CROCHET STINGRAY: BEAUTIFUL 6-INCH RAGDOLL AMIGURUMI

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FINISHED SIZE

Finished length | About 6 in (15 cm) long from nose to tail

Finished width | About 4 in (10 cm) across the widest part of the body

The source pattern gives the length and the width only. No other finished measurements are given, so none are listed here.

SKILL LEVEL

Beginner friendly. The designer calls this stingray a quick and beginner friendly pattern. You need chains, single crochet, increases, decreases, working in flat rows, and joining two panels with single crochet. The stitches are simple; the amigurumi skills are keeping an even tension, placing the eyes before joining, and stuffing the body lightly so the ray stays flat.

TIME

The source pattern gives no exact time. It calls the stingray a quick project that works up fast. A small ray in worsted yarn is an evening project, a little longer the first time. That estimate is NOT a source fact; do not quote it as one.

MATERIALS

- Worsted weight (#4) yarn. The sample is made with WeCrochet Knit Picks Brava.
- Main color (sample: Cornflower, a soft blue, or Rouge, a gentle pink): about 20 yds (18 m), for the top panel
- Neutral color (sample: Dove Heather, a pale grey): about 15 yds (14 m), for the underside panel
- Total yarn: about 35 yds (32 m)

- A small amount of the main color for the embroidered mouth
- 3.5 mm crochet hook, or your preferred hook size for amigurumi
- Yarn needle, for weaving in ends
- Fiber stuffing
- 2 safety eyes, 9 mm

ABBREVIATIONS (US terms)

ch: chain. dec: decrease (sc2tog, single crochet 2 stitches together: insert hook into first SC, pull up a loop, insert hook into next stitch, pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops on hook). inc: increase (2 SC in the same st). rep: repeat. rnd(s): round(s). SC: single crochet. sl st: slip stitch. st(s): stitch(es).

NOTES

This pattern uses US crochet terms. The ray is worked in flat rows, not rounds: after each row you chain 1 and turn. Make the first stitch of the next row in the same stitch as the chain 1. The chain 1 does not count towards the stitch count for each row. Make two identical panels, one in the main color for the top and one in the neutral color for the underside, then join them with single crochet and stuff the body. The chain 6 at the end of Row 3 and at the end of Row 4 is the foundation for the wings; it is not counted in the stitch count of the row it ends. Work the wing chains loosely so the wings lie flat.
Gauge: 2 in x 2 in (5 cm x 5 cm) = approx. 7 rows of 10 SC stitches.
Work tightly so the stuffing does not show through the stitches.
Safety eyes are NOT safe for a child under 3: for a baby gift, embroider the eyes instead. That safety note is general amigurumi advice, not a statement from the source pattern.

STINGRAY PANELS (make 2: one in the main color, one in the neutral color)

Row 1: Ch 7, inc in 2nd ch from hook, SC in next 4 sts, inc in last st, ch 1, turn. (8 sts)

Row 2: SC in each st across, ch 1, turn. (8 sts)

Row 3: SC in each st across, ch 6, turn. (8 sts)

Row 4: Working in the ch sts, SC inc in 2nd ch from hook, SC in next 4 chs, SC in the rest of the sts across, ch 6, turn. (14 sts)

Row 5: Working in the ch sts, SC inc in 2nd ch from hook, SC in next

4 chs, SC in the rest of the sts across, ch 1, turn. (20 sts)

Row 6: SC in each st across, ch 1, turn. (20 sts)

Row 7: Dec, SC in next 16 sts, dec, ch 1, turn. (18 sts)

Row 8: SC in each st across, ch 1, turn. (18 sts)

Row 9: Dec, SC in next 14 sts, dec, ch 1, turn. (16 sts)

Row 10: SC in each st across, ch 1, turn. (16 sts)

Row 11: Dec, SC in next 12 sts, dec, ch 1, turn. (14 sts)

Row 12: SC in each st across, ch 1, turn. (14 sts)

Row 13: Dec, SC in next 10 sts, dec, ch 1, turn. (12 sts)

Row 14: Dec, SC in next 8 sts, dec, ch 1, turn. (10 sts)

Row 15: Dec, SC in next 6 sts, dec, ch 1, turn. (8 sts)

Row 16: Dec, SC in next 4 sts, dec, ch 1, turn. (6 sts)

Row 17: Dec, SC in next 2 sts, dec, ch 1, turn. (4 sts)

Row 18: SC in each st across, ch 1, turn. (4 sts)

Row 19: Dec twice, ch 1, turn. (2 sts)

Rows 20-29: SC in each st across, ch 1, turn. (2 sts)

Row 30: Dec. (1 st)

Fasten off. Repeat the instructions above to make the second panel.

Weave in all ends on your panels.

EYES

If you are using safety eyes, insert two 9 mm eyes into the top panel before you join the panels. Place them between Rows 2 and 3, in the second stitch in from each edge of the stingray. Fasten the backs. The backs of the safety eyes may look in the way for now, but when you stuff the stingray and join the panels together, they will not be noticeable.

JOINING THE PANELS

Lay the top panel on top of the bottom panel, lining up each of the edges, with the top panel facing you. Make a slip knot with your yarn. Choose a stitch on the stingray to start joining the panels. Insert your crochet hook through the chosen stitch, passing through the same stitch on both panels. Place the slip knot on your hook and pull it through to the front of your project, chain 1, and SC in the same

stitch and in each stitch around the outside of the stingray. Make 2 SC stitches in each of the corner stitches on the end of the two wings and on both ends of the face.

When you are about two thirds of the way around the head and body section, start adding stuffing to the inside. Push stuffing into the head section where the eyes are, and continue to stuff the rest of the body as you work your SC stitches around. Stuff the body section only, not the tail.

Once you finish stuffing and crocheting around the head and body section, continue working SC stitches along the tail, working up one side, adding 2 SC stitches in the stitch at the end of the tail, and then continuing working SC stitches along the other side of the tail.

When you are all the way around the stingray, join with a slip stitch to the top of the first SC stitch. Fasten off and cut the yarn, weaving in the ends.

Note: the source pattern gives no stitch count for the joining round, because the count depends on the stitches around the edge of your panels. No count is listed here, and none is invented.

MOUTH

Lastly, add a mouth to the underside of your stingray. Using the same color as the top of the stingray, make a couple of stitches forming a v on the bottom of the head section under the stingray. Weave in the ends.

FINISHING

Weave in all loose ends with the yarn needle, hiding them inside the stitches so they do not show. Check that both eyes are locked firmly in place, and that every edge is joined closed.

CARE

The source pattern gives no care instructions. As general guidance for worsted weight acrylic yarn: hand wash gently in cold water and lay flat to dry. Do not bleach. Reshape while damp. Keep away from a hot dryer: acrylic yarn can lose its shape in high heat.

TIPS FOR A NEAT STINGRAY

- Work tightly. Use a hook smaller than the yarn label suggests, and check your gauge: 2 in x 2 in (5 cm x 5 cm) = about 7 rows of 10 SC. If the stuffing shows through, go down a hook size.
- Count every row. The panel decreases by 2 stitches on the decrease rows, so a quick count at the end of each row catches a mistake before it travels.
- Place the eyes before you join the panels. Add the 9 mm safety eyes between Rows 2 and 3, in the second stitch in from each edge, while the top panel is still flat and the backs are easy to fasten.
- Line up the panels before you join. Lay the two panels on top of each other with the edges matched and the starting corners on the same side, so the stitches face the same way.
- Stuff the body only. Push stuffing into the head and body, and leave the tail unstuffed, so the ray stays flat and the tail stays thin.
- Pin the mouth first. Mark the v shape on the underside with pins before you embroider it, so the smile sits centered under the head.

VARIATIONS

- Classic blue ray: work the top panel in a soft cornflower blue with a pale dove grey underside, the timeless ocean look.
- Pink or pastel ray: work the top panel in a gentle rose pink, soft mint, or lilac, with the same pale underside.
- A ray family: make several rays in different colorways. Each one uses only about 35 yards of yarn, so a set is a comfortable project for a gift.
- A bigger ray: use a bulky weight yarn with a 5.0 mm hook and the same rows. The ray will come out bigger, and you will need more yarn and larger eyes; check the eye size against the head before you fix them in place.

Pattern adapted from the free pattern by Loops and Love Crochet: Stingray Amigurumi, https://www.loopsandlovecrochet.com/2022/05/16/stingray-amigurumi-free-crochet-pattern/

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