

Itty Bitty Sea Turtles



*A little
amigurumi toy
turtle pattern*

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***This pattern is not baby safe.

If making for a baby remember to embroider features using wool. Secure firmly inside

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Gives pattern for palm sized sea turtle

Materials

- 3.5mm or 4mm crochet hook— or other hook to give firm tension
- 8 ply/DK wool in colours of your choice. In instructions colour A = multicoloured, colour B = light green C= medium green
- 7.5mm coloured safety eyes— slightly smaller or larger doesn't matter (or buttons for non-child toy)
- Polyester stuffing
- Wool needle
- Clear craft glue

Notes

1. I always start my pieces using this method=

- 3 chain and join back to first to make a circle
 - 2 chain, then sc the number of times given into the circle
 - Join back to the 2nd chain, insert marker after this and start the first round.
2. The marker counts rows but also indicates the back of the piece. This is where colour changing happens
3. You count rows at the right of a marker and a row up as the first row

The circle shows where the marker is and each arrow indicates the beginning of a new row.



4. Abbreviations are:
inc=increase
dec=decrease
st=stitch or stitches
x=number of times
5. Anything between *.* is to be repeated given number of times
6. I increase by work-

ing twice in same hole

7. There are 2 methods for decreasing. The first is below with pictures.
- The second method I only use when closing a piece by decreasing— e.g., heads. All you do is skip a hole in the row below and sc in the hole after. This gives a smoother close.
7. All pieces are worked in rounds (a spiral)
8. Follow the sequence for pattern pieces.

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Special working methods— decreasing

The first is used through most of the piece:

1. go into the next hole and pull the wool through



2. Keep both loops on hook and go through the next hole and pull wool through



3. Now you have 3 loops on hook, hook the wool and pull through all 3 loops



Shell Top

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- Use starter ring. 3 chain join into loop, 2 chain then 5 sc into loop, join to 2nd chain at beginning (6st) add marker.
- *Inc all* (x6) (12st)
- *1sc, inc* (x6) (18st)
- *2sc, inc* (x6) (24st)
- Sc 6 rounds
- *inc all* (x24) (48st) leave a tail of around 25cm, 10" and end.



Use a large eyed wool needle.



You need to turn up the bottom edge of the shell and pin evenly around.

Sew shell edge to the shell about 2 rounds up using a ladder stitch.



Knot inside shell. Hide end inside shell.

In amigurumi piece are stuffed as you go.

As soon as the piece is about an inch long start stuffing and then finish stuffing about 1/2-1" from top

Shell Base Circle and Tail

- Use starter ring. 3 chain join into loop, 2 chain then 5 sc into loop, join to 2nd chain at beginning (6st) add marker.
- *inc all* (x6) (12st)
- *1sc, inc* (x6) (18st)
- *2sc, inc* (x6) (24st)
- *3sc, inc* (x6) (30st)
- Leave a tail of about

20cm, 8" to sew the base circle to the shell later.



To make tail:

- Leave a tail of about 2" before starting
- 5 chain, turn and sc into the 3rd stitch from hook. Sc to the end (3sc altogether)
- Leave another tail of about 2" and end.

- These tails are used to sew tail into shell later.



Legs- make 4 the same.

- Do not stuff legs. They are folded in half to make little flippers.
- Use starter ring. 3 chain join into loop, 2 chain then 5 sc into loop, join to 2nd chain at beginning (6st) add marker.
- *1sc, inc* (x3) (9st)
- Sc 5 rounds.
- Leave tail 15cm, 6" to sew legs into

shell later.



- Starter ring. 3 chain and make loop. 2 chain, 5sc in loop and join to 2nd chain. Put in st marker. (6st)
- *inc all* (x6) (12st)
- *2sc, inc* (x4) (16st)
- Sc 4 rounds
- Now is the time to put in the safety eyes. They go in between the 2nd and 3rd rounds.
- Stuff the nose.



- *2sc, dec* (x4) (12st)
- Sc 5 rounds.
- Use large eyed wool needle and same coloured wool about 15cm, 6". Fold head at decrease point.
- Take wool up through the neck and out.



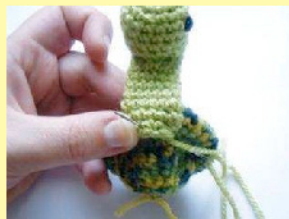
- go through head at the point where it touches the neck and go through chin then back through neck. repeat and knot inside neck and trim ends. Hide inside neck.
- Sc 5 rounds and end leaving a tail for sewing.



Putting It All Together– Head to Shell

- Take head, thread end onto needle. Sew opening closed.
- Turn shell case inside out to make stitching easier.
- Carefully sew neck edge to inside of shell slightly above where you sewed the shell rim. Be careful not to show stitching on other

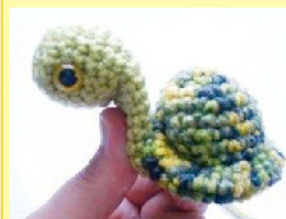
side of shell. Do not



end wool.

- Turn shell right side out. Hold neck up on outside of

shell, slightly turning the rim up.



- Take the needle out through the shell.

go through the back of the neck and go back inside shell.



- Repeat and knot off inside. Hide ends in shell.

Tail to Shell

- Fold shell in half and work out opposite point of neck to attach tail. Mark with a pin.
- Sew the tail on inside the shell so it curves out. Attach around the point where you sewed the shell edge.



Legs to Shell

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- All leg openings are stitched closed first.
- Stitch the front legs inside the shell close to the neck.
- Sew to the line where shell edge was sewn.
- Be careful not to show stitching through shell.



- Back legs are sewn the same way but attach them closely to the tail.



- Trim all ends and hide inside shell



Finishing

- Stuff the shell.
- When lining up shell base use the edges of the circle to line up with neck and legs.
- Take the base circle and thread onto wool needle.
- Using a ladder stitch sew the base circle to the shell.
- Leave a small gap

and using tweezers or other method fill in the tummy with more stuffing.

- Close, knot and pull knot back through body to hide.