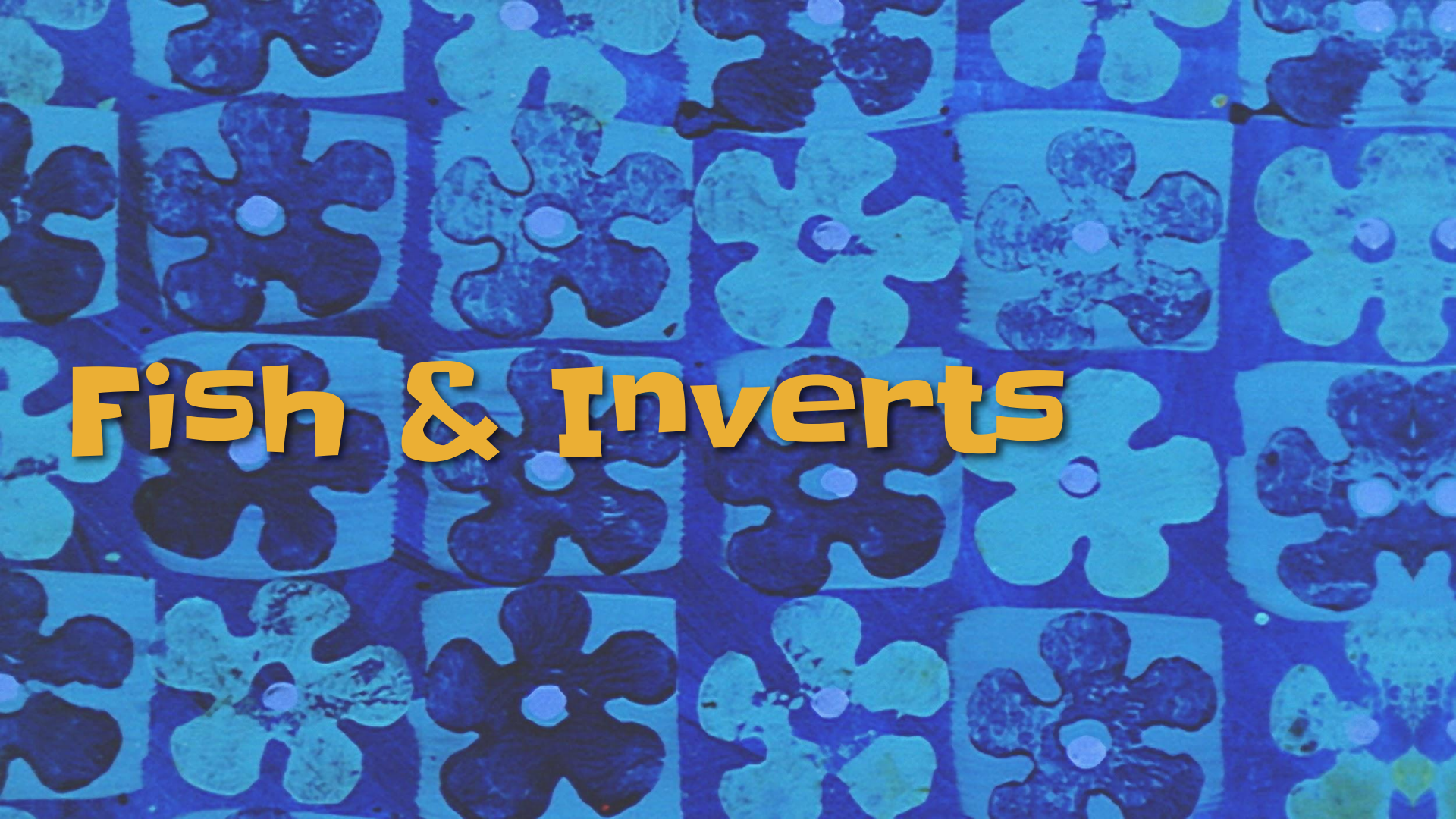
**Tank**

# Maxspect Lagoon Smart LSI150

- **Cheaper alternative to Red Sea MAX - similar "plug & play style"**
- **Only a 99 gallon tank, but the lagoon-style dimensions still make it a good option**
- **Dimensions: 60" x 22" x 22"**
- **Currently retailing around \$5,900**
- **Cabinet comes in white or black**

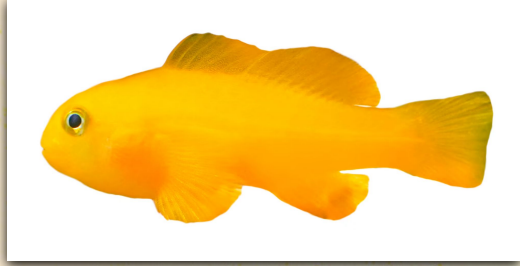






# Fish & Inverts





**Yellow Clown Goby - *Gobiodon okinawae***



**Royal Gramma - *Gramma loreto***



**Purple Firefish - *Nemateleotris decora***



**Longnose Hawkfish - *Oxycirrhites typus***



**White Tail Bristletooth Tang - *Ctenochaetus flavicauda***



**Pink-Streaked Wrasse - *Pseudocheilinus atenia***





**Flame Angelfish -**  
*Centropyge loricula*



**Midas Blenny -** *Ecsenius midas*



**Pintail Fairy Wrasse -**  
*Cirrhilabrus isosceles*



**Rhomboid Wrasse -**  
*Cirrhilabrus rhomboidalis*

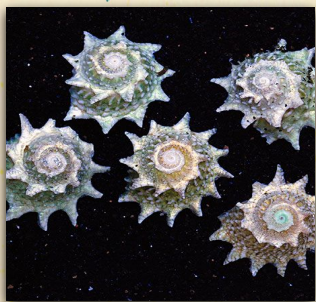


**Ruby Red Dragonet -**  
*Synchiropus sycorax*

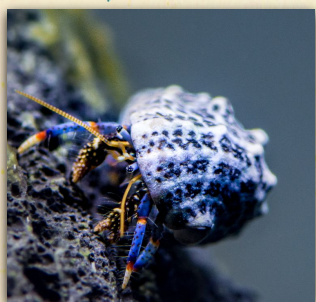


**Mandarin Dragonet -**  
*Synchiropus splendidus*





**Star Astrea Snail -**  
*Astraea phoebia*



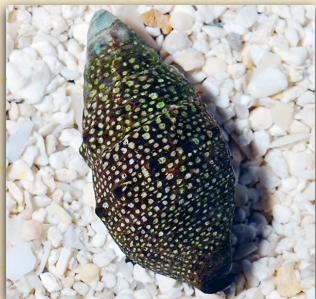
**Blue Leg Hermit Crab -**  
*Clibanarius tricolor*



**Peppermint Shrimp -**  
*Lysmata boggei*



**Nassarius Snail -**  
*Nassarius sp.*



**Cerith Snail -**  
*Cerithium sp.*



**Porcelain Crab -**  
*Petrolisthes galathinus*



**Skunk Cleaner Shrimp -**  
*Lysmata amboinensis*



**Fighting Conch -**  
*Strombus spp.*





# **Corals, Macroalgae, and Sessile Inverts**



## One step at a time...

While my ideal vision for this tank is a colorful and diverse mixed reef, I have to acknowledge the fact that I am new to this! I'll be adding livestock in this category VERY slowly and deliberately, so this isn't an exact stock list, just a list of potential options.

The additions will roughly go in the following order:  
**Macroalgae > Softies > LPS > NPS > SPS**





# Macroalgae

This will serve the dual purpose of looking gorgeous and helping keep nutrients under control - who needs a refugium when I can have display macroalgae?

Care will have to be taken in placement to ensure that the rooted species have enough sand and the fast-growers don't get out of control





**Mermaid's Fan**



**Shaving Brush**



**Dragon's Tongue**



**Halimeda**



**Gracilaria**



**Feather Caulerpa**



# Softies

Likely to be the first corals added to the tank, but they'll need to be placed intentionally to keep them from getting out of control





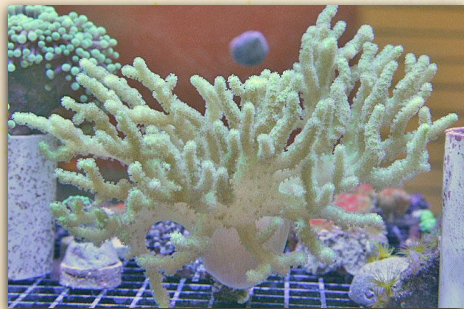
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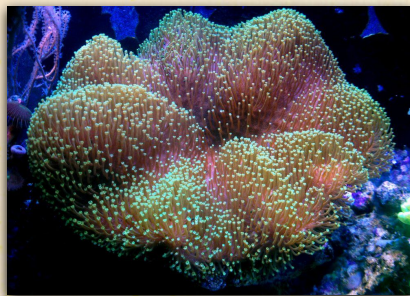
**Zoanthids (Zoas)**



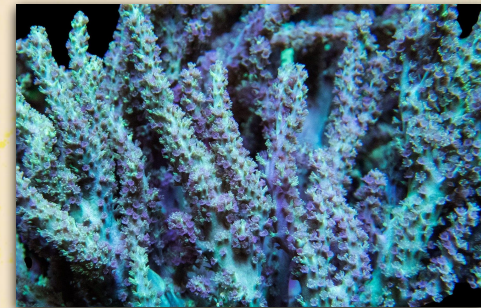
**Clove Polyps**



**Sinularia/Finger Leather**



**Toadstool Leather**



**Nephthea Tree**



# LPS & SPS

**Once the tank parameters are well-established and stable, I can start adding in some of these beauties!**





**Torches**



**Duncans**



**Candy Cane**



**Seriatopora (Birdsnest)**



**Cyphastrea**



**Stylophora**





# NPS

**These will require a lot of work, but those gorgeous colors are absolutely worth it!**

**While definitely a different challenge than photosynthetic corals, there are some great resources online that I think will give me the knowledge to be able to take care of them!**





**Sun Corals**



**Dendrophyllia**



**Gorgonians**



**MORE Gorgonians!**



The background is a vibrant blue gradient representing the ocean. In the foreground, there is a sandy seabed with several pieces of coral and sea anemones. On the left, there is a large, light purple sea anemone with a central opening. Next to it is a small green sea anemone with white spots. In the center, there is a red, branching coral. To the right, there is a purple, branching coral with white star-like spots. The background features large, faint, stylized floral or coral-like patterns in shades of blue and green. The text "Thank you for reading!" is written in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font with a black outline, centered in the upper half of the image. Below it, the text "Any feedback is appreciated!" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font, centered in the lower half of the image.

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