



Land Hermit Crab Edu Center

HERMIT CRAB



CARE GUIDE

Choosing the Right Tank Size: · Minimum tank size:

- 20 gallons for one small-to-medium hermit crab.
- Add 10 gallons for each additional small-to-medium crab.
- Add 15 gallons for each large-to-jumbo crab.
- Plan for future growth - hermit crabs can live 40+ years with proper care!



- Tank Sources: Check pet stores, Craigslist, Facebook Marketplace, or yard sales.



Choosing a Proper Lid:

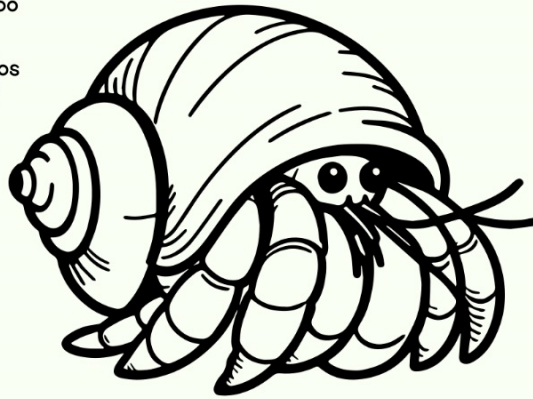
- Use a secure glass lid to maintain humidity and prevent escapes.
- Avoid mesh lids, as they cannot hold moisture effectively.



Water Pools:

- Provide two pools: fresh water and marine-grade saltwater.
 - Treat all water with dechlorinating drops.
- Use non-slip materials like ramps or shells for easy access.

Hermit Crabs require proper care to thrive in captivity
This includes:



Healthy Diet Tips:

- Offer a variety of fresh or dried fruits, vegetables, proteins, and calcium sources.
- Avoid store-bought hermit crab foods with preservatives or artificial colors.



Shells:

- Provide 3-5 extra shells per crab in different shapes and sizes
 - Purple Pinchers prefer round openings, while exotics prefer D-shaped openings.



Regular Maintenance:

- Remove uneaten food and waste daily.
- Monitor temperature and humidity levels.
- Clean the tank and refresh water weekly.

By following this guide, your hermit crabs will thrive in a safe, healthy, and enriching environment!

Substrate Essentials:

- Mix 5 parts children's play sand to 1 part coconut fiber.
- Avoid calcium sand or all-coconut fiber substrates.
- Substrate depth: 3x the depth of your largest crab (aim for 8-10 inches).
- Test moisture with a "poke test" - the hole should hold its shape lightly.



Heating and Humidity:

- Temperature: 75-85°F.
- Humidity: 75-85%.
- Use a heat mat (UTH) on the back wall of the tank (covering 75%).
 - Monitor with a digital thermometer and hygrometer.



Lighting:

- Provide a 12-hour day-night cycle with a UVB or full-spectrum light.
- Turn off lights at night; avoid heat lamps as they create hot spots.



Enrichment and Decorations:

- Include rocks, driftwood, hides, plants, and climbing materials
- Ensure all items are safe, non-toxic, and free of sharp edges.
- Rotate decorations to encourage exploration.