CROCHET SEAL: BEAUTIFUL LITTLE SEAL PUP IN 7 CUDDLY INCHES

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FINISHED SIZE

About 7 in (18 cm) tall.

SKILL LEVEL

Easy. You need single crochet, single crochet increase, invisible decrease, and double crochet for the optional bow, all worked in the round, plus a little sewing to join the tail pieces and attach the flippers, mouth piece, and cheeks. The tail, body, and head are made as one piece.

TIME

The source pattern gives no exact time. It is a small amigurumi that works up fast, so most crocheters finish it in a few relaxed evenings.

MATERIALS

- Size 4 worsted weight yarn: 50 g of light brown, plus a small amount of beige or ivory for the mouth piece, a color of your choice for the cheeks and bow, and black yarn for the nose
- 3.5 mm crochet hook
- 10.5 mm safety eyes, 1 pair
- Black crochet or embroidery thread for the eyelashes, optional
- Scissors
- Tapestry needle
- Stuffing
- Stitch markers

ABBREVIATIONS (US terms)

ch: chain. dc: double crochet. inc: single crochet increase, 2 sc in the same stitch. inv dec: invisible decrease. MC: magic circle. sc: single crochet. sl st: slip stitch. st(s): stitch(es).

NOTES

This pattern is written in US crochet terms. Work in continuous rounds and use a stitch marker at the beginning of each round. Stuff slowly as you go, so the seal is firm but not stretched. The tail, body, and head are made as one piece: two tail pieces are joined in Round 9, the body grows

from there, and the head begins at Round 30. Leave the tail unstuffed and leave the flippers unstuffed. The mouth piece and cheeks are sewn on after the head is shaped. To make the boy version, leave off the bow and the eyelashes.

MOUTH PIECE

With beige or ivory

Round 1: Create a magic circle with 6 sc. (6 sts)

Round 2: Sc inc in each st around. (12 sts)

Round 3: Sc in the first st, sc inc in the next st, repeat around. (18 sts)

Round 4: Sc around. (18 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. With black yarn, pass through 4 stitches 3 to 4 times to form the nose.

CHEEKS, MAKE 2

With your chosen cheek color

Create a magic circle with 6 sc, slip stitch to the first sc, and pull tight to close the circle. (6 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

TAIL, MAKE 2

With light brown. The two tail pieces are joined together in Round 9 to start the body. Leave the tail unstuffed.

Round 1: Create a magic circle with 6 sc. (6 sts)

Round 2: Sc inc in each st around. (12 sts)

Round 3: Sc in the first st, sc inc in the next st, repeat around. (18 sts)

Rounds 4-6: Sc around. (18 sts)

Round 7: Sc in the first st, inv dec in the next st, repeat around. (12 sts)

Round 8: Sc around. (12 sts)

Fasten off on the first tail piece. Do not fasten off the second tail piece: proceed to Round 9 after completing it.

BODY AND HEAD, CONTINUED FROM THE TAIL

Round 9: Join the tail pieces together and start the body. Attach the 2nd piece to the 1st with a sc. Sc around the 1st tail and then the 2nd tail. (24 sts) This completes the join, and the next round starts here.

Round 10: Sc in the first 2 sts, inv dec in the next st, repeat around. (18 sts)

Round 11: Sc around. (18 sts)

Round 12: Sc in the first 2 sts, sc inc in the next st, repeat around. (24 sts)

Round 13: Sc around. (24 sts)

Round 14: Sc in the first 3 sts, sc inc in the next st, repeat around. (30 sts)

Round 15: Sc in the first 4 sts, sc inc in the next st, repeat around. (36 sts)

Round 16: Sc in the first 5 sts, sc inc in the next st, repeat around. (42 sts)

Rounds 17-21: Sc around. (42 sts)

Round 22: Sc in the first 5 sts, inv dec in the next st, repeat around. (36 sts)

Round 23: Sc around. (36 sts)

Round 24: Sc in the first 4 sts, inv dec in the next st, repeat around. (30 sts)

Round 25: Sc around. (30 sts)

Round 26: Sc in the first 3 sts, inv dec in the next st, repeat around. (24 sts)

Round 27: Sc around. (24 sts)

Round 28: Sc in the first 2 sts, inv dec in the next st, repeat around. (18 sts)

Round 29: Sc around. (18 sts)

The head starts here.

Round 30: Sc in the first 2 sts, sc inc in the next st, repeat around. (24 sts)

Round 31: Sc in the first 3 sts, sc inc in the next st, repeat around. (30 sts)

Round 32: Sc in the first 4 sts, sc inc in the next st, repeat around. (36 sts)

Round 33: Sc in the first 5 sts, sc inc in the next st, repeat around. (42 sts)

Round 34: Sc in the first 6 sts, sc inc in the next st, repeat around. (48 sts)

Rounds 35-40: Sc around. (48 sts)

Add the facial features now. Place the safety eyes 7 stitches apart between Rounds 38 and 39. If you are adding eyelashes, place them before securing the eyes. Sew the mouth piece centered between the eyes, adding a small amount of stuffing as you go. Sew the cheeks onto either side.

Round 41: Sc in the first 6 sts, inv dec in the next st, repeat around. (42 sts)

Round 42: Sc in the first 5 sts, inv dec in the next st, repeat around. (36 sts)

Round 43: Sc in the first 4 sts, inv dec in the next st, repeat around. (30 sts)

Round 44: Sc in the first 3 sts, inv dec in the next st, repeat around. (24 sts)

Continue to stuff the head and neck firmly.

Round 45: Sc in the first 2 sts, inv dec in the next st, repeat around. (18 sts)

Round 46: Sc in the first st, inv dec in the next st, repeat around. (12 sts)

Round 47: Inv dec around. (6 sts)

Fasten off and sew the remaining part closed. Weave in the end.

FLIPPERS, MAKE 2

With light brown. Leave the flippers unstuffed.

Round 1: Create a magic circle with 6 sc. (6 sts)

Round 2: Sc inc in each st around. (12 sts)

Round 3: Sc in the first st, sc inc in the next st, repeat around. (18 sts)

Rounds 4-6: Sc around. (18 sts)

Round 7: Sc in the first st, inv dec in the next st, repeat around. (12 sts)

Rounds 8-13: Sc around. (12 sts)

At the end of Round 13, pinch the flipper flat and make 6 sc across the top to close. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

BOW, OPTIONAL

Working in a magic circle, make 4 dc, slip stitch, 4 dc, and slip stitch again. Pull the tail tight to close, wrap the yarn around the middle of the bow 3 times, tie and secure in the back, and cut the yarn, leaving a long section for sewing.

ASSEMBLY

- Sew the flippers onto the body, centered with the head, at Round 25.
- If you are making the girl version, sew the bow onto the side of your choice.

CARE

The source pattern gives no care instructions. Treat the seal gently: spot clean with a damp cloth and mild soap, and let it air dry. Do not machine wash a toy with safety eyes. If the toy is for a child under 3, make crochet eyes instead of using safety eyes, and sew every piece on firmly.

TIPS FOR A NEAT SEAL PUP

- Mark the start of every round. The tail, body, and head are one long continuous piece of 47 rounds, so a stitch marker keeps your rounds true.
- Stuff as you go. Start stuffing at the body and keep the head and neck stuffed firmly, so the seal holds its shape and does not wobble.
- Leave the tail and flippers unstuffed. Stuffing them makes them stiff and round; unstuffed, they lie flat the way a seal tail and flippers should.
- Join the tail pieces neatly. Attach the second piece to the first with a single crochet and work around both pieces in Round 9, so the join is tight and the body starts at 24 stitches.
- Place the eyes before you secure them. Set the eyes 7 stitches apart between Rounds 38 and 39, add the eyelashes first if you want them, and check the face from the front before you push the backs on.
- Stuff the mouth piece lightly. A small amount of stuffing as you sew it on keeps the muzzle soft and rounded instead of flat.

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