Crochet Seahorse

PATTERN

A sweet coral-pink amigurumi seahorse with a cream belly, teal fins and a curly tail - a charming sea make for confident beginners.



The finished seahorse, about 18 cm (7 in) tall.

Finished size	Approx. 18 cm (7 in) tall, 8 cm (3 in) wide	**Skill level**	Confident beginner
Time	About 3 to 4 hours	**Terms**	US crochet terms

This little seahorse is all simple shapes: a narrow spiral tube for the tail, one straight tube for the body, a round head with a tube snout, and tiny flat triangles for the fins. Work in a continuous spiral unless a section says otherwise, mark the first stitch of every round, and stuff firmly as you go - except the very tip of the tail, which stays unstuffed so it keeps its curl.

Materials

- DK / light worsted-weight yarn in **coral pink**, approx. 70 g - body, head and tail
- DK yarn in **cream**, approx. 25 g - belly panel
- DK yarn in **teal**, approx. 20 g - fins
- 3.0 mm (US D-3) 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 x 4.5 cm (2 x 1 3/4 in). With the yarn and hook listed, the seahorse stands about 18 cm (7 in) tall and 8 cm (3 in) wide.

Tail (coral pink)



Step 1 - the curled tail, worked from the tip up.

Work the tail from the tip upward. The 3-sc cluster in Rnd 1 and the slow increases pull the tube into its tight spiral - do not stuff the last few rounds, so the curl stays springy.

Rnd 1: 4 sc in a magic ring. **[4]**

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

Rnd 3: (Sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st) 2 times. **[8]**

Rnds 4-7: Sc in each st around (4 rounds). **[8]**

Rnd 8: (Sc in next 3 sts, inc in next st) 2 times. **[10]**

Rnds 9-16: Sc in each st around (8 rounds). **[10]**

Rnd 17: (Sc in next 4 sts, inc in next st) 2 times. **[12]**

Rnds 18-20: Sc in each st around (3 rounds). **[12]**

Fasten off leaving a long tail. Do NOT stuff the tip - stuff only the upper half of the tail lightly, then continue straight into the body.

Body (coral pink)



Step 2 - the body tube with its cream belly panel.

Continue in coral pink from the top of the tail - do not fasten off between the tail and the body.

Rnd 1: (Sc in next 5 sts, inc in next st) 2 times. **[14]**

Rnd 2: (Sc in next 6 sts, inc in next st) 2 times. **[16]**

Rnd 3: (Sc in next 7 sts, inc in next st) 2 times. **[18]**

Rnds 4-12: Sc in each st around (9 rounds). **[18]**

Rnd 13: (Sc in next 7 sts, dec) 2 times. **[16]**

Rnd 14: (Sc in next 6 sts, dec) 2 times. **[14]**

Rnd 15: Sc in each st around. **[14]**

Stuff the body firmly as you work. Leave the top open - the head is sewn on in assembly.

Belly Panel (cream)

The belly is a flat oval in cream, worked in rounds and pressed flat. Pin it to the front of the body before sewing so it sits centred.

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]**

Rnds 5-6: Sc in each st around (2 rounds). **[24]**

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. Sew the oval to the front of the body with a neat whipstitch, easing it flat as you go.

Head, Snout & Coronet (coral pink)



Step 3 - the head with its snout and spiky coronet.

Head

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]**

Rnds 6-9: Sc in each st around (4 rounds). **[30]**

Rnd 10: (Sc in next 3 sts, dec) 6 times. **[24]**

Rnd 11: (Sc in next 2 sts, dec) 6 times. **[18]**

Rnd 12: (Sc in next st, dec) 6 times. **[12]**

Rnd 13: Dec in each st around (6 decreases). **[6]**

Stuff the head firmly, then close the opening with a yarn needle (weave through the last 6 stitches and pull tight).

Snout

A short tube, sewn to the front of the head at a slight downward angle.

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

Rnd 2: (Sc in next st, inc in next st) 3 times. **[9]**

Rnds 3-5: Sc in each st around (3 rounds). **[9]**

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

Stuff the snout lightly, then sew it to the front of the head. Check from the front that it sits in the middle before you fasten off.

Coronet Spikes (make 5)

Five tiny cones in coral pink, sewn in a row from the forehead down the back of the head.

Rnd 1: 4 sc in a magic ring. **[4]**

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

Rnd 3: Sc in each st around. **[6]**

Make 5 spikes the same way. Fasten off each one leaving a tail for sewing, and do not stuff them.

Teal Fins



Step 4 - the small teal fins, worked flat in rows.

Work the fins flat, in rows, so the edges stay crisp. Make two side fins and one smaller back fin.

Side fin (make 2): Ch 6. **Row 1:** sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across [5]. **Row 2:** ch 1, turn, sc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, sc in next st, sl st in last st [5]. **Row 3:** ch 1, turn, sc in next st, dc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in last st [4]. Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.

Back fin (make 1): Ch 5. **Row 1:** sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across [4]. **Row 2:** ch 1, turn, sc in next st, dc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in last st [4]. Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.

Lay the two side fins on top of each other and check they are the same size before you sew anything.

Face Details

- **Eyes:** 10 mm safety eyes, placed on the sides of the head just above the snout, about 6 stitches apart. Check from the front that they sit level.
- **Smile:** with pink embroidery thread, stitch one tiny curved line under the snout.
- **Cheeks:** with pink embroidery thread, work 3-4 loose horizontal stitches on the head, just outside and below each eye.

Add the face after the head is stuffed and the snout is sewn on, so you can judge the placement from the front.

Assembly



Step 5 - sewing the head and fins on and stuffing the body.

1. Head: sew the head to the top of the body with a neat whipstitch, hiding the join under the coronet spikes. Add a last pinch of stuffing before you close the join.

2. Fins: sew the two teal side fins to the body just above the belly panel, and the back fin low on the back, so the seahorse looks balanced from every side.

3. Belly: if you have not sewn it yet, sew the cream oval to the front of the body now, easing it flat as you go.

4. Finish: weave in all remaining ends. Give the body a gentle squeeze to even out the stuffing, and curl the tail around your finger one last time.



Step 6 - the finished seahorse, ready to swim away.

3 Tips for a Perfect Seahorse

1. Keep the tail tip unstuffed. Stuffing the very tip of the tail flattens the curl. Stop stuffing a few rounds before the end and let the spiral hold its own shape - the tail will spring back every time you squeeze it.

2. Pin the belly before you sew it. The cream belly panel is the seahorse's most visible feature, so pin it to the body first and check it from the front, the side and above. A centred belly makes the whole seahorse look neat.

3. Match the fins as a pair. Crochet both side fins one after the other without changing your tension, and lay one on top of the other before sewing. Matching fins keep the seahorse balanced instead of lopsided.

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