CROCHET WHALE AMIGURUMI PATTERN

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Printable pattern, adapted in my own words from the free Wanda the Whale design by The Loopy Lamb, listed in sources.txt. US crochet terms.

SKILL LEVEL

Easy. Uses a magic ring, single crochet, increases, decreases, and slip stitches.

MATERIALS

- Worsted weight yarn in your main colour. The sample whales use Loops and Threads Impeccable: Arbor Rose for the pink whale and Aqua for the teal whale.
- Small amount of white worsted weight yarn, only if you want the optional narwhal tusk.
- Crochet hook: 3.5 mm, US E
- Safety eyes: 9 mm, one pair
- Polyester stuffing
- Tapestry needle
- Stitch markers
- Scissors

GAUGE

Not critical for a stuffed toy. Work tightly enough that the stuffing does not show through the stitches.

FINISHED SIZE

About 7.5 inches (19 cm) long from the nose to the tip of the tail, and about 4.5 inches (11.5 cm) from one side fin tip to the other.

ABBREVIATIONS

ch: chain

sc: single crochet

inc: increase, work 2 single crochet in the same stitch

dec: decrease, single crochet 2 together. For a cleaner decrease, work it under the front loops only.

sl st: slip stitch

st: stitch

MR: magic ring

FO: finish off

PATTERN NOTES

- The body and tail are worked as one piece in a continuous spiral. Do not join the rounds. Place a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up as you go.
- The number in brackets at the end of each round is the stitch count you should have. Count your stitches before moving on.
- Start stuffing the body at Round 26 and add a little more stuffing every few rounds, stuffing firmly.
- Place the safety eyes in Round 15, in stitch 21 and stitch 40.
- For the tail fins, the designer recommends her ultimate finish technique to close the tips neatly.

BODY

Round 1: Work 6 sc into a magic ring. (6 stitches)

Round 2: Work 2 sc in each stitch around. (12 stitches)

Round 3: (Inc, sc 1) 6 times. (18 stitches)

Round 4: Sc 1, inc, (sc 2, inc) 5 times, sc 1. (24 stitches)

Round 5: (Sc 3, inc) 6 times. (30 stitches)

Round 6: Sc 2, inc, (sc 4, inc) 5 times, sc 2. (36 stitches)

Round 7: (Sc 5, inc) 6 times. (42 stitches)

Rounds 8 to 21: Sc in each stitch around. (42 stitches in each round)

Place the safety eyes in Round 15, in stitch 21 and stitch 40.

Round 22: (Sc 5, dec) 3 times, sc 21. (39 stitches)

Round 23: Sc in each stitch around. (39 stitches)

Round 24: (Sc 4, dec) 3 times, sc 21. (36 stitches)

Round 25: Sc in each stitch around. (36 stitches)

Round 26: Sc 2, dec, (sc 3, dec) 3 times, dec, sc 15. (31 stitches)

Begin stuffing the body here, and add a little more stuffing every few rounds.

Round 27: Sc in each stitch around. (31 stitches)

Round 28: (Dec, sc 2) 4 times, dec, sc 13. (26 stitches)

Round 29: Sc in each stitch around. (26 stitches)

Round 30: (Dec, sc) 4 times, dec, sc 10, dec. (20 stitches)

Round 31: Sc in each stitch around. (20 stitches)

Round 32: (Dec, sc) 3 times, dec, sc 5, dec 2 times. (14 stitches)

Rounds 33 to 35: Sc in each stitch around. (14 stitches in each round)

Round 36: Dec, sc 5, dec, sc 5. (12 stitches)

Round 37: Sc in each stitch around. (12 stitches)

Round 38: Dec, sc 4, dec, sc 4. (10 stitches)

Round 39: Inc 2 times, sc 2, inc 3 times, sc 2, inc. (16 stitches)

Round 40: Sc in each stitch around. (16 stitches)

Round 41: Sc 4, inc 2 times, sc 6, inc 2 times, sc 2. (20 stitches)

Round 42: Inc 4 times, sc 6, inc 4 times, sc 6. (28 stitches)

Round 43: Sc in each stitch around. (28 stitches)

Round 44: Sc 11, then join stitch 12 and stitch 26 together with a slip stitch. Place a stitch marker in stitch 25. Turn the work and work the right tail fin in the next stitch to the left of the slip stitch. Sc 2. (14 stitches)

RIGHT TAIL FIN

Round 45: Sc 4, dec, sc 5, skip the slip stitch from the previous round, sc 2. (12 stitches)

Round 46: (Dec, sc 2) 3 times. (9 stitches)

Round 47: (Dec, sc) 3 times. (6 stitches)

FO, leaving a long tail. Thread the tail onto a needle, weave it through the front loops of the last round, and pull to close the hole. Weave in the end.

LEFT TAIL FIN (SECOND FIN)

Round 1: Join the yarn with a slip stitch in stitch 25 of Round 44. Sc in that stitch and place a stitch marker in it. This is now your first stitch. Sc in each stitch around. (13 stitches)

Add a little more stuffing before this fin closes.

Round 2: Sc 6, dec, sc 5. (12 stitches)

Round 3: (Dec, sc 2) 3 times. (9 stitches)

Round 4: (Dec, sc) 3 times. (6 stitches)

FO and weave in the ends.

PECTORAL FINS (MAKE 2)

Round 1: Work 5 sc into a magic ring. (5 stitches)

Round 2: Work 2 sc in each stitch around. (10 stitches)

Round 3: Sc in each stitch around. (10 stitches)

Round 4: (Inc, sc 4) 2 times. (12 stitches)

Rounds 5 to 6: Sc in each stitch around. (12 stitches in each round)

Round 7: (Sc 4, dec) 2 times. (10 stitches)

Round 8: (Sc 3, dec) 2 times. (8 stitches)

FO, leaving a long tail to sew the fin to the body. Sew one fin on each side of the body.

OPTIONAL NARWHAL TUSK (WHITE YARN)

Round 1: Chain 12 and join with a slip stitch to the first chain to make a ring, taking care not to twist the chain. Leave a long enough starting tail to sew the tusk to the head. (12 stitches)

Round 2: Chain 1, sc in the first stitch and in each stitch around. Do not join at the end of the round. (12 stitches)

Round 3: (Sc 4, dec) 2 times. (10 stitches)

Round 4: Sc in each stitch around. (10 stitches)

Round 5: (Sc 3, dec) 2 times. (8 stitches)

Round 6: Sc in each stitch around. (8 stitches)

Round 7: (Sc 2, dec) 2 times. (6 stitches)

Round 8: Sc in each stitch around. (6 stitches)

Round 9: (Sc, dec) 2 times. (4 stitches)

FO and weave in the ends. Sew the tusk to the middle of the top of the head.

FINISHING

Sew the side fins in place, weave in all the ends, and give the whale a gentle squish to shape it. If the whale is a gift for a young child, embroider the eyes instead of using safety eyes.

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