



A Whale's Tale~Infant Photo Prop Set
Crochet Pattern

Materials Used:

Worsted weight yarn
 Size F/5 (3.75mm) crochet hook
 Size H/8 (5.00mm) crochet hook
 2 buttons for fastening diaper cover (model has ½" diameter buttons)
 4 small buttons for eyes on booties, or sew-on jiggle eyes
 Optional~tiny amount of polyfil for stuffing tail bases
 Yarn needle

Size/Gauge:

This pattern is written for 0-3 mos. only.

Gauge: With H hook~7 hdc sts=2"

4 hdc rows =2"

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Stitches Used/Abbreviations:

Ch-chain

Rnd-round

Sc-single crochet

Hdc-half double crochet

Hdc2tog-half double crochet two stitches together

Dc-double crochet

Trc-triple (or treble) crochet

Sl st-slip stitch

Instructions:



Booties: (Use an F hook~make 2)

Rnd 1: ch 10. Work 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook. Sc in each of the next 4 chs. Hdc in each of the next 3 chs. Work 8 hdc in last ch. Continuing on the opposite side of the ch, hdc in each of the next 3 chs. Sc in each of the next 4 chs. Work 2 sc in last ch. Join with slip st to 1st sc. (26 sts)

Rnd 2: ch 1, TURN. Sc in each of the next 2 sts. Work 2 sc in next st. Sc in each of the next 4 sts. Hdc in each of the next 4 sts. Work 2 hdc in next st. Hdc in next st. Work 2 hdc in each of the next 2 sts. Hdc in next st. Work 2 hdc in next st. Hdc in each of the next 4 sts. Sc in each of the next 4 sts. Work 2 sc in last st. Join. (32 sts)

Rnd 3: ch 1, TURN. Work 2 sc in next st. Sc in each of the next 9 sts. *Work 2 sc in next st, sc in each of the next 2 sts*. Repeat (*) 3 more times. Work 2 sc in next st. Sc in each of the next 9 sts. Work 2 sc in last st. Join. (40 sts)

Rnd 4: ch 1, TURN. Hdc in FRONT LOOPS ONLY of each st around. Join. (40 sts)

Rnd 5: ch 1, TURN. Sc in both loops of each st around. Join. (40 sts)

Rnd 6: ch 1, TURN. Hdc in each of the next 11 sts. *Hdc2tog, hdc in each of the next 2 sts*. Repeat (*) once more. **Hdc in each of the next 2 sts, hdc2tog**. Repeat (**) once more. Hdc in each of the next 12 sts. Join. (36 sts)

Rnd 7: ch 1, TURN. Hdc in each of the next 13 sts. *Hdc2tog, hdc in next st, hdc2tog*. Repeat (*) once more. Hdc in each of the next 12 sts. Join. (32 sts)

Rnd 8: ch 1, TURN. Sc in each st around. Join. (32 sts)

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Rnd 9: ch 1, TURN. Hdc in each of the next 11 sts. *Yarn over, insert hook into next st, pull up a loop* 8 times. (You will end up with 17 loops on your hook) Yarn over, and pull through all loops on hook at one time. Hdc in each of the next 12 sts. Join. (25 sts)

Rnd 10: ch 1, DO NOT TURN. Sc in each st around. Join. Fasten off. Weave in ends.



Diaper Cover: (Use H hook)

Row 1: ch 40. Hdc in 3rd ch from hook. Hdc in each ch across.

Row 2: ch 1, TURN. Hdc in each of the 1st 2 sts. Ch 1, skip 1 st, hdc in each st across to the last 3 sts. Ch 1, skip 1 st, hdc in each of the last 2 sts. (38 sts)

Rows 3-4: ch 1, TURN. Hdc in each st across.

Row 5: slip st in 1st 10 sts. Hdc in each of the next 19 sts.

Row 6: ch 1, TURN. Hdc in each st across. (19 sts)

Row 7: ch 1, TURN. Hdc2tog, hdc in each of the next 15 sts, hdc2tog. (17 sts)

Row 8: ch 1, TURN. Hdc2tog, hdc in each of the next 13 sts, hdc2tog. (15 sts)

Rows 9-16: ch 1, TURN. Hdc in each st across. (15 sts)

Rows 17-20: ch 1, TURN. Work 2 hdc in 1st st. hdc in each st across. Work 2 hdc in last st. (23 sts at end of row 20)

Rows 21-26: ch 1, TURN. Hdc in each st across. Do not fasten off at end of row 26.

Finishing row: ch 1, DO NOT TURN. Sc in each st around entire outer edge, working 3 sc in each corner. Join. Fasten off. Weave in ends.



Hat: (Use H hook)

Rnd 1: ch 2. Work 10 hdc in 1st ch. Join. (10 sts)

Rnd 2: ch 1. Work 2 hdc in each st around. Join. (20 sts)

Rnd 3: ch 1. *Hdc in next st, work 2 hdc in next st*. Repeat (*) around. Join. (30 sts)

Rnd 4: ch 1. *Hdc in each of the next 2 sts, work 2 hdc in next st*. Repeat (*) around. Join. (40 sts)

Rnds 5-12: ch 1. Hdc in each st around. Join. Fasten off, when desired length is reached. Weave in ends.



Tails: (Use F hook for Booties~make 2, Use H hook for hat and diaper cover~make 1 for each)

Rnd 1: ch 6. Sl st to first ch to form a ring. Work 12 hdc into ring. Join. (12 sts)

Rnd 2: ch 1. Hdc in each st around. Join. (12 sts)

Rnd 3: ch 1. *Sc2tog, sc in next st*. Repeat (*) around. Join. (8 sts)

Rnd 4: ch 1. Sc2tog, 4 times. Join. (4 sts)

Rnd 5: ch 1. Work 2 sc in each st around. Join. (8 sts)

Fins: ch 6. Work a sc in 2nd ch from hook. Hdc in next ch. Dc in next ch. Trc in next ch. Dc in next ch. Flatten the base of the tail with your fingers, and work 1 hdc through both layers of the first st. Sl st in each of the next 2 sts (through both layers at once). Ch 7. Work a sc in 2nd ch from hook. Hdc in next ch. Dc in next ch.

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Trc in next ch. Dc in next ch. Hdc in next ch. Sl st into the last st of base, through both layers at once.

Ch 1, TURN. Sc in each st to the tip of the first fin. Ch 2, sl st in 2nd ch from hook. Sc in each st to the tip of the other fin. Ch 2, sl st in 2nd ch from hook. Sc in each remaining st. join with a sl st to base, and fasten off. Weave in ends. If desired, add a small amount of polyfil to the base of the tail, before stitching it in place.



Water Spout: (Use F hook for Booties~make 2, use H hook for hat~make 1)

Rnd 1: ch 2. Work 4 hdc in 2nd ch from hook. Join.

Rnd 2: ch 1. Hdc in each st around. Join.

Rnd 3: *ch 5. Work 2 hdc in the 2nd ch from hook. Sl st in each of the remaining 3 chs. Sl st into next st on base*. Repeat (*) for a total of 4 "sprays" of water. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. (I pulled the tail down through the center of the spout, to use for attaching.)

Assembly:

For Hat: Using a yarn needle, stitch tail to center back of hat, just above bottom edge. Stitch water spout directly over the center top "hole" of the hat, in rnd 1. Fold hat in half, and decide on eye placement, then stitch in place, evenly on each side.

For Booties: Using a yarn needle, stitch tail to center back of bootie, above bottom edge. Tack a section below fins to top center back.

Stitch water spout in place. Directly over the hole created in rnd 9.

Stitch one eye on either side of bootie, in desired position.

For Diaper Cover: Using a yarn needle, stitch tail to center back of cover.

Place one button in each top corner of front of diaper cover, at approximately row 25, and sew in place with needle and thread.