Kids' shark tail blanket

Ages 3 to 6 · US terms



Finished size

About 32 in (81 cm) around at the mouth and 9½ in (24 cm) around at the tail end, 28¼ in (72 cm) long without the teeth and the tail; tail about 9 in (23 cm) long

To fit a height of 3 ft 1 in (94 cm) to 3 ft 10 in (117 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

Color changes inside the rows, shaping at the edges and many parts to sew together

Yarn

Bulky (5), 4 colors

Hook

6.5 mm (US K-10½)

Gauge

10 stitches and 8½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: dove gray, color A	**about 200 yd (183 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: warm white, main color	**about 310 yd (283 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: slate, color C	**about 230 yd (210 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: cherry red, color D	**about 110 yd (101 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 650 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 130 yd (119 m).

Hook: 6.5 mm (US K-10½), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure, 4 stitch markers and polyester stuffing, about 3 oz (85 g), for the fins and the tail.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Fits	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Ages 3 to 6 (this file)	**a height of 3 ft 1 in (94 cm) to 3 ft 10 in (117 cm)**	**32 in (81 cm) around at the mouth, 9½ in (24 cm) around at the tail end, 28¼ in (72 cm) long without the teeth and the tail**	**about 850 yd (777 m)**

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Ages 7 to 10	a height of 3 ft 11 in (119 cm) to 4 ft 7 in (140 cm)	36 in (91 cm) around at the mouth, 10½ in (27 cm) around at the tail end, 34 in (86 cm) long without the teeth and the tail	about 1,080 yd (988 m)

Gauge

10 stitches and 8½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet.

Check it on the body itself when row 10 is done, laid flat and not stretched: in Ages 3 to 6 the 80 stitches are about 32 in (81 cm) wide, in Ages 7 to 10 the 90 stitches are about 36 in (91 cm), and the 10 rows are about 4¾ in (12 cm) tall. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one.

Notes

- For sitting or lying in while awake, with a grown-up near a child. It holds both legs: it is not for sleep, for walking or for stairs.
- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch: the first stitch of the row goes into the st it rises from.
- The body is worked flat from the mouth to the tail. Odd rows are right side rows. The first 8 rows are the lining of the mouth: they are folded to the inside when the body is done.
- In every row after the red ones there are three fields: belly in B, back in A, belly in B. Each field has a ball of its own, two balls of B and one of A. Work the last yarn over of row 10 with the first ball of B and cut D; the ball of A and the second ball of B come in where their fields begin in row 11. Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on every yarn that is cut or comes in. To change from one field to the next, work the last yarn over of the last stitch of one field with the yarn of the next field and cross the two yarns on the wrong side, so that no hole is left; keep all yarns on the wrong side and never carry one behind a field.
- A row that is shaped has an hdc2tog at each end and one on each side of the gray back; these two are by turns inside the gray and inside the belly, as each row says. Where an hdc2tog is the last stitch of a field, the yarn of the next field is used for its last yarn over.
- Half double crochet worked to and fro looks alike on both sides, so a part of a fin may be turned over where the steps say so.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.
- When a ball runs out, join the next at the end of a field, of a row or anywhere in a round: work the last yarn over of a stitch with the new yarn, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.
- Whip stitch: with the yarn on a yarn needle, pass the needle under both loops of a stitch on one edge and under both loops of the stitch that lies against it on the other edge, and pull the yarn through. Do the same in the next stitch of each edge. On a foundation chain edge, pass the needle under the lower strands of each chain that holds a stitch of row 1. On a side edge there are no loops: pass the needle through the end stitch of the row on one side and the end stitch of the row that lies against it on the other. Fasten a length where the sewing begins and where it ends: sew 2 or 3 times into the same place.
- Magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and pull up a loop of the working yarn. Round 1 begins with this loop on the hook. Work round 1 into the ring, over both strands, then pull the tail to close it.
- In joined rounds, the first stitch of a round goes into the same stitch as the joining sl st. The joining sl st itself is not a stitch and is not worked into.

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- The ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- To lengthen: work four more rows of three fields before the first shaped row; the numbers of all later rows then grow by four, and the places of the three fins move with them, while the lining, the eyes and the gills stay where they are. The belly seam grows by four pairs; cut each of its two lengths 4 in (10 cm) longer. Four rows add about 2 in (5 cm) and take about 20 yd (19 m) of A and 25 yd (23 m) of B in Ages 3 to 6 and about 20 yd (19 m) of A and 30 yd (28 m) of B in Ages 7 to 10.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

Instructions

Ages 3 to 6. US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
sc2tog 2 sc made into one, **sc3tog** 3 sc made into one, **hdc2tog** 2 hdc made into one, **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **hdc in next 24 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 2 times: work what is inside 2 times in all.
(80 hdc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Body

Yarns in order of use: D, cherry red; B, warm white; A, dove gray.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 81.	

Lining and rim of the mouth, in D

☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(80 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 10**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(80 hdc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Belly, back, belly

☐ **Row 11**	With B, ch 1, turn; hdc in next 24 sts, with A, hdc in next 32 sts, with B, hdc in next 24 sts	(80 hdc)
☐ **Rows 12 to 25**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 24 sts, with A, hdc in next 32 sts, with B, hdc in next 24 sts	(80 hdc)

12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 22 sts, with A, hdc2tog, hdc in next 28 sts, hdc2tog, with B, hdc in next 22 sts, hdc2tog	(72 hdc, 4 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 27 to 28**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 23 sts, with A, hdc in next 30 sts, with B, hdc in next 23 sts	(76 hdc)

27 28

☐ **Row 29**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 19 sts, hdc2tog, with A, hdc in next 30 sts, with B, hdc2tog, hdc in next 19 sts, hdc2tog	(68 hdc, 4 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 30 to 31**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 21 sts, with A, hdc in next 30 sts, with B, hdc in next 21 sts	(72 hdc)

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☐ **Row 32**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 19 sts, with A, hdc2tog, hdc in next 26 sts, hdc2tog, with B, hdc in next 19 sts, hdc2tog	(64 hdc, 4 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 33 to 34** 33 34	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 20 sts, with A, hdc in next 28 sts, with B, hdc in next 20 sts	(68 hdc)
☐ **Row 35**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 16 sts, hdc2tog, with A, hdc in next 28 sts, with B, hdc2tog, hdc in next 16 sts, hdc2tog	(60 hdc, 4 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 36 to 37** 36 37	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 18 sts, with A, hdc in next 28 sts, with B, hdc in next 18 sts	(64 hdc)
☐ **Row 38**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 16 sts, with A, hdc2tog, hdc in next 24 sts, hdc2tog, with B, hdc in next 16 sts, hdc2tog	(56 hdc, 4 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 39 to 40** 39 40	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 17 sts, with A, hdc in next 26 sts, with B, hdc in next 17 sts	(60 hdc)
☐ **Row 41**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 13 sts, hdc2tog, with A, hdc in next 26 sts, with B, hdc2tog, hdc in next 13 sts, hdc2tog	(52 hdc, 4 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 42 to 43** 42 43	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 15 sts, with A, hdc in next 26 sts, with B, hdc in next 15 sts	(56 hdc)
☐ **Row 44**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 13 sts, with A, hdc2tog, hdc in next 22 sts, hdc2tog, with B, hdc in next 13 sts, hdc2tog	(48 hdc, 4 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 45 to 46** 45 46	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 14 sts, with A, hdc in next 24 sts, with B, hdc in next 14 sts	(52 hdc)
☐ **Row 47**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 10 sts, hdc2tog, with A, hdc in next 24 sts, with B, hdc2tog, hdc in next 10 sts, hdc2tog	(44 hdc, 4 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 48 to 49** 48 49	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 12 sts, with A, hdc in next 24 sts, with B, hdc in next 12 sts	(48 hdc)
☐ **Row 50**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 10 sts, with A, hdc2tog, hdc in next 20 sts, hdc2tog, with B, hdc in next 10 sts, hdc2tog	(40 hdc, 4 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 51 to 52** 51 52	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 11 sts, with A, hdc in next 22 sts, with B, hdc in next 11 sts	(44 hdc)
☐ **Row 53**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 7 sts, hdc2tog, with A, hdc in next 22 sts, with B, hdc2tog, hdc in next 7 sts, hdc2tog	(36 hdc, 4 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 54 to 55** 54 55	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 9 sts, with A, hdc in next 22 sts, with B, hdc in next 9 sts	(40 hdc)
☐ **Row 56**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 7 sts, with A, hdc2tog, hdc in next 18 sts, hdc2tog, with B, hdc in next 7 sts, hdc2tog	(32 hdc, 4 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 57 to 58** 57 58	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, with A, hdc in next 20 sts, with B, hdc in next 8 sts	(36 hdc)

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☐ **Row 59**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 4 sts, hdc2tog, with A, hdc in next 20 sts, with B, hdc2tog, hdc in next 4 sts, hdc2tog	(28 hdc, 4 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 60 to 61** 60 61	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, with A, hdc in next 20 sts, with B, hdc in next 6 sts	(32 hdc)
☐ **Row 62**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 4 sts, with A, hdc2tog, hdc in next 16 sts, hdc2tog, with B, hdc in next 4 sts, hdc2tog	(24 hdc, 4 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 63 to 64** 63 64	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 5 sts, with A, hdc in next 18 sts, with B, hdc in next 5 sts	(28 hdc)
☐ **Row 65**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next st, hdc2tog, with A, hdc in next 18 sts, with B, hdc2tog, hdc in next st, hdc2tog	(20 hdc, 4 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 66 to 68** 66 67 68	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 3 sts, with A, hdc in next 18 sts, with B, hdc in next 3 sts	(24 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Dorsal fin: make 2

Yarn C, slate.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 17.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(16 hdc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 13 sts, 2 hdc in last st	(1 hdc2tog, 15 hdc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 14 sts, hdc2tog	(14 hdc, 1 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 12 sts, 2 hdc in last st	(1 hdc2tog, 14 hdc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 13 sts, hdc2tog	(13 hdc, 1 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 11 sts, 2 hdc in last st	(1 hdc2tog, 13 hdc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 12 sts, hdc2tog	(12 hdc, 1 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 11 sts	(1 hdc2tog, 11 hdc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 10 sts, hdc2tog	(10 hdc, 1 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 9 sts	(1 hdc2tog, 9 hdc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, hdc2tog	(8 hdc, 1 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 7 sts	(1 hdc2tog, 7 hdc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, hdc2tog	(6 hdc, 1 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 5 sts	(1 hdc2tog, 5 hdc)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 4 sts, hdc2tog	(4 hdc, 1 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 3 sts	(1 hdc2tog, 3 hdc)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 2 sts, hdc2tog	(2 hdc, 1 hdc2tog)

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☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next st	(1 hdc2tog, 1 hdc)
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog	(1 hdc2tog)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Side fin: make 4

Yarn C, slate.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 12.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(11 hdc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in last st	(1 hdc2tog, 10 hdc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 9 sts, hdc2tog	(9 hdc, 1 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in last st	(1 hdc2tog, 9 hdc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, hdc2tog	(8 hdc, 1 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in last st	(1 hdc2tog, 8 hdc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 7 sts, hdc2tog	(7 hdc, 1 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 6 sts	(1 hdc2tog, 6 hdc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 5 sts, hdc2tog	(5 hdc, 1 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 4 sts	(1 hdc2tog, 4 hdc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 3 sts, hdc2tog	(3 hdc, 1 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 2 sts	(1 hdc2tog, 2 hdc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next st, hdc2tog	(1 hdc, 1 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog	(1 hdc2tog)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Tail lobe: make 4

Yarn C, slate.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 7.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(6 hdc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 5 sts	(7 hdc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in last st	(8 hdc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 7 sts	(9 hdc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in last st	(10 hdc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 9 sts	(11 hdc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 10 sts, 2 hdc in last st	(12 hdc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 11 sts	(13 hdc)

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☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc2tog**] 2 times**, hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in last st	(2 hdc2tog, 10 hdc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 7 sts, **[**hdc2tog**] 2 times**	(9 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc2tog**] 2 times**, hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in last st	(2 hdc2tog, 8 hdc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 5 sts, **[**hdc2tog**] 2 times**	(7 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc2tog**] 2 times**, hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in last st	(2 hdc2tog, 6 hdc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 3 sts, **[**hdc2tog**] 2 times**	(5 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc2tog**] 2 times**, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in last st	(2 hdc2tog, 4 hdc)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next st, **[**hdc2tog**] 2 times**	(3 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc2tog**] 2 times**, 2 hdc in last st	(2 hdc2tog, 2 hdc)
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc2tog**] 2 times**	(2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog	(1 hdc2tog)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Tooth: make 16

Yarn B, warm white.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog	(1 sc, 2 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc3tog	(1 sc3tog)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 20 in (51 cm).	

Eye: make 2

Yarn B, warm white.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring; pull the tail to close the ring; join with sl st in first sc	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(18 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 34 in (86 cm).	

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Pupil: make 2

Yarn C, slate.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring; pull the tail to close the ring; join with sl st in first sc	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 26 in (66 cm).	

Assembly

1. Weave in all ends but the tails of the teeth, the eyes and the pupils. Belly seam: fold the body in half lengthwise, right sides together, so that its two long edges meet. Cut two lengths of B, each about 58 in (147 cm) long. Whip stitch the two edges to each other, the end of every row to the end of the same row, from the foundation chain to row 68: 68 pairs of row ends, one stitch to a pair, the first length for rows 1 to 34, the second for the rest. Turn the body right side out. The red end is the mouth, and the seam lies under the belly.

2. Lining: fold rows 1 to 8, the red lining, to the inside, all round; rows 9 and 10 stay outside as a rim. Cut two lengths of D, each about 52 in (132 cm) long. Whip stitch the 80 chains of the foundation to the wrong side of row 16, chain to stitch, 80 stitches: pass the needle under one strand of the row only, so that nothing shows on the right side. The first length sews one half, the second the other.

3. Tail end: lay the body with the belly seam in the middle of the underside and flatten the narrow end. The last row is doubled. Counted from the seam all round to the seam, its stitches 7 to 18 on top lie on its stitches 6 to 1 and 24 to 19 below, 12 pairs. Cut a length of A, about 26 in (66 cm), and whip stitch the 12 pairs to each other from fold to fold, 12 stitches.

4. Tail lobes: four pieces make two lobes. Lay two pieces on each other, both right side up, so that all edges meet. Cut a length of C, about 78 in (198 cm), for each lobe, and whip stitch the two pieces together, row end to row end: from the foundation chains along the outer edge, where every row from row 2 to row 17 has 2 hdc in one st, 19 pairs, over the 1 stitch of the last row and back along the inner edge, 19 pairs. Leave the foundation chains open and put a thin layer of stuffing inside. Make the second lobe in the same way and turn it over, so that the two outer edges point away from each other.

5. Join the lobes: lay them side by side, inner edges together, their foundation chains in one line. Cut a length of C, about 22 in (56 cm), and whip stitch the ends of rows 1 to 4 of one lobe to those of the other, 4 pairs, through the seam of each lobe. Set the two lobes against the tail end, 12 chains to its 12 pairs. Cut two lengths of C, each about 28 in (71 cm) long: with the first whip stitch the 12 chains of the upper layer to the pairs; turn the shark over and with the second sew the 12 chains of the lower layer to the same pairs. The forked tail lies flat.

6. Dorsal fin: lay its two pieces on each other, both right side up. Cut a length of C, about 76 in (193 cm), and whip stitch them together along the slanting front edge, where every row from row 2 on has its hdc2tog, 19 pairs of row ends, over the stitch of the last row and down the back edge, 19 pairs. Stuff it firmly. It stands on the line down the middle of the back, between the two middle stitches of the gray, from row 28 to row 41, the slanting edge toward the mouth. Spread the two foundation chains about 1 in (3 cm) apart, cut a second length of C, about 50 in (127 cm), and whip stitch the 16 chains of each layer to the back, one layer on either side of the line: 32 stitches, 16 chains to 14 rows on each side, one chain to a row, but two chains to row 31 and row 38.

7. Side fins: lay two pieces on each other, both right side up, cut a length of C, about 58 in (147 cm), for each fin, sew them together along the slanting edge, 14 pairs, over the stitch of the last row and down the other edge, 14 pairs, and stuff the fin lightly. Make the second fin in the same way and turn it over. Set a fin on each side of the body along the line where gray and white meet, its 11 chains from row 28 to row 36, the slanting edge toward the mouth. Cut a second length of C, about 38 in (97 cm), for each fin and whip stitch the 11 chains of the upper layer to the line, then the 11 chains of the lower layer just under it: 22 stitches, 11 chains to 9 rows, one chain to a row, but two chains to

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row 30 and row 34.

8. Teeth: lay the 16 teeth round the mouth, right sides out, their foundation chains along row 9, the first row of the rim, and their points beyond the fold. Begin at the belly seam: the 5 chains of the first tooth lie against stitches 1 to 5 of row 9, those of the second against the next 5, and so on all round, 16 teeth to 80 stitches. Lead the tail of each tooth along its wrong side from the point to the foundation chain and whip stitch the 5 chains to the 5 stitches. Then catch both layers, the tooth and the fold behind it, with one stitch in the middle, so that the tooth stands up, and fasten off.

9. Gills: make six chains. For each, with C, ch 8 and fasten off, leaving a tail of about 14 in (36 cm). Lay three on each side of the body, along rows 20, 22 and 24, each from the 2nd gray stitch above the white to the 9th, one chain to a stitch. Sew each one down with its tail, through every chain, 8 stitches.

10. Eyes: sew a pupil on each eye with its tail, right sides up, 12 stitches all round, so that its edge touches the edge of round 3 at one place. Sew an eye to each side with its tail, 18 stitches all round: its middle on row 14, 8 stitches above the white, the pupil toward the mouth. Cut two lengths of B, each about 12 in (30 cm) long, and make one stitch, about ½ in (1 cm) long, on round 1 of each pupil for a glint.

Finishing

- Weave in what is left of the ends with the yarn needle, inside the body.
- Use the shark for sitting and resting, with the legs inside and the mouth at the waist. Do not walk in it.
- It has parts that could be pulled off: sew them well, and keep it for a child over three.

In all: 31 pieces; 5,854 stitches (4,124 in the body, 181 in each dorsal fin, 96 in each side fin, 151 in each tail lobe, 17 in each tooth, 36 in each eye, 18 in each pupil); 66 ends to weave in.

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