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Meredith & Stella

Amigurumi Crochet Pattern

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Meredith the Mermaid & Stella the Starfish

Terminology

This pattern is written in American crochet terminology, which differs from British terminology in some instances. The following table of terms used in this pattern will help should you wish to translate one to the other.

American (US)		British (UK)	
ch	chain	ch	chain
Sl st	slip stitch	ss	slip stitch
sc	single crochet	dc	double crochet
hdc	half double crochet	htr	half treble crochet
dc	double crochet	tr	treble crochet
tr	treble crochet	dtr	double treble crochet
skip		miss	

Abbreviations & Symbols

cm	centimeters
invdec	invisible decrease
mm	millimeters
Rnd(s)	Round(s)
st(s)	stitch(es)
()	Round brackets indicate: A group of stitches to be worked into the same stitch or space, or The amount of stitches you should have on completion of the round or row it follows, or Explanatory notes within the pattern.
[]	Square brackets contain a group of stitches to be worked the amount of times indicated after the brackets
*	Asterisks indicate a point of repeat.
"	inches

Special Stitch Explanations

Invdec

This is a good way of decreasing in amigurumi when you need a tight, smooth fabric as this technique will eliminate bumps and holes in the fabric and will, as its name suggests, be almost completely invisible.

Insert hook into front loop only of first stitch, do not wrap yarn, insert hook into front loop only of next stitch. You will now have a total of three loops on your hook. Wrap your yarn around hook and pull through both of the 2 front loops on the hook, wrap yarn around hook again and pull through last 2 loops on hook. You have now 'invisibly' decreased by one stitch.

Neater Color Changing

1. Make all color changes in the last 2 loops of the final stitch of the old color then make the first stitch in the new color a slip stitch instead of a single crochet. (Don't pull the slip stitch too tight or it will be difficult to crochet into in the next round).

Color Change Ends

Tie off and trim your color change ends as you go. Tie securely on the inside of your work. With amigurumi crochet it can be difficult to reach the ends once you have crocheted too many rows above.

Embroidered Stitches

To hide the starting and fastening off ends of the embroidered stitches on the face, first thread your yarn needle with the appropriate yarn. Tie a knot in the end of your yarn and push needle into and out of toy between crochet stitches, coming out where you want the first embroidery stitch to be. As you pull on the yarn the polyester toy filling will catch the knot securely inside the toy. When you have worked the required embroidery stitches you can finish off by passing the needle in and out between different crochet stitches a few times until the yarn is securely caught up in the polyester filling. When secure, pull on end of yarn and snip off close to toy.

Gauge (Tension)

Exact gauge is not crucial for this pattern. Just make sure your crochet hook is small enough to create a tight fabric that the stuffing can't poke through.

With the yarn and hook specified below Meredith measures 8" (20 cm) long and Stella 4" (10 cm) across.

Materials for each

1	Light worsted weight, (DK/8 ply) yarn in the following color suggestions: Meredith: Skin Tone, Hair Color, [Green/Dark Pink/Dark Blue], [Light Yellow/Light Pink/Light Blue] , Red. Starfish: Dark Yellow
2	6mm toy safety eyes (or beads or yarn instead)
3	5 small pearly beads for crown, small flat bead/button for bikini top
4	Polyester toy stuffing
5	Pink Pencil Crayon (for applying rosy cheeks)

Equipment

1	Size C (2.75mm) crochet hook
2	Scissors
3	Large yarn needle
4	Smaller needle (for sewing on button)
5	Stitch marker
6	Tweezers (for stuffing small or narrow parts)



Meredith the Mermaid



fig. 1

fig. 2

fig. 3

Head, Body and Tail

Make 1 piece starting at crown of head. Working in continuous spiral rounds.

With **Skin Tone** yarn make **2 ch**.

Rnd 1 6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)

Place marker at beginning of next round, move marker up with each completed round.

Rnd 2 2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)

Rnd 3 [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)

Rnd 4 [Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (24 sts)

Rnds 5-10 Sc in each st around. (6 rounds)

Rnd 11 [Sc in each of next 2 st, invdec] 6 times. (18 sts)

Insert safety eyes in between rounds **8 and 9** spacing **5** stitches apart.

Rnd 12 [Sc in next st, invdec] 6 times. (12 sts)

Stuff head.

Rnd 13 [Invdec] 6 times. (6 sts)

Rnd 14 Sc in each st around.

Rnd 15 2 sc in each st around. (12 sts)

Rnd 16 Sc in each st around.

Rnd 17 [Sc in each of next 3 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (15 sts)

Rnds 18-19 Sc in each st around. (2 rounds)

Rnd 20 [Sc in each of next 4 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (18 sts)

Rnds 21-22 Sc in each st around. (2 rounds)

Rnd 23 [Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (24 sts)

Change to **[Green/Dark Pink/Dark Blue]** yarn.

Rnds 24-27 Sc in each st around. (4 rounds)

Rnd 28 [Sc in each of next 2 st, invdec] 6 times. (18 sts)

Rnds 29-30 Sc in each st around. (2 rounds)

Rnd 31 [Sc in each of next 4 st, invdec] 3 times. (15 sts)

Rnds 32-33 Sc in each st around. (2 rounds)

Rnd 34 [Sc in each of next 3 st, invdec] 3 times. (12 sts)

Rnds 35-38 Sc in each st around. (4 rounds)

Stuff body and tail.

Rnd 39 [Sc in each of next 2 st, invdec] 3 times. (9 sts)

Rnd 40 Sc in each st around.

Change to **[Light Yellow/Light Pink/Light Blue]** yarn.

Rnd 41	2 sc in each st around. (18 sts)
	Depending on where exactly you placed the safety eyes you may need to add a few stitches to make sure your starting point for the first fin is centrally placed. This will ensure that the fins face forward. Mark the center stitch (front or back) closest to the last stitch of round 41 , sc up to that point, then follow instructions below for first tail fin.
	First Tail Fin
Rnd 1	Sc in each of next 9st, skip next 9 st. (9 sts) (fig. 1)
Rnd 2	Working on these 9 sts only: Sc in each st around. (9 sts) (fig. 2)
Rnd 3	[Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (12 sts)
Rnd 4	Sc in each st around.
Rnd 5	[Sc in each of next 2 st, invdec] 3 times. (9 sts)
Rnd 6	[Sc in next st, invdec] 3 times. (6 sts)
Rnd 7	Sc in each st around.
	Fasten off, leaving a long tail for finishing.
	Second Tail Fin
	Leaving a long yarn tail on outside of work, re-join [Light Yellow/Light Pink/Light Blue] yarn in stitch immediately to left of first fin. (fig. 3)
Rnd 1	1 ch (does not count as st), sc in same st as rejoined yarn, sc in each of next 8 st. (9 sts)
Rnd 2	Sc in each st around.
Rnd 3	[Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (12 sts)
Rnd 4	Sc in each st around.
Rnd 5	[Sc in each of next 2 st, invdec] 3 times. (9 sts)
Rnd 6	[Sc in next st, invdec] 3 times. (6 sts)
Rnd 7	Sc in each st around.
	Fasten off, leaving a long tail for finishing.
	Stuff tail fins using tweezers. For each fin thread yarn tail onto yarn needle, pick up front loop only of remaining 6 stitches. Pull tight to close the hole. Fasten off. Weave in ends. Sew small hole between fins together with final yarn tail. Weave in end.
	With a strand of Red yarn sew a small mouth with running stitches 2 rounds below Meredith's eyes.
	Use the side of a pink pencil crayon to apply rosy cheeks just below eyes.

Arms

	Make 2 pieces starting at hands. Working in continuous spiral rounds.
	With Skin Tone yarn make 2 ch .
Rnd 1	6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)
Rnds 2-15	Sc in each st around. (14 rounds)
	Fasten off. Stuff arm using tweezers. Oversew top of arm flat and sew to sides of body, just below neck.

Waistband

	Make 1 piece starting at top edge. Working back and forth in rows.
Row 1	With [Light Yellow/Light Pink/Light Blue] yarn make 25 ch .
Row 2	Sc in second ch from hook, sc in each remaining ch to end, turn. (24 sts)
Row 3	2 ch (counts as first hdc), skip st at base of 2 ch, hdc in each remaining st to end. (24 sts)
	Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Sew ends of waistband together. Fit over body and sew cast on edge over top of first Green round of tail.

Bikini Top

Make 1 piece starting at lower edge. Working back and forth in rows.

Row 1 With [Green/Dark Pink/Dark Blue] yarn make **21 ch**, turn.

Row 2 Sl st in second ch from hook, Sl st in each of next 6 ch, (hdc, dc) in next ch, (tr, dc, hdc) in next ch, Sl st in each of next 2 ch, (hdc, dc, tr) in next ch, (dc, hdc) in next ch, Sl st in each of remaining 7 ch.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for finishing.

Cut 2 lengths of Dark Turquoise yarn to 10" (25cm) long. Thread first length onto yarn needle and insert into top of treble crochet on first bikini cup. Do the same for the second bikini cup.

Tie bikini base around body with cast on and cast off tails. Use one tail to sew base of bikini top to middle of body.

Tie bikini straps together in a knot behind neck. Hide ends inside doll. Embellish front of bikini top with small flat bead/button.

Hair

Make 1 piece starting at center. Working in continuous spiral rounds.

With **Hair color** yarn make **2 ch**.

Rnd 1 8 hdc in second ch from hook. (8 sts)

Place marker at beginning of next round, move marker up with each completed round.

Rnd 2 2 hdc in each of next 8 st. (16 sts)

Rnd 3 [Hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st] 8 times (24 sts)

Rnds 4-7 Hdc in each st around. (4 rounds)

Sc in next st, Sl st in next st. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Hair Strands.

Cut 32 strands of hair color yarn into the approximate required lengths, bearing in mind that you will be halving the length of each strand by doubling it over. Take 2 strands, fold in half and pull loop through 16 consecutive sc on edge of hair piece. Feed the ends of yarn through loop and pull tight to form a tassel. Repeat until 16 stitches around edge of hair piece have four strands of hair attached.

The 8 stitches without hair strands in will sit over the eyes.

Position crocheted hair piece on top of head. Sew into place with back stitch.



Crown

Make 1 piece starting at lower edge. Working in continuous spiral rounds.

With [Light Yellow/Light Pink/Light Blue] yarn make **34 ch**. Join with a Sl st to form a ring.

Place marker at beginning of next round, move marker up with each completed round.

Rnd 1 Sc in each ch around. (34 sts)

Rnd 2 Sl st in each of next 13 st, (sc, hdc, sc) in next st, [Sl st in next st, (hdc, dc, hdc) in next st] 3

times, Sl st in next st, (sc, hdc, sc) in next st, Sl st in each of next 12 st.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Sew to head 1 round back from edge of hair with scallops placed to front.

Embellish with a seed pearl sewn to the base of each scallop.

Crown Band

Make 1 piece starting at top edge.

Row 1 Leaving a long yarn tail and with **[Green/Dark Pink/Dark Blue]** yarn make **34 ch**.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Position band over head in front of crown and tie the cast on and cast off tails together at back of head. With backstitch sew band in place. Hide tail ends inside head.



fig.4



fig.5



fig.6



fig.7

Stella the Starfish

Legs

Make **5** pieces. Working in continuous spiral rounds.

With **Dark Yellow** yarn make **2 ch**.

Rnd 1 3 sc in second ch from hook. (3 sts)

Rnd 2 2 sc in each of next 3 st. (6 sts)

Rnds 3-4 Sc in each st around. (2 rounds)

Rnd 5 [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (9 sts)

Rnds 6-7 Sc in each st around. (2 rounds)

Rnd 8 [Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] (12 sts)

Rnd 9 Sc in each st around.

Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Top

With **Dark Yellow** yarn make **2 ch**.

Rnd 1 5 sc in second ch from hook. (5 sts)

Rnd 2 2 sc in each of next 5 st. (10 sts)

Rnd 3 [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 5 times. (15 sts)

Rnd 4 [Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 5 times. (20 sts)

Rnd 5 [Sc in each of next 3 st, 2 sc in next st] 5 times. (25 sts)

Rnd 6 Sc in each st around.

Rnd 7 [Sc in each of next 4 st, 2 sc in next st] 5 times. (30 sts)

Do not cut yarn.

Attaching legs to top (figs. 4-7)

With right sides facing together hold one of the Legs in front of the Top. Using the yarn still attached, sc through first 6 st of both the leg and the top. Sc through the next 6 st of the

second leg and top. Repeat for the remaining 3 legs. Do not cut yarn. (30 sts)

Attach safety eyes in between **rounds 4 and 5**, spacing **4** stitches apart.

Base

Rnd 1 With yarn still attached: Sc in remaining 6 st of each leg around. (30 sts)

Rnd 2 [Sc in each of next 4 st, invdec] 5 times. (25 sts)

Stuff legs.

Rnd 3 [Sc in each of next 3 st, invdec] 5 times. (20 sts)

Rnd 4 [Sc in each of next 2 st, invdec] 5 times. (15 sts)

Rnd 5 [Sc in next st, invdec] 5 times. (10 sts)

Stuff body. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for finishing. Thread yarn tail onto yarn needle, pick up front loop only of remaining 10 stitches. Pull tight to close the hole. Fasten off. Weave in end.

With a strand of **Red** yarn embroider mouth using a running stitch, 2 rounds below Stella's eyes.

Use the side of a pink pencil crayon to apply rosy cheeks just below eyes.



Small Starfish

Make 2 pieces for each starfish, starting at center. Working in continuous spiral rounds.

With your choice of yarn color make **2 ch**.

Rnd 1 5 sc in second ch from hook. (5 sts)

Rnd 2 Make all stitches in back loops only: [Sl st in next st, 4 ch, Sl st in second ch from hook, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, Sl st in same st as first Sl st] 5 times.

Fasten off. Weave in end on first starfish. Leave long tail on second starfish for sewing.

Place 2 small starfish together with right sides facing outwards. Oversew edges of starfish together with cast off tail. Weave in end.

Tiny Starfish

Make 2 pieces for each starfish, starting at center. Working in continuous spiral rounds.

With your choice of yarn color make **2 ch**.

Rnd 1 5 sc in second ch from hook. (5 sts)

Rnd 2 Make all stitches in back loops only: [Sl st in next st, 3 ch, Sl st in second ch from hook, hdc in next ch, Sl st in same st as first Sl st] 5 times.

Fasten off. Weave in end on first starfish. Leave long tail on second starfish for sewing.

Sew together as for small starfish.

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