

Seaside yarn bombing – crochet patterns

Abbreviations

Ch	chain
Sc	single crochet
Hdc	half double crochet
Dc	double crochet
Tr	treble crochet
Dtr	double treble
Slst	slip stitch

I used dk and 4mm hook, but use any yarn you have and adjust the size of the hook

Eyes were glued in place using a hot glue gun

This is not exact crochet, so adapt and use the patterns as you wish and don't worry about the number of stitches you use at any point

I made 2 bodies for each and sewed them together so that they would be firmer when displayed.

Fish

Body make 2

- **Foundation** Chain 2, sc 6 in first chain (or sc 6 in magic circle), slst into first sc to join
- **Row 1** ch2, dc into same stitch, 2dc into each sc of foundation slst to join
- **Row 2** ch 2, (2dc in next stitch, dc in following stitch) round row 1, slst to join
- **Row 3** ch2, dc in same stitch, 2dc into each stitch of row 2, slst to join
- **Row 4** ch1, sc into next st.
- **Tail** Chain 7, and work back along the chain. Sc in second chain from hook, then work along chain 2 hdc, 2dc, tr
- Join to 3rd st along circle



- Repeat for other half of tail
- Sc round rest of circle, sl st to join
Join bodies together
- **Top fin** join yarn approx. 3 st from tail fin. Work away from tail along stitches sc, sc, 2tr in same stitch 2 dc in same st, 2 hdc in same stitch, sc, sc

Octopus

- Work as body of fish row 1 and 2
- **Row 4** ch1, sc into next st
Legs ch6. Sc in second chain from hook sc. Work sc back along the chain, join to next st along circle.
Ch 7 and sc back
Ch 8 and sc back
Ch9 and sc back
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Ch 8 and sc back
Ch 7 and sc back
Ch 6 and sc back
Continue sc in each stitch round rest of body



Make second body but without legs and join bodies together

Jellyfish

- Work as body of fish row 1 to 3 BUT **do not** slst to join in foundation or any other row so it forms a semi-circle
- **Tentacles.** Start in the centre of the straight side and working outwards,
Ch10 and sc back
Ch9 and sc back
Ch 8 and sc back
Ch 7 and sc back
join yarn and cut
Starting in the centre of the straight side and working the other way outwards,
Ch10 and sc back
Ch9 and sc back
Ch 8 and sc back
Ch 7 and sc back
Continue sc in each stitch round rest of body



Make second body but without tentacles and join bodies together

Crab

- Work as body of fish row 1 to 3
- Row 4 ch1, sc into next st

Legs

ch4 and sc back
ch 5 and sc back
ch 6 and sc back
Sc in next 3 stitches

Claw

Ch9, sc back 4
Ch 4, sc back to body
Join to next st
Sc round to where you want the other claw and legs and repeat



Continue sc in each stitch round rest of body

Make second body with claws and join bodies together. Join the claws by using a running stitch along the centre

Crab 2

If you want a more oval crab, start with a different foundation

- **Foundation** ch5, sc back along chain
- **Row 1** ch2, dc each sc of foundation with 3 dc in each end to form an oval, slst into first sc to join



Work rows 2 and 3 as for the round crab but continue the oval shaping by using (2dc, 3dc, 2dc) in the 3 stitches at each end, Work row 4 and finish as for the round crab.

Seahorse

Head make 2

- Work as for body of fish row 1 and 2
- **Row 3** ch1, sc into next st
snout ch 5 and sc back

Continue sc in each stitch round rest of body

Join together

Body make 2

- Work as body of fish row 1 to 3
- **Row 4** ch1, sc into next st
tail ch 20 and sc back

Continue sc in each stitch round rest of body

Join together and stitch tail into a circle

Join head and body

Head fin. Join yarn opposite the snout and work up the head.

Sc, sc, hdc, 2dc in same stitch

Back fin. Join yarn and work up the body.

Sc, 5 tr in same stitch, sc



Starfish

Body make 2

- **Foundation** Chain 2, sc 10 in first chain (or sc 10 in magic circle) slst into first sc to join
- **Row 1** ch2, dc into same stitch, 2dc into each sc of foundation, slst to join

Row 2 Legs

- Ch 9 and work back sc x 2, hdc x 2, dc x 2, tr x 2
- Join to 4th stitch on along body
- Make 4 more legs in the same way

Row 3

- Sc round the legs, 3sc in same stich at end of each leg

Join bodies together



Shell make 2

- **Foundation** Chain 2, 3sc, 3hdc in first chain (or 3sc, 3hdc in magic circle)



slst into first sc to join

- **Row 1** ch2, hdc into same stitch, 2hdc into next 2 stitches, 2 dc into next 3 stitches do not join but carry on working in the same direction to make a spiral



2dc into next 3 stitches
2 htr into next 6 stitches
2 tr into next 6 stitches

- **Row 2** sc in each stitch around shell, join with slst
- **Row 3** ch1, sc in next stitch, 2 sc in following stitch, around the shell

Sew shells together



Mermaid

Body and tail make 2

- **Foundation** Chain 2, sc 6 in first chain (or sc 6 in magic circle), slst into first sc to join
- **Row 1** ch 1, 2 sc in each stitch round, slst to join
- **Row 2** ch 2, (2dc in next stitch, dc in following stitch) round row 1, slst to join
- **Row 3** ch 1, 2 sc in each stitch round row 2, slst to join
- **Row 4** sc, chain 11 and work back
sc x 2, hdc x 2, dc x 2, tr x 2, dtr x 2
Join to 6th stitch along
Sc round rest of circle, slst to join



Tail fins make 2

- Ch 7 and work back sc x 2, hdc, dc, hdc, sc x 2
- Join to end of tail

Bodice make 2

Find the stitch in the top of the circle opposite the tail and join yarn 2 stitches to one side of it

Row 1 Sc 5

Row 2 and 3 sc

Run the thread along the top and pull to make it narrower for the neck

Join bodies and tails

Arms make 2

- Ch 12 and work sc back
- Fold in half lengthways and join to bodice

Head make 2

- **Foundation** Chain 2, sc 6 in first chain (or sc 6 in magic circle), slst into first sc to join
- **Row 1** ch 1, 2 sc in each stitch round, sl st to join
- **Row 2 and 3** ch 1, (2sc in next stitch, dc in following stitch) round row 1, slst to join
- **Row 4** sc in each stitch round, sl st to join
- Join together and join to the body

Sew features and add hair

Nose Use a round headed pin to decided where you want the nose. Push the needle up to one side of where you want the nose the nose. Pull the yarn through. Go to where you want the other side of the nose. Push the needle down and pull the yarn through. Repeat 3 or 4 times until you have the size nose you want. Then push the needle through to the back of the head to finish it.



Eyes Do as for the nose but use a finer yarn or embroidery floss. Use 2 round headed pins to decided where you want the eyes.

Hair Decide how long you want your mermaid's hair. Find a heavy piece of card or book twice the length you want the hair. Wrap your yarn loosely around it about 20 times.



Either cut the yarn at one end and sew each strand to the head individually



Or tie the strands together before you cut the yarn, cut it and sew it on as a 'wig'



Arrange and sew it in place like a pony tail to cover the back of the head