



The Doll Project N°XI

MERMAID „MICI“

THAT'S WHAT YOU NEED:

- 2,5 mm (US 1 ½) standard crochet hook
- tapestry needle
- **4 different yarns** calling for 2,5 mm (US 1 ½) hook
- a 15 mm (0,6 inch) red **PomPom** for the sailor cap
- **3 different metallic effect threads**
- 2 black 6 mm (0,2 inch) **glass eyes** (or safety eyes, or black yarn to embroider, when the doll is made for a baby)
- **soft stuffing** (like cotton wool, polyfill etc.)

FIRST OF ALL:

Make sure, you crochet pretty tight all the way, to get no huge stretching holes between the stitches after you filled in the stuffing material firmly. If you crochet very loose, you should choose a smaller hook. Of course you can choose other yarns - the dolls measurements will change. In that case you have to correct the eyes-size.

I used the following yarns on a 2,5 mm (US 1 ½) hook, so the entire doll turns out at a size of 35 cm (13,8 inch).

MC yarn (blue) ≈ 40g „Regia Trend & Classic Tweed“, 4ply - color N° 746 (smaragd), yardage: 400m / 438yds (100g), gauge: 10x10cm (4x4inch) = 30sts/42rows

CC1 yarn (white or light creme) ≈ 50g „Schachenmayr Catania Fine“, 4ply - color N° 1005 (crème), yardage: 165m / 180yds (50g), gauge: 10x10cm (4x4inch) = 28sts/36rows

CC2 yarn (light blue) ≈ 25g „Regia Trend & Classic Tweed“, 4ply - color N° 745 (aqua), yardage: 400m / 438yds (100g), gauge: 10x10cm (4x4inch) = 30sts/42rows

CC3 yarn (red) ≈ 10g „Regia sockwool“, 4ply- color N° 02054 (hochrot), yardage: 200m / 218yds (50g), gauge: 10x10cm (4x4inch) = 30sts/42rows

Thread A (dark blue) ≈ 100m Gütermann Metallic Effect Thread W 331 / color: 315

Thread B (light blue) ≈ 200m Gütermann Metallic Effect Thread W 331 / color: 143

Thread C (silver) ≈ 100m Coats Reflecta / color: 301



DETAILS



ABBREVIATIONS (US CROCHET TERMS)

MC	=	main color (blue)	inc	=	increase - sc in indicated stitch 2 times
CC1	=	contrasting color no. 1 (white)	lp(s)	=	loop(s)
CC2	=	contrasting color no. 2 (light blue)	rnd(s)	=	round(s)
CC3	=	contrasting color no. 3 (red)	sc	=	single crochet stitch
A	=	dark blue thread	sctbl	=	sc through back loop only
B	=	light blue thread	sctfl	=	sc through front loop only
C	=	silver thread	sc3tog	=	sc next 3 stitches together at a time
			sk	=	skip
ch	=	chain stitch	slst	=	slip stitch
chsp	=	chain space	st(s)	=	stitch(es)
dc	=	double crochet stitch	tog	=	together
dec	=	decrease - sc next 2 stitches together	tr	=	treble crochet stitch / triple crochet stitch
hdc	=	half double crochet stitch	[] ...x	=	repeat instructions in brackets ... times

SOME HINTS FIRST:

01. All parts will be worked in spirals - so you don't have to close the rounds.
02. MICI is worked bottom-up - means you'll start at the tip of her tail and work up to the top of her head.
03. Have fun!

THE FISHY TAIL

take the **MC yarn (blue)** and the **threads A (dark blue) + B (light blue)** all held together.
Now start with a magic loop.

# rnd.		# rnd.	
01.	[sc] 6x in the yarn loop and tighten the loop	27.+28. (2 rnds.)	dec, sc 15, inc, sc 15 (33 sts)
02.	[sc, inc] 3x (9 sts) <i>place a marker into the first st of the next rnd. to keep the right count easier:</i>	29.	[sc 10, inc] 3x (36 sts)
03.+04. (2 rnds.)	[sc] across (9 sts)	30.+31. (2 rnds.)	dec, sc 16, inc, sc 17 (36 sts)
05.	[sc 2, inc] 3x (12 sts)	32.	[sc 11, inc] 3x (39 sts)
06.+07. (2 rnds.)	dec, sc 4, inc, sc 5 (12 sts)	33.+34. (2 rnds.)	dec, sc 18, inc, sc 18 (39 sts)
08.	[sc 3, inc] 3x (15 sts)	35.	[sc 12, inc] 3x (42 sts)
09.+10. (2 rnds.)	dec, sc 6, inc, sc 6 (15 sts)	36.+37. (2 rnds.)	dec, sc 19, inc, sc 20 (42 sts)
11.	[sc 4, inc] 3x (18 sts)	38.	[sc 13, inc] 3x (45 sts)
12.+13. (2 rnds.)	dec, sc 7, inc, sc 8 (18 sts)	39.+40. (2 rnds.)	dec, sc 21, inc, sc 21 (45 sts)
14.	[sc 5, inc] 3x (21 sts)	41.	[sc 14, inc] 3x (48 sts)
15.+16. (2 rnds.)	dec, sc 9, inc, sc 9 (21 sts)	42.+43. (2 rnds.)	dec, sc 22, inc, sc 23 (48 sts)
17.	[sc 6, inc] 3x (24 sts)	44.	[sc 15, inc] 3x (51 sts)
18.+19. (2 rnds.)	dec, sc 10, inc, sc 11 (24 sts)	45.+46. (2 rnds.)	dec, sc 24, inc, sc 24 (51 sts)
20.	[sc 7, inc] 3x (27 sts)	47.	[sc 16, inc] 3x (54 sts)
21.+22. (2 rnds.)	dec, sc 12, inc, sc 12 (27 sts)	48.+53. (6 rnds.)	[sc] across (54 sts)
23.	[sc 8, inc] 3x (30 sts)	54.	[dec, sc 16] 3x (51 sts)
24.+25. (2 rnds.)	dec, sc 13, inc, sc 14 (30 sts)	55.+57. (3 rnds.)	[sc] across (51 sts)
26.	[sc 9, inc] 3x (33 sts)	58.	[dec, sc 15] 3x (48 sts)
			Now break the yarn.

GIRDLE (BELT)

now take the **CC2 yarn (light blue)** and the **threads B (light blue) + C (silver)** and hold them together. This time you will work in rows. **Leave a long tail** to twist a cord for the belt later. Now cochet a chain out of **49 ch**. Insert the hook in the **2nd ch** from hook and work the following stitches along the chain:

row

01. sc 48 along the chain, ch - turn
02. sk 4, tr 4 in next st, dc 37, tr 4 in next st, sk 4, slst in last st, ch - turn
03. sc, [inc] 3x, sc 39, [inc] 3x, sc, slst in last st
leave another long tail before you break the yarn now.

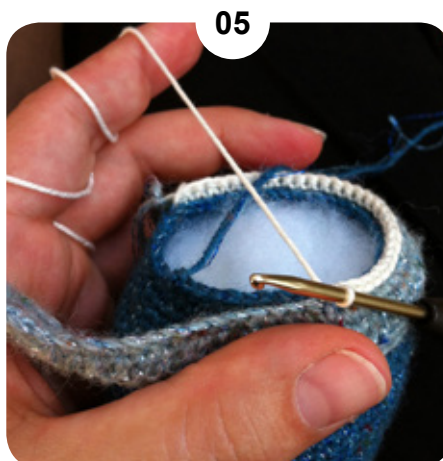
Now twist (ply) the remaining yarn-tails and the threads at each side of the belt to form a cord. Finally make a knot to fix the twisted cords.

NOW TO THE UPPER BODY:

Stuff the tail with stuffing wool **firmly!** Now take the **TAIL** and hold it like it's tip points to the left. Place the **GIRDLE** around the edge of the tails' opening as shown (*photos N° 02+03*). The opening of the girdle is facing you. Use the **CC1 yarn (white)** and sc together one st of the girdle and one st of the body at a time (**only through frontloops!**) = **rnd. 59**. Start at the opening of the belt at the frontside of the doll (*photos N° 04-06*).

rnd.

59. [sctfl] across (48 sts)



REMEMBER to fill in more stuffing material **firmly** while working the body decreases - when the body's finished it's harder to stuff the body tight, because of the small opening at the end.

CONTINUE working the UPPER BODY using the CC1 yarn (white)

# rnd.		# rnd.	
60.	[sc] across (48 sts)	72.	[sc] across (33 sts)
61.	sc 24, <i>after these 24 you should have arrived the back of the dolls body. Place a marker here! It's the new beginning of all the following rounds!</i>	73.	[dec, sc 9] 3x (30 sts)
62.	[sc] across (48 sts)	74.	[sc] across (30 sts)
63.	[dec, sc 14] 3x (45 sts)	75.	[dec, sc 8] 3x (27 sts)
64.	[sc] across (45 sts)	76.	[sc] across (27 sts)
65.	[dec, sc 13] 3x (42 sts)	77.	[dec, sc 7] 3x (24 sts)
66.	[sc] across (42 sts)	78.	[sc] across (24 sts)
67.	[dec, sc 12] 3x (39 sts)	79.	[dec, sc 6] 3x (21 sts)
68.	[sc] across (39 sts)	80.	[sc] across (21 sts)
69.	[dec, sc 11] 3x (36 sts)	81.	[dec, sc 5] 3x (18 sts)
70.	[sc] across (36 sts)	82.+83. (2 rnds.)	[sc] across (18 sts)
71.	[dec, sc 10] 3x (33 sts)	Don't break the yarn! Instead continue working the following instructions to form the head.	

HEAD make sure you've filled the stuffing wool into the body firmly before you continue.

# rnd.		# rnd.	
84.	[sc 2, inc] 6x (24 sts)	104.	[dec, sc 9] 6x (66 sts)
85.	[sc 3, inc] 6x (30 sts)	105.	[dec, sc 8] 6x (54 sts)
86.	[sc 4, inc] 6x (36 sts)	<i>REMEMBER to fill in the stuffing wool firmly as you go!</i>	
87.	[sc 5, inc] 6x (42 sts)	106.	[dec, sc 7] 6x (48 sts)
88.	[sc 6, inc] 6x (48 sts)	107.	[dec, sc 6] 6x (42 sts)
89.	[sc 7, inc] 6x (54 sts)	108.	[dec, sc 5] 6x (36 sts)
90.	[sc 8, inc] 6x (60 sts)	109.	[dec, sc 4] 6x (30 sts)
91.	[sc 9, inc] 6x (66 sts)	110.	[dec, sc 3] 6x (24 sts)
<i>Here's the right height to set the eyes in place.</i>		111.	[dec, sc 2] 6x (18 sts)
<i>The distance between one eye to the other is 11 stitches.</i>		112.	[dec, sc] 6x (12 sts)
92.	[sc 21, inc] 3x (69 sts)	113.	[dec] 6x (6 sts)
93.-102. (10 rnds.)	[sc] across (69 sts)	114.	dec to end
103.	[dec, sc 21] 3x (66 sts)	break yarn and weave in the end.	

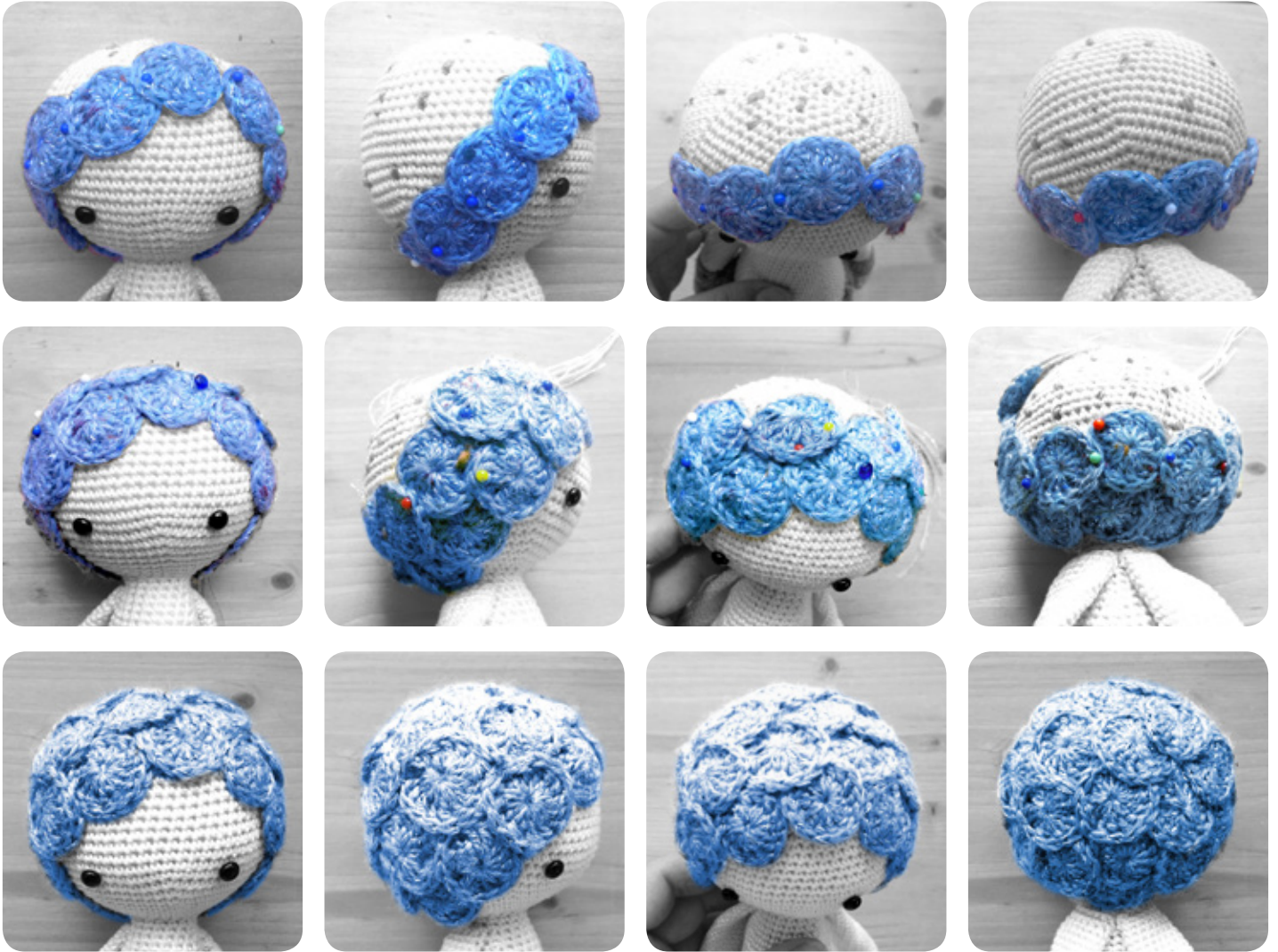


HAIR (you need 38 circles)

Take the **CC2 yarn (light blue)** + the **thread B (light blue)** + **thread C (silver)** and hold them together. Make a magic loop. Crochet **14 tr** into the yarnloop tighten the loop and **slst** into the top of the first tr to close the circle. Now break the yarn and crochet another circle until you've got 38 pieces.

If you haven't until now, set the eyes in place and fix them at the height of rnd. 91 (see *instructions for the head*). The distance between one eye to the other is 11 stitches.

Take the **thread B or C** to sew each curl onto the head as shown on the next page. Weave in the remaining yarn tails of the circles into the head as you go.



ARMS (make 2 of them) start with the **HAND** (make 2 of them) make a magic loop using the **CC1 yarn (white)**

rnd.

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| 01. | [sc] 6x in the yarn loop and tighten the loop |
| 02. | [inc] 6x (12 sts) |
| 03. | [sc] across (12 sts) |
| 04. | [sc, inc] 6x (18 sts) |
| 05.+06. (2 rnds.) | [sc] across (18 sts) |
| 07. | dc 4 in the first st, sc 17 (21 sts) |
| 08. | sc, sc3tog, ch, sc 17 (20 sts) |
| 09. | [sc] across (20 sts) |
| 10. | sc, dec, sc 17 (19 sts) now break yarn |

continue crocheting the **ARM** join **CC2 yarn (light blue)** + the **thread B (light blue)** + **thread C (silver)** held together.

rnd.

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|-------------------|--|
| 11. | [sctbl] across (19 sts) |
| 12.-15. (4 rnds.) | [sc] across (19 sts) |
| 16. | dec, sc 17 (18 sts) |
| 17.-21. (5 rnds.) | [sc] across (18 sts) now break yarn and join CC1 yarn (white) |

rnd.

22. [sctbl] across (18 sts)
23.-25. (3 rnds.) [sc] across (18 sts)
26. dec, sc 16 (17 sts)
27.-35. (9 rnds.) [sc] across (17 sts)
36. dec, sc 15 (16 sts)

rnd.

- 37.-43. (7 rnds.) [sc] across (16 sts)
44. dec, sc 14 (15 sts)
45.-49. (5 rnds.) [sc] across (15 sts) **don't break the yarn!**
Instead fill some soft stuffing into the hand (firmly) and the lower half of the arm's length (loose).

Fold the top of the arm (the shoulder) and make sure that the thumb points to the front later. Now sew or sc together the 2 opposed st (sc 7). After that break the yarn **and leave enough yarn to sew the arm in place later**. Work the same way for the second arm.

FINS (you need 4 of them as 2 will form one fin later)

Make a chain out of **17 ch** using the **MC yarn (blue)** and the **threads A (dark blue) + B (light blue)** all held together. Insert the hook in 2nd ch from hook and work the following instructions:

rnd.

01. slst 2, sc, hdc, dc 2, tr 4, dc 2, hdc, sc, slst 2, ch - do not turn now!
Instead continue working on the other side of the chain (into the back of the chain):
slst 2, sc, hdc, dc 2, tr 4, dc 2, hdc, sc, slst 2, ch, slst in first slst to close the round.
Break the yarn now.



ATTACH A RIDGE rejoin the yarn by inserting the hook into one of your chsp at the tips of the fin (*photo N° 01*). Grap the yarn and pull up a loop (*photo N° 02*). Insert your hook into next „hole“ you find up the center of your fin and crochet a slip stitch. Work slip stitches all the way up the center of your fin:



01



02



03



04



05



JOIN 2 IN 1 take two of your fin-pieces and hold them together (ridges facing outside). Rejoin the yarn in the same chain spaces you've started the ridges (*photos N° 06+07*). Now work a **slst into the chsp**, **ch 3** and **slst into the chsp** again. **sc together a backloop** (of the piece facing you) and a **frontloop** (of the piece in the back) at a time to join the pieces (*photo N° 08*) **all the way to the next chsp**. Now **slst into the chsp**, **ch 3** and **slst into the chsp** again. Continue **sc together a backloop and a frontloop** (*photo N° 09*) until you've finished the round. Close the round by working a **slst into the first slst** you've made.



06



07



08



09



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SAILOR CAP

Make a magic loop using the **CC1 yarn (white)**.

# rnd.		# rnd.	
01.	[sc] 5x in the yarn loop and tighten the loop	08.-10. (2 rnds.)	[sc] across (35 sts)
02.	[inc] 5x (10 sts)	11.	[sctbl] across (35 sts)
03.	[sc, inc] 5x (15 sts)	14.	[sc] across (35 sts)
04.	[sc 2, inc] 5x (20 sts)	15.	[sc 6, inc] 5x (40 sts)
05.	[sc 3, inc] 5x (25 sts)	break yarn and join the CC3 yarn (red)	
06.	[sc 4, inc] 5x (30 sts)	16.	[sc] across (40 sts), slst to first st and break the yarn.
07.	[sc 5, inc] 5x (35 sts)		



FLOAT RING

Take the **CC1 yarn (white)** and crochet a **chain of 20 ch**. Insert your hook to the 2nd ch from hook and work a sc in each of the chain stitches (19 sc = **rnd. 01**). Work a sc into the first sc of the chain to form a circle. (this sc is the new beginning of all your following rounds - so place a stitch marker here.)

# rnd.	
02.	sc in each of the remaining 18 stitches (19 sts)
03.-09. (7 rnds.)	[sc] across (19 sts)
break yarn and join the CC3 yarn (red) :	
10.	[sctbl] across (19 sts)
11.-17. (7 rnds.)	[sc] across (19 sts)
break yarn and join the CC1 yarn (white) :	
18.	[sctbl] across (19 sts)
19.-26. (8 rnds.)	[sc] across (19 sts)



Follow the instructions from rnd. 10-17 for the red and 18-26 for the white stripes to work further 3 red and 2 white stripes (that will leave you with **4 red + 4 white stripes** at all).

Now fill in some stuffing into the tube softly and sew one stitch of the first and one stitch of the last round together at a time. Do so all the way around the openings to close the tube and form a ring.

ASSEMBLING

1st STEP – ARMS & BODY:

Sew the 2 arms onto the body - underneath the next-to-last round.

2nd STEP – HEAD & EYES: Set the eyes in place at rnd. 91 (see instructions for the head). The distance between one eye to the other is 11 stitches.



3rd STEP – FINS & TAIL: Place the two fins next to the tip of the tail on the left and the right as shown on the photos. Sew the fins onto the tail and connect them with a single sewing stitch underneath the tip of the tail.

4st STEP – TATTOO:

Take some blue or gray thread and embroider a little anchor on MICI's upper arm. Use the following sketch:

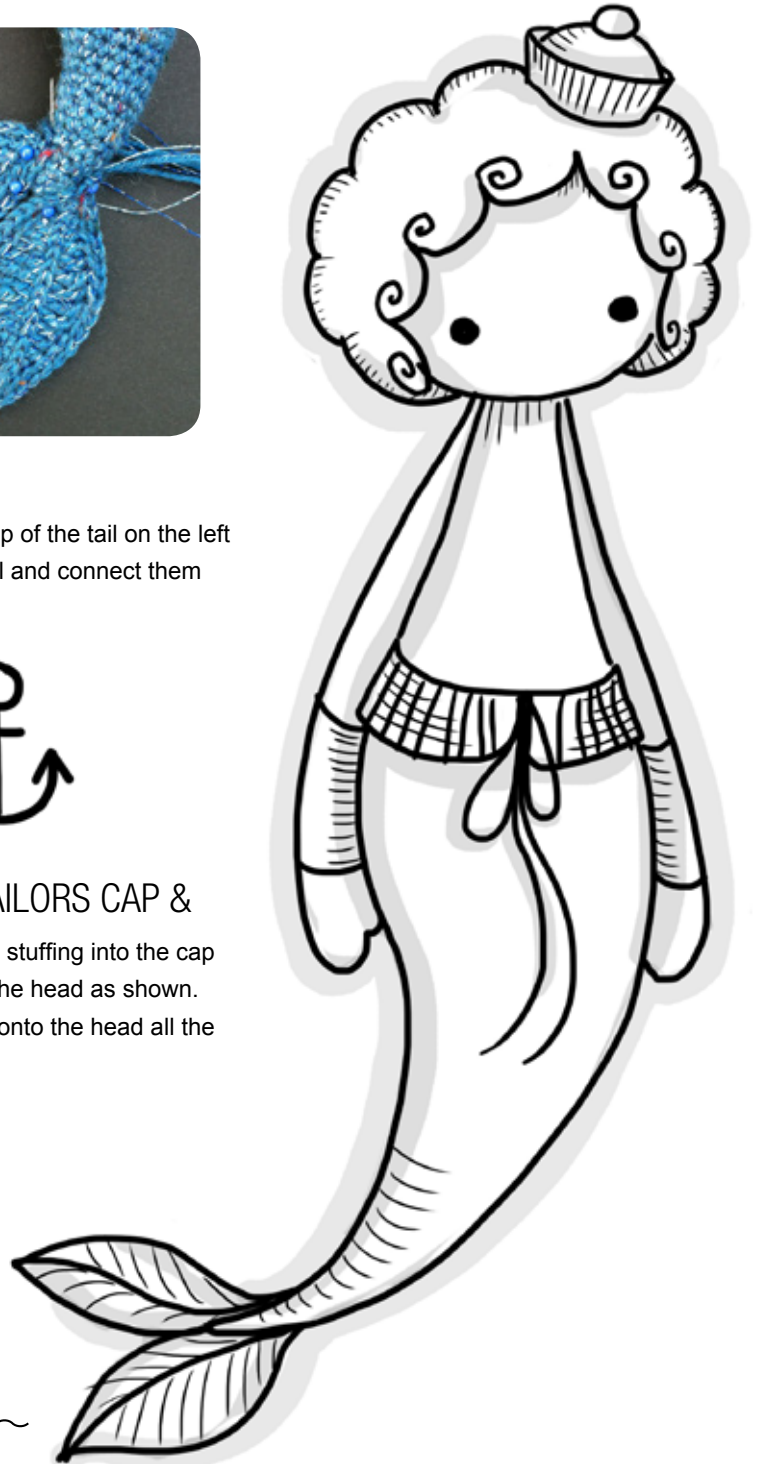


5th STEP – SAILORS CAP & HEAD: Fill some stuffing into the cap and place it onto the head as shown. Now sew the cap onto the head all the way around.



6th STEP – HEAD (NOT NECESSARY BUT CUTE DETAILS):

Add some yarn-hair around the head if you prefer. Maybe you like a light blush at the cheeks – use a fabric marker in light rose color and add a blush underneath the eyes carefully.



CONGRATS! YOU MADE IT!



RELAX & TAKE YOUR CUTE MERMAID MICI TO THE BEACH!