Crochet Shark Pattern

Free Amigurumi Tutorial - Grey-Blue Shark with White Belly



A free beginner-friendly pattern - 6 photo steps

Materials

- DK / light worsted yarn in grey-blue, approx. 80 g
- DK yarn in white, approx. 25 g - belly panel
- DK yarn in pink, approx. 5 g - blush cheeks
- 3.5 mm (US E-4) crochet hook
- 10 mm black safety eyes
- Polyester fiberfill stuffing
- Yarn needle, stitch markers, scissors, sewing pins
- Black embroidery thread - smile and gill slits

Abbreviations

- MR = magic ring
- sc = single crochet
- inc = increase (2 sc in one stitch)
- dec = decrease (sc 2 together)
- ch = chain
- sl st = slip stitch
- st(s) = stitch(es)

Step 1 - Crochet the Body



- With grey-blue yarn, work in a continuous spiral.
- R1: 6 sc in MR (6 sts).
- R2: inc x 6 (12 sts).
- R3: [sc, inc] x 6 (18 sts).
- R4: [2 sc, inc] x 6 (24 sts).
- R5: [3 sc, inc] x 6 (30 sts).
- R6: [4 sc, inc] x 6 (36 sts).
- R7-R12: sc around (36 sts).
- R13: [4 sc, dec] x 6 (30 sts).
- R14: [3 sc, dec] x 6 (24 sts).
- R15: [2 sc, dec] x 6 (18 sts). Stuff firmly.
- R16: [sc, dec] x 6 (12 sts).
- R17: dec x 6 (6 sts). Fasten off, weave closed.
- Body measures about 20 cm long.

Step 2 - Crochet the Fins (make 4)



- Work all fins flat in rows, in grey-blue.
- Dorsal fin (make 1): ch 7, sc 6 (6 sts).
- R2: dec, sc 2, dec (4 sts). R3: dec x 2 (2 sts).
- R4: dec (1 st). Fasten off.
- Tail fin (make 1): ch 9, sc 8 (8 sts).
- R2: sc 8 (8 sts). R3: dec, sc 4, dec (6 sts).
- R4: dec, sc 2, dec (4 sts). R5: dec x 2 (2 sts).
- R6: dec (1 st). Fasten off.
- Pectoral fins (make 2): 4 sc in MR (4 sts).
- R2: sc 4 (4 sts). R3: inc x 4 (8 sts).
- R4: [sc, inc] x 4 (12 sts). R5: sc 12 (12 sts).
- R6: [sc, dec] x 4 (8 sts). Fasten off, flatten.

Step 3 - Crochet the White Belly



- With white yarn, work the belly in rounds around a chain.
- Ch 9. R1: sc 7 from 2nd ch, 3 sc in last ch, sc 6 along
- the other side, 2 sc in last ch (18 sts).
- R2: inc, sc 6, inc x 3, sc 6, inc x 2 (24 sts).
- R3: sc, inc, sc 6, [sc, inc] x 3, sc 6, [sc, inc] x 2 (30 sts).
- R4: 2 sc, inc, sc 6, [2 sc, inc] x 3, sc 6, [2 sc, inc] x 2 (36 sts).
- R5: 3 sc, inc, sc 6, [3 sc, inc] x 3, sc 6, [3 sc, inc] x 2 (42 sts).
- R6: sc around (42 sts). Fasten off.
- Stuff the grey-blue body firmly and close the tail end.
- Set the belly panel aside for step 5.

Step 4 - Attach the Fins



- Pin the dorsal fin to the centre of the top of the body,
- about halfway between the snout and the tail.
- Pin the crescent tail fin to the very end of the body.
- Pin the two pectoral fins low on the sides,
- angled slightly downward, one on each side.
- Check from the front that the dorsal fin sits straight
- and the two pectoral fins mirror each other.
- Sew each fin on firmly, then remove the pins.

Step 5 - Assemble and Add the Eyes



- Sew the flat white belly panel onto the underside
- of the body, easing it into place so it lies smooth.
- Place the two 10 mm safety eyes on the sides of the head,
- between rounds 5 and 6 from the snout.
- Check from the front that they sit level,
- then push the safety washers on firmly from the inside.
- For a child under three, embroider the eyes instead.

Step 6 - Add the Face and Finish



- Embroider a small curved smile in black thread
- below the eyes.
- Add three short black gill slits on each side of the head.
- Add two blush patches with a few loose pink
- stitches on each cheek.
- Weave in all yarn ends. Your shark is finished!

Tips

- Keep the body tapered, not round: the increases stop at round 6.
- Stuff the body firmly so the taper holds its shape.
- Pin all four fins in place before you sew so the shark stays symmetrical.