

Crochet in the Round Fish Pattern



This fish is crocheted using the amigurumi method, which means it starts off with a magic circle and is crocheted in the spiral method. Make sure to mark the beginning of every row, as with spiral crochet it can be difficult to see the beginnings and ends of rows just by eye. The fish in the photo is made using DK weight cotton yarn and a 4mm hook, but you can use any yarn you wish. Just be sure the stitches are tight to make a firm fabric so that the stuffing won't fall out. Try using a stripy sock yarn or any variegated yarn for a fun multi-coloured fishy!

You will need:

- yarn of your choice
- crochet hook appropriate for the weight of yarn
- darning needle
- toy stuffing
- black thread or yarn for the eyes

Abbreviations:

- Ch = chain
- Sl st = slip stitch
- Dc = double crochet stitch
- Dc2tog = double crochet 2 stitches together

Head/body:

Make a magic ring (if you're unsure how to do this, ask for an instruction sheet in store). 6 dc in the magic ring.

Rnd 1: Make 2 dc in each stitch. (12 stitches)

Rnd 2: Dc in each stitch. (12 stitches)

Rnd 3: *Dc in next stitch, 2 dc in next stitch; repeat from * to end of round. (18 stitches)

Rnd 4: Dc in each stitch. (18 stitches)

Rnd 5: *Dc in next 2 stitches, 2 dc in next stitch; repeat from * to end of round. (24 stitches)

Rnd 6: Dc in each stitch. (24 stitches)

Rnd 7: *Dc in next 3 stitches, dc in next stitch; repeat from * to end of round (30 stitches)

Rnds 8 to 15: Dc in every stitch. (30 stitches)

Rnd 16: *Dc in next 3 stitches, dc2tog; repeat from * to end of round. (24 stitches)

Rnd 17: Dc in every stitch. (24 stitches)

Rnd 18: *Dc in next 2 stitches, dc2tog; repeat from * to end of round. (18 stitches)

Rnd 19: Dc in every stitch. (18 stitches)

Rnd 20: *Dc in next stitch, dc2tog; repeat from * to end of round. (12 stitches)

Rnd 21: Dc in every stitch. (12 stitches)

Now we will start stitching the tail.

Rnd 22: *Dc in next stitch, 2 dc in next stitch; repeat from * to end of round. (18 stitches)

Rnd 23: *Dc in next 2 stitches, 2 dc in next stitch; repeat from * to end of round. (24 stitches)

Rnd 24: *Dc in next 3 stitches, 2 dc in next stitch; repeat from * to end of round. (30 stitches)

Rnd 25: *Dc in next 4 stitches, 2 dc in next stitch; repeat from * to end of round. (36 stitches)

Stuff the fish's body to your liking. The one in the photo isn't stuffed fully so that it can be flattened a bit, but firm fish are fine.

The tail now needs to be flattened from top to bottom and closed up using sl st. However, you'll see that the end of the last row is not at the beginning of where the tail needs to be closed. To fix this, dc in every stitch until you come to the first end of the tail so you can start sl stitching it together.

Finishing the tail:

With both sides of the tail flattened and held together, begin to sl st the two sides together, stopping just beyond the halfway point. Stuff the tail lightly and finish joining the two sides with sl st. Fasten off the yarn and weave in the end. Behold your lovely puffy fishy!

Eyes:

The last thing to do is to give the fish its eyes. The one in the photo has thin black yarn eyes made with French knots, but do the eyes however you wish. Please embroider the eyes and don't use beads; the fish need to be as child safe as possible.

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