Crochet Jellyfish

PATTERN

A dreamy lilac amigurumi jellyfish with a cream scalloped ruffle and long curly tentacles - a sweet sea make for confident beginners.



The finished jellyfish, about 20 cm (8 in) tall with tentacles.

Finished size	Approx. 20 cm (8 in) tall incl. tentacles	**Skill level**	Confident beginner
Time	About 3 to 4 hours	**Terms**	US crochet terms

This little jellyfish is all simple shapes: one sphere for the dome, a flat circle for the underside, and chains worked back with two stitches in every chain for the tentacles - the curls happen by themselves. Work in a continuous spiral unless a section says otherwise, mark the first stitch of every round, and stuff firmly as you go.

Materials

- DK / light worsted-weight yarn in **soft lilac**, approx. 70 g - dome
- DK yarn in **soft pink**, approx. 25 g - tentacles
- DK yarn in **cream**, approx. 30 g - ruffle, underside and tentacles
- 3.5 mm (US E-4) crochet hook
- 2 safety eyes, 10 mm (embroider the eyes for a child under three)
- Fiberfill stuffing
- Yarn needle, stitch markers, scissors, sewing pins
- Pink embroidery thread - smile and cheeks

Abbreviations (US Terms)

MR	magic ring	**ch**	chain
sl st	slip stitch	**sc**	single crochet
dc	double crochet	**inc**	increase - 2 sc in one stitch
dec	invisible decrease	**FO**	fasten off
st(s)	stitch(es)	**rnd**	round

Size & gauge: Gauge is not critical for amigurumi - work tightly so the stuffing does not show through. Approx. gauge: 10 sc x 10 rounds = 5.5 x 4 cm (2 1/4 x 1 1/2 in). With the yarn and hook listed, the jellyfish stands about 20 cm (8 in) tall with tentacles, and the dome is about 11 cm (4 1/4 in) across.

Dome (soft lilac)



Step 1 - starting the round lilac dome.

Work the first three rounds in a slightly darker lilac for the gentle ombre effect in the photo, then continue in soft lilac.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring. **[6]**

Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. **[12]**

Rnd 3: (Sc in next st, inc in next st) 6 times. **[18]**

Rnd 4: (Sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. **[24]**

Rnd 5: (Sc in next 3 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. **[30]**

Rnd 6: (Sc in next 4 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. **[36]**

Rnd 7: (Sc in next 5 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. **[42]**

Rnd 8: (Sc in next 6 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. **[48]**

Rnds 9-14: Sc in each st around (6 rounds). **[48]**

Do NOT close the dome yet - the opening stays open until the underside disc is sewn on in assembly.

Face Details



Step 2 - the face: safety eyes, smile and blush.

- **Eyes:** 10 mm safety eyes, placed between Rnds 11 and 12 of the dome, about 8 stitches apart. Check from the front that they sit level.

- **Smile:** with pink embroidery thread, stitch one tiny curved line between and just below the eyes.

- **Cheeks:** with pink embroidery thread, work 3-4 loose horizontal stitches on the dome, just outside and below each eye.

Finish the whole face before the dome is stuffed - it is far easier to place everything while you can still reach inside.

Cream Ruffle (cream)



Step 3 - the cream scalloped ruffle around the dome.

Rnd 15: Join cream yarn with a sl st at the last round of the dome. (Sc in next st, 3 dc in next st) 24 times around. **[96]**

The ruffle round turns the plain dome edge into soft waves. Fasten off and weave in the cream end.

Underside Disc (cream)

The disc is a flat circle in cream, increased to exactly 48 stitches so it matches the dome opening stitch for stitch.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring. **[6]**

Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. **[12]**

Rnd 3: (Sc in next st, inc in next st) 6 times. **[18]**

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Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. The tentacles are sewn to this disc before it is joined to the dome - see the next section.

Curly Tentacles



Step 4 - curly tentacles in lilac, pink and cream.

Each tentacle is a chain worked back with two single crochets in every chain - the extra stitches force the strip into a tight spiral. Make six long and six short tentacles, alternating lilac, pink and cream.

Long: Ch 31. 2 sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across. **[60]**

Make 6 long tentacles: 2 in lilac, 2 in soft pink, 2 in cream. Fasten off each one leaving a tail for sewing.

Short: Ch 21. 2 sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across. **[40]**

Make 6 short tentacles: 2 in lilac, 2 in soft pink, 2 in cream. Fasten off each one leaving a tail for sewing.

Assembly



Step 5 - sewing on the tentacles and stuffing the dome.

1. Tentacles: sew the six long tentacles around the outer edge of the cream underside disc and the six short ones in a ring just inside them, spacing each one evenly. Knot the yarn firmly on the inside of the disc.

2. Stuff the dome: fill the lilac dome firmly with fiberfill, shaping it into a smooth round bell.

3. Join the disc: pin the tentacle disc to the dome opening, matching stitch for stitch (48 to 48). Whipstitch all the way around with the disc's long tail, adding a last pinch of stuffing just before you close the final stitches.

4. Finish: weave in all remaining ends. Give the dome a gentle squeeze to even out the stuffing, fluff the ruffle so the scallops open up, and let the tentacles fall naturally.



Step 6 - the finished jellyfish, ready to float away.

3 Tips for a Perfect Jellyfish

1. Keep your stitches tight. Amigurumi needs a firm fabric so the stuffing stays hidden. If white fluff shows through the dome, go down half a hook size next time - the stitches close up and the dome holds its round shape better.

2. Count the tentacle chains out loud. Long tentacles are 31 chains and short ones are 21. Counting each chain as you make it keeps all six of each length the same, so the jellyfish hangs evenly instead of lopsided.

3. Vary the tentacle colours. Alternate lilac, pink and cream as you attach the tentacles - the colour mix is what makes this jellyfish look soft and floaty rather than flat and matchy.

Happy crocheting! Make one for your beach-themed nursery, gift one to your favourite sea lover - and keep this pattern handy so your next jellyfish is never more than an afternoon away.