Crochet Squid Pattern

Free Amigurumi Tutorial - Teal Squid with Curly Arms



A free beginner-friendly pattern - 6 photo steps

Materials

- DK / light worsted yarn in teal-mint, approx. 80 g
- DK yarn in cream, approx. 25 g - belly panel
- DK yarn in coral pink, approx. 10 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
- White embroidery thread - smile

Abbreviations

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

Step 1 - Crochet the Mantle



- With teal-mint yarn, work in a continuous spiral.
- R1: 6 sc in MR (6 sts)
- R2: [sc, inc] x 3 (9 sts)
- R3: [2 sc, inc] x 3 (12 sts)
- R4: [3 sc, inc] x 3 (15 sts)
- R5: [4 sc, inc] x 3 (18 sts)
- R6: [5 sc, inc] x 3 (21 sts)
- R7: [6 sc, inc] x 3 (24 sts)
- R8: [7 sc, inc] x 3 (27 sts)
- R9: [8 sc, inc] x 3 (30 sts)
- R10-R16: sc around (30 sts). Fasten off.
- Mantle measures about 12 cm from tip to opening.

Step 2 - Crochet the Fins (make 2)



- With teal-mint yarn, work in a continuous spiral.
- R1: 6 sc in MR (6 sts)
- R2: [sc, inc] x 3 (9 sts)
- R3: [2 sc, inc] x 3 (12 sts)
- R4: [3 sc, inc] x 3 (15 sts)
- Flatten the piece, sc 7 across the folded edge.
- Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.
- Make a second fin the same way.

Step 3 - Crochet the Eight Arms



- With teal-mint yarn, make 8 arms the same way.
- Ch 13. Starting in the 2nd ch from the hook,
- work 2 sc in every ch across (24 sc).
- The strip curls into a tight spiral by itself.
- Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.
- Each arm is about 6 cm long when curled.

Step 4 - Crochet the Two Long Tentacles



- With teal-mint yarn, make 2 tentacles the same way.
- Ch 21. Starting in the 2nd ch from the hook,
- work 2 sc in every ch across (40 sc).
- The strip curls into a long springy spiral.
- Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.
- Each tentacle is about 12 cm long when curled.

Step 5 - Assemble and Stuff the Squid



- Stuff the mantle firmly, keeping the tip slightly soft.
- Sew the two fins to the upper sides of the mantle.
- Sew the 8 arms and 2 tentacles around the rim of
- the mantle opening, tentacles in the middle at the front.
- Belly (cream): Ch 8. Sc 6 from 2nd ch, 3 sc in last
- ch, sc 5 along the other side, 2 sc in last ch (16 sts).
- R2: inc, sc 5, inc x 3, sc 5, inc x 2 (22 sts).
- R3: sc, inc, sc 5, [sc, inc] x 3, sc 5, [sc, inc] x 2 (28 sts).
- Fasten off. Sew the belly onto the lower front of the mantle.

Step 6 - Add the Face and Finish



- Insert the 10 mm safety eyes between R12 and R13
- of the mantle, about 7 stitches apart.
- Check from the front that the eyes sit level.
- Embroider a small curved smile in white thread
- between and just below the eyes.
- Add two blush patches with a few loose coral-pink
- stitches on each cheek.
- Weave in all yarn ends. Your squid is finished!

Tips

- Do not skip stitches in the curls: 2 sc in every chain is what makes the arms and tentacles spiral.

- Stuff the mantle firmly, but leave the tip slightly soft so it keeps its point.

- Place the two long tentacles in the middle of the arm ring, at the front, with four short arms on each side.