

Colorful Sea Turtles: From the blog Crocheting Carrot

These adorable little crochet sea turtles are fun and easy to make. They're a great little friend for kids of all ages.

<u>Materials</u>

- 4 small skeins of different color yarns (I used acrylic yarn #4 worsted weight)
- 4.0mm crochet hook
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Poly-fil
- Embroidery thread (black & pink)
- Stitch marker

Abbreviation(s)/Symbols

blo: back loop only ch: chain stitch dc: double crochet flo: front loop only Inc: increase (an increase is made by placing two single crochets into one stitch) Inv dec: invisible decrease (place your hook into the front loop of the two stitches you want to decrease) rep: repeat rnd: round(s) sc: single crochet slst: slip stitch sp: space st(s): stitch(es) [] work within the brackets a specified number of times

Sea Turtle Pattern

Finished size: 4" tall

The Outer Shell of the Turtle

With your first color (A) make an adjustable ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 3 (counts as your first dc), work 11 dc into the magic ring, pull tight to close, slst into the top of the ch-3 (12sts) Fasten off color (A) See *image 1*

Rnd 2: Join your second color (B) with a slst between any 2 sts, ch 3 (counts as a dc), place 1 dc in the same sp as the ch 3, *place 2 dc in between the next 2 sts;* rep from * all around, slst in the top of the ch-3 (24sts) Fasten off color (B) *See Image 2-5*

Rnd 3: Join your third color (C) with a slst, ch 1, and place 1sc in each of the 24 sts around. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. *See image 6*



Image 1: (11 dc into the adjustable ring)



Image 2: (SIst color B between 2 sts, ch3)



Image 3: (place 1 more dc into the same sp as the ch3)



Image 4: (2 dc in between the sts)



Image 5 :(slst into the top of the ch 3)



Image 6: (place 1 sc in each st around)

The Inner Shells of the Turtle (make 2)

Note: leave a longer yarn tail on one of the two rounds for sewing. This pattern is worked in a continuous round.

Make an adjustable ring.

Rnd 1: work 6 sc into the ring, pull tight to close (6sts)

Rnd 2: [1 inc] 6 times (12sts)

Rnd 3: [1 inc, 1 sc] 6 times (18sts)

Rnd 4: [1 inc, 2 sc] 6 times (24sts)

Rnd 5: 1 sc in each st (24sts) Fasten off, repeat

<u>Turtle Head</u> Make an adjustable ring

Rnd 1: work 6 sc into the ring, pull tight to close (6sts)

Rnd 2: [1 inc] 6 times (12sts)

Rnd 3-5: 1 sc in each st around

Begin to stuff the head of the turtle.

Rnd 6: [1 inv dec] 6 times (6sts)

Rnd 7-9: 1 sc in each st around Finish stuffing the head firmly, and fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Turtle Legs (make 4) Make an adjustable ring

Rnd 1: work 6 sc into the ring, pull tight to close (6sts)

Rnd 2: [1 inc] 6 times (12sts) Rnd 3: [1 inc, 1 sc] 6 times (18sts) **Rnd 4:** [1 inc, 2 sc] 6 times (24sts) Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing close, and for sewing onto the body, repeat 3x more.

<u>Turtle Tail</u> Make an adjustable ring

Rnd 1: work 5 sc into the ring, pull tight to close (5sts)

Rnd 2&3: 1 sc in each st around Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Let's Make A Turtle!

- To begin, place the two-round body pieces together with the right side facing out, and tuck in any tails.
- Without stuffing the body, place your yarn needle into the flo and blo of the stitch, and begin to whip stitch together until you're halfway around. See image 6



Image 6

- Once you've sewn the body halfway, begin to stuff the body. See image 7
- Continue to sew the body close, adding more stuffing until the body feels firm. Close all the way and weave in the end. See image 8
- Place the outer shell onto the inner shell and with the tail for the outer shell whip stitch in the flo and blo of the shells. Weave in the ends and fasten off. See image 9



Image 7



Image 8



Image 9

- Fold the legs in half and whip stitch to close. Leave the remaining yarn for sewing onto the turtle. See image 10
- Sew the head of the turtle right below the top shell.
- Sew the four legs onto the bottom of the shell. See image 11
- Sew the tail in between the back legs right below the top shell. See image 11



Image 10



Image 11

Let's Make that Face Cute!!! Note: there is no right or wrong way to embroider the turtle's face. Just have fun with it!



Image 12: (embroider an upside-down v on each side of the face, and add some pink thread below the eye)

Image 13



Image 14: (Add a smile with some black thread between at least 3 sts)

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