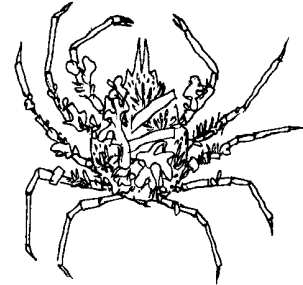


# Among the Crabs, A Shy Masked Lady\*

## Key Concepts

1. Some animals, such as Decorator crabs, camouflage themselves by affixing other animals and plants to their exteriors.
2. Different crabs have various ways of eating, moving and protecting themselves.



## Teaching Hints

Read chapter 14 of *Pagoo* with students. Have them make additions to their Pagoo Field Guides.

## Chapter Summary

Pagoo molts again. His large, right claw is now big enough to be a good “door”; but, it is not as effective as an operculum, the horny shield on a snail’s foot used to seal the snail shell’s opening. Pagoo observes a Decorator crab molt and, then, redecorate her new home.

## Key Words

**camouflage** - means by which animals and plants conceal themselves by appearing to part of their natural surroundings

**holdfast** - the anchoring structure of seaweeds

## Extensions

Have students compare a hermit crab to a shore crab or other crab species. These findings may be reported using:

- clay models
- a song (adapt a familiar tune or rap)
- a poem
- pictures with labels and descriptions
- a cartoon
- a computer program
- creative dramatics