



PROJECT GUIDE

Amigurumi Mermaid

Materials:

DMC Natura Just Cotton, 1 ball each
 (A) Peach - "Peach" N81
 (B) Purple - "Purple" N88
 (C) Turquoise - "Aquamarine" N25
 (D) Pink - "Violet" N51
 (E) Light Purple - "Wisteria" N30
 (F) Orange - "Saffron" N47
 Black 9mm safety eyes
 Polyester stuffing
 Black embroidery floss

Tools/Notions:

Size C crochet hook
 Yarn needle
 Embroidery needle
 Craft glue

Key:

ch: Chain
 sc: single crochet
 hdc: half double crochet
 dc: double crochet
 st: stitch
 sc2tog: single crochet 2 st together
 FLO: front loop only of the stitch
 BLO: back loop only of the stitch

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Body

Rnd 22: *(2 Sc in next st, sc into next 3 sts), rep from * to end of rnd (20 sts)
 Rnd 23: *(2 Sc in next st, sc into next 4 sts), rep from * to end of rnd (24 sts)
 Rnd 24: *(2 Sc in next st, sc into next 7 sts), rep from * to end of rnd (27 sts)
 Rnd 25: Sc into each st.
 Rnd 26: *(2 Sc in next st, sc into next 8 sts), rep from * to end of rnd (30 sts)
 Rnds 27-29: Sc into each st.
 Rnd 30: *(2 Sc in next st, sc into next 9 sts), rep from * to end of rnd (33 sts)
 Rnds 31-33: Sc into each st.
 Rnd 34: *(2 Sc in next st, sc into next 10 sts), rep from * to end of rnd (36 sts)
 Rnds 35-37: Sc into each st.

Head/Body:

Starting at top of head with yarn A and a C Hook, make an adjustable ring, ch 1, and sc 6 into the ring. Pull closed.
 Rnd 1: Work 2 sc into each st (12 sts)
 Rnd 2: *(2 Sc into next st, sc into next st), rep from * to end of rnd (18 sts)
 Rnd 3: *(2 Sc into next st, sc into next 2 sts), rep from * to end of rnd (24 sts)
 Rnd 4: *(2 Sc into next st, sc into next 3 sts), rep from * to end of rnd (30 sts)
 Rnd 5: *(2 Sc into next st, sc into next 4 sts), rep from * to end of rnd (36 sts)
 Rnd 6: *(2 Sc into next st, sc into next 5 sts), rep from * to end of rnd (42 sts)
 Rnds 7-11: Sc into each st.
 Rnd 12: Sc into next 21 sts, (sc, 3 hdc, sc) into FLO of next st (nose made), sc into next 20 sts (46 sts)
 Rnd 13: Sc into next 21 sts, skip nose stitches, sc into unused back loop of next st from Rnd 11, sc into next 20 sts (42 sts)
 Rnds 14-15: Sc into each st.
 Rnd 16: *(Sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts), rep from * to end of rnd (36 sts)
 Rnd 17: *(Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts), rep from * to end of rnd (30 sts)
 Rnd 18: *(Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts), rep from * to end of rnd (24 sts)
 Rnd 19: *(Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts), rep from * to end of rnd (18 sts)
 Rnd 20: *(Sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts), rep from * to end of rnd (16 sts)
 Rnd 21: Sc into each st.
 *Insert a stitch marker to hold your place.
 Insert safety eyes as shown, between Rnds 10 and 11, 7 sts apart. Continue for Body below.

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Tail

Change to yarn B at end of Rnd 37. Stuff Head and Body firmly and continue.

Rnds 38-40: Sc into each st.

Rnd 41: Sc2tog, sc in next 34 sts (35 sts)

Rnd 42: Sc2tog, sc in next 33 sts (34 sts)

Rnd 43: Sc2tog, sc in next 32 sts (33 sts)

Rnds 44-49: Sc into each st.

Rnd 50: Sc2tog, sc in next 31 sts (32 sts)

Rnds 51-52: Sc into each st.

Rnd 53: *(Sc2tog, sc in next 14 sts), rep from * to end of rnd (30 sts)

Rnds 54-55: Sc into each st.

Rnd 56: *(Sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts), rep from * to end of rnd (27 sts)

Rnd 57: *(Sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts), rep from * to end of rnd (24 sts)

Rnd 58: *(Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts), rep from * to end of rnd (21 sts)

*You will now branch off of the Tail to create a curve. The open hole in the Tail created in this round will be crocheted over later.

Rnd 59: Sc in next 5 sts, ch 7, skip remaining 15 sts (5 sts and 7 chs)

Rnd 60: Sc in first st of Rnd 59 and next 4 sts, sc in 7 chs (12 sts)

Rnd 61: *(Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts), rep from * to end of rnd (9 sts)

Rnd 62: Sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts (8 sts)

First Fin

Rnd 63: Sc in next 4 sts, skip 4 sts (4 sts)

Rnd 64: 2 Sc in first st of Rnd 63, sc in next 3 sts (5 sts)

Rnd 65: 2 Sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts (6 sts)

Rnd 66: *(2 Sc in next st, sc in next st), rep from * to end of rnd (9 sts)

Rnd 67: 2 Sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts (10 sts)

Rnd 68: *(2 Sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts), rep from * to end of rnd (12 sts)

Rnds 69-70: Sc in each st.

Rnd 71: *(Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts), rep from * to end of rnd (9 sts)

Rnd 72: *(Sc2tog, sc in next st), rep from * to end of rnd (6 sts)

Insert stuffing into the Fin and continue.

Rnd 73: Sc2tog around (3 sts)

Fasten off. Use yarn tail to sew last round closed.

Second Fin

Rnd 63: Join yarn B with a sc in the unworked 4 sts of Rnd 62 (4 sts)

Rnd 64: 2 Sc in first st of Rnd 63, sc in next 3 sts (5 sts)

Rnd 65: 2 Sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts (6 sts)

Rnd 66: *(2 Sc in next st, sc in next st), rep from * to end of rnd (9 sts)

Rnd 67: 2 Sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts (10 sts)

Rnd 68: *(2 Sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts), rep from * to end of rnd (12 sts)

Rnds 69-70: Sc in each st.

Rnd 71: *(Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts), rep from * to end of rnd (9 sts)

Rnd 72: *(Sc2tog, sc in next st), rep from * to end of rnd (6 sts)

Insert stuffing into the Fin and continue.

Rnd 73: Sc2tog around (3 sts)

Fasten off. Use yarn tail to sew last round closed.

Tail Curve

Rnd 74: At the back of the Tail, join yarn at hole opening left at Rnd 59 of the Tail and sc 22 around opening, working into the 15 unworked sts and 7 chs (22 sts)

Rnd 75: Sc2tog, sc into each st (21 sts)

Rnd 76: *(Sc2tog, sc into next 5 sts), rep from * to end of rnd (18 sts)

Stuff Tail firmly, adding more stuffing as you close up the next few rounds.

Rnd 77: *(Sc2tog, sc into next st), rep from * to end of rnd (12 sts)

Rnd 78: Sc2tog around (6 sts)

Fasten off and use a yarn needle and the yarn tail to sew the last round closed.



Waist Fin

Row 1: With yarn B and C hook, ch 37. Sc into 2nd ch from hook and next 5 chs, hdc in next 3 chs, dc in next 18 chs, hdc in next 3 chs, sc in next 6 chs, sl st in same ch (36 sts)

Fasten off and leave a long tail. Sew around Body at Rnd 37. Weave in ends.

Arms (Make 2):

Rnd 1: Beg at hand end of Arm with A and C hook, make an adjustable ring, ch 1, and sc 6 into ring. Gently, but firmly, pull tail to close ring.

Rnd 2: Work 2 sc in each sc around (12 sts)

Rnds 3-5: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 6: Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, (sc, 2 dc, sc) in FLO of next st (thumb made) (13 sts)

Rnd 7: sc in next 9 sts, skip thumb, sc in unworked BLO of next st from Rnd 5 (10 sts)

Rnds 8-22: Sc in each st.

Rnd 23: *(Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts), rep from * to end of rnd (8 sts)

Fasten off and leave a long tail. Stuff Arm firmly. Sew to Body at shoulder.

Shells (Make 2):

Row 1: With yarn C and a C hook, ch 4. Sc in 2nd ch from hook and next 2 ch (3 sts)

Row 2: Ch 1, turn, working in BLO, sc in next 2, 2 sc in last st (4 sts)

Row 3: Ch 1, turn, working in FLO, sc in each st (4 sts)

Row 4: Ch 1, turn, working in BLO, sc in next 3, skip last st (3 sts)

Row 5: Ch 1, turn, working in FLO, sc in each st (3 sts)

Row 6: Ch 1, turn to work along bottom edge, sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog (4 sts)

Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing to Body. Set aside.

Sew Shells to body with yarn tail and a yarn needle. Position Shells vertically overlapping the Strap, and use yarn tail to stitch long vertical stitches to hold in place. Weave in ends.

Hair:

The Hair is a crocheted hair cap that fits over the head. Yarn is stitched over the cap, completely covering it, and then a ponytail is added on.

Rnds 1-6: With yarn D and a C hook, repeat Rnds 1-6 for Head, ending with 42 sts at the end of Rnd 6.

Rnds 7-13: Sc into each st.

Rnd 14: Sc into 14 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 10 sts, hdc in next 2, sc in next 14 sts (42 sts)

Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing to Head.

Fit Hair cap over Head, positioning it tilted back on the Head. Sew into place with yarn tail. Weave in ends.

Thread a yarn needle with a long strand of yarn D. Starting at the front, stitch long stitches going back towards the nape of the neck and all around, creating a part along one side as shown. Repeat until the entire hair cap is covered. You may stitch several layers for more volume. Make several loose diagonal stitches at the front hairline for long sideswept bangs. With yarn E and a yarn needle, make several long stitches all over the head for a contrasting highlight. Refer to photo.

For ponytail, wrap yarns D and E around four fingers 20 times and 5 times, respectively (more for thicker ponytail). Slide the bundle off and tie a long strand of yarn D around it tightly to secure. Cut the ring. Sew ponytail to back of Head at the nape of the neck. Trim as desired.

Ear (Make 2):

Rnd 1: With yarn A and a C hook, make an adjustable ring, ch 1, sc 4 into ring. Pull tail to close ring (4 sts)

Rnd 2: Ch 1, turn. 2 Sc into each st (8 sts)

Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing.

Thread the yarn tail into a yarn needle and position Ear onto head, overlapping Hair, lining up with the eyes on the side of the head. Refer to photo for placement. Weave in ends.

Starfish:

Rnd 1: With yarn F and C hook, make an adjustable ring, ch 1, sc 5 into ring. Pull tail to close the ring.

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st (10 sts)

Rnd 3: *(sc in next st, ch 4, sc in 2nd ch and next ch, hdc in last ch, sl st into next st), repeat from * around (5 star spokes made)

Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing to Head.

Position Starfish above one Ear and stitch into place with yarn tail and a yarn needle.

Finishing:

With yarn D and a yarn needle, straight stitch two tiny eyebrows, subtly arched.

With black embroidery floss, stitch two straight stitches beside each eye for eyelashes.

With black embroidery floss, stitch a tiny vertical line for the belly button just above the waist. Pull it tightly to the back of the doll and knot, hiding the stitch. Repeat if necessary.

With black embroidery floss, stitch smile. This is best accomplished by making a very loose and shallow “v” with two straight stitches. Stitch a small line with yarn D underneath the smile for a lip.

Using a cotton swab or your pinky finger, apply a bit of pink blush to cheeks, rubbing in tiny circles.



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