



LITTLE WHALE

This tiny little whale is waiting for you! Try to make the first one in your favourite colour and you won't resist to crochet a "whale-bow".

You will need

- Sport weight cotton yarn (suggested yarns: DMC Natura Just Cotton, Silke Estate) (50 g approx. 130 m) in Blue and White
- 2.5 mm (US B/1 or C/2) crochet hook
- 2 beads (about 2,5 mm / 0,1 in)
- black cotton thread
- tapestry needle
- fiberfill for stuffing

Pattern notes

The little whale is formed by 2 pieces (back and belly)

then sewn together. The pattern is worked using the amigurumi method. Work in a continuous spiral without closing off the rounds with a ss. It may help to use a stitch marker in the last stitch of each round, moving it up as you work.

You can follow the written instructions or the chart.

Tension

To make this amigurumi isn't necessary to use the recommended yarn and crochet hook. Using a larger crochet hook, and a suitable yarn, the amigurumi will be larger preserving the same proportions.

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Measurements

Working with a 2.5 mm crochet hook and the suggested cotton yarn the finished amigurumi will be approx. 5 cm / 2 in diameter.

Abbreviations (US terms)

- **ch**: chain
- **slst**: slip stitch
- **sc**: single crochet
- **dc**: double crochet
- **trc**: treble crochet
- **inc**: single crochet increase (2 sc into the same st)
- **BLO**: insert hook under back loop only
- **Rnd**: round
- **[number]**: the number in the square brackets is the total stitches of that round or row

Back (in Blue yarn)

Rnd 1: start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: inc 6 times [12]

Rnd 3: (inc, sc in next st) 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (inc, sc in next 2 st) 6 times [24]

Rnd 5 - 7: sc in all 24 st [24]

Rnd 8: We are going to make tail and fins during this round. Into the first stitch work: * slst, ch3, 3 trc, ch 3, slst into the same stitch *, continue with sc in next 4 st, (** slst in next st, ch2, 3dc, ch2, slst) into next stitch **, sc in next 12 st, repeat from ** to **, sc in next 4 st, repeat from * to *.

Leave a long tail (approx. 30 cm / 12 in) for sewing.

Belly (in White yarn)

Rnd 1: start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: inc 6 times [12]

Rnd 3: (inc, sc in next st) 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (inc, sc in next 2 st) 6 times [24]

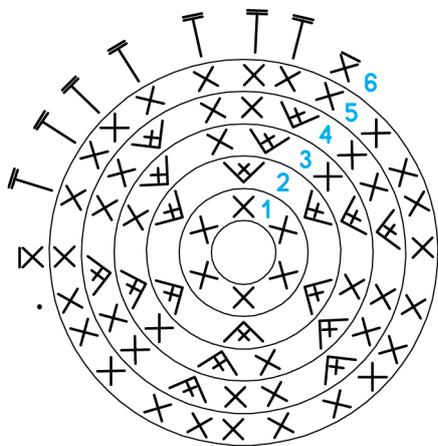
Rnd 5: sc in all 24 st [24]

Rnd 6 (partial): in BLO sc in next st, in BLO hdc in next 7 st, in BLO sc in next st, slst in next st [9]

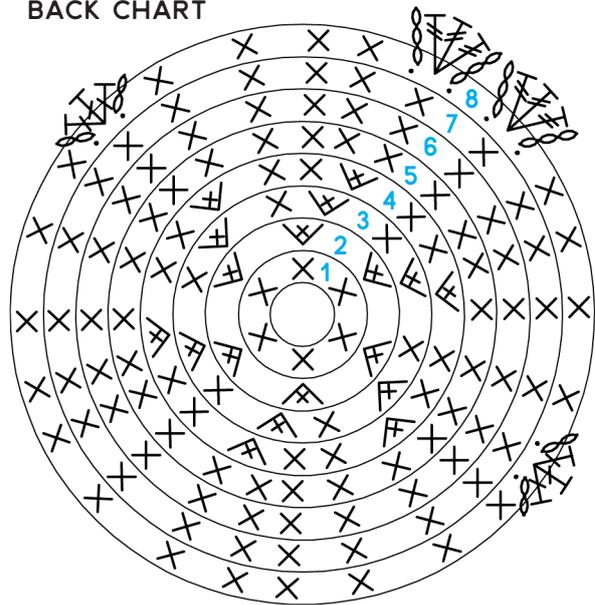
Fasten off and weave in ends.

Sew the belly under the back as shown in the following step by step pictures (at page 3).

BELLY CHART



BACK CHART



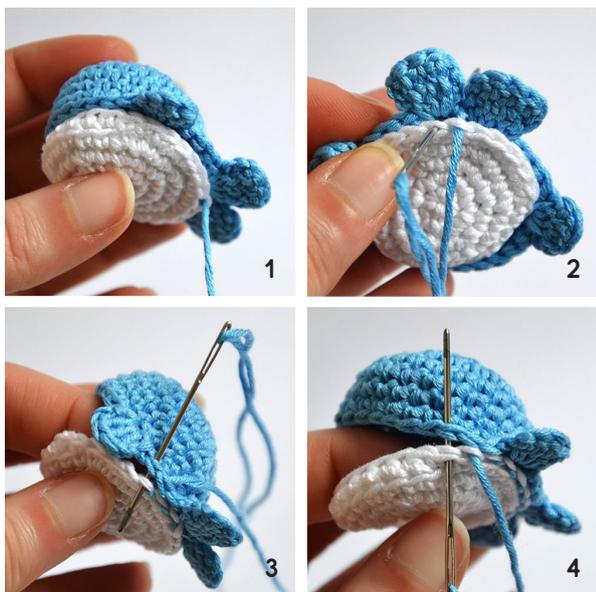
LEGEND

- slip stitch
- ◊ chain
- × single crochet
- ⊗ single crochet in BLO
- ⊕ single crochet increase
- ⊥ half double crochet in BLO
- ⊢ double crochet
- ⊣ treble crochet



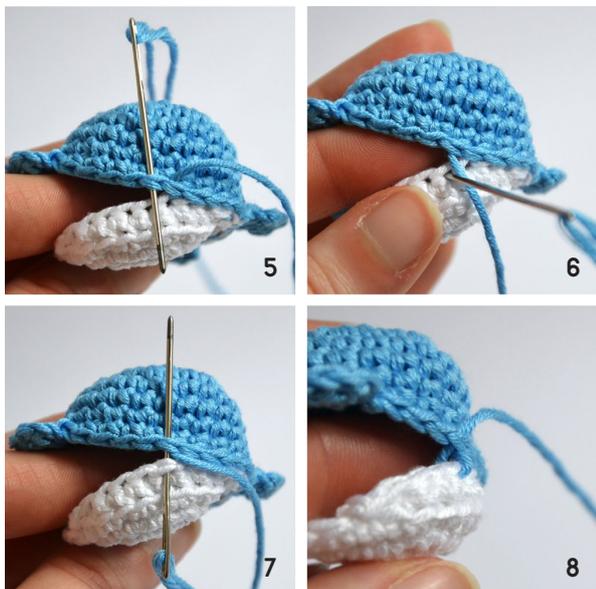
Pictures 1 - 4

Match the teeth between the front flippers (1) and start sewing from the center back, between the rear fins (2). Insert the needle in both pieces from top to bottom (3) and then upwards (4) make sure to pass the needle two times in each crochet stitch. Continue until the teeth.



Pictures 5 - 8

Sew the teeth section following a simple trick to hide the seam. Insert the needle into the upper part from top to bottom (5), insert the needle into the white piece from front to back (6) then pull the needle through the same stitch of the upper part (7). Here is a close up of the stitch (8). Pull gently, but firmly. Continue inserting the needle into the next stitch.



Pictures 9 - 12

Stuff the little whale a couple of stitches before the end of the seaming (9), then fasten off and weave in ends. With black thread, sew the eyes between rounds 7 and 8 approx. 6 stitches apart (10), make sure to place them at the same distance to the fins. Cut a tail of white yarn for the sprinkle. Insert it on top of the little whale and make a knot to secure it.



{ Enjoy crocheting the little whale in a lot of different colours! }



I'll be really happy to see your whale (or whales!). Please share a picture with me! Send it by email to **info@airalidesign.com** or publish it on my facebook page **Airali design** or tag me on instagram, you can find me as **@airali_gray** and use the hashtag **#airalidesign** I look forward to seeing it!