Striped fish applique

US terms



Finished size
About 4 in (10 cm) wide and about 3¾ in (10 cm) tall

Skill
Beginner
Worked in rows and rounds, with 4 pieces, color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: coral orange, rows 1 to 3, 6 to 8, 11 and 12 of the body, the fins and the tail	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, rows 4, 5, 9 and 10 of the body	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: black, the eye	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking and a spray bottle.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Yarns A and B: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn C: the estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Special stitches

sc2tog: [insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice (3 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 3 loops. It leaves 1 st for the next row.

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Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round or a row does not count as a stitch.
- Fasten off the old color, then join the new one with a slip stitch in the place named; the first stitch or chain of the line is worked in that same place.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches, and chains that are not named there, are not counted.
- The tail is two fans of dc on one ring.
- The pieces worked in rows look much alike on both sides: take either side as the right side.
- The distances under FINISHING are for the yarn and gauge above; in another yarn make them larger or smaller in the same proportion as the size.
- French knot (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back, wrap the yarn twice round the needle close to the surface, hold the wraps and put the needle down beside the place where it came up. For a large knot use the yarn double and wrap it three times.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 2¾ in (7 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 3 in (8 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 5 in (13 cm).

Instructions

The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a row is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Body

Yarns in order of use: A, coral orange; B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 3.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch	**(2 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(6 sc)**
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Row 4**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(10 sc)**
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Row 6**	Turn, join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 9 sts	**(10 sc)**

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☐ **Rows 7 to 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(10 sc)**

A box for each row, 7 to 8: tick them off as you go.

7 8

Fasten off A.

☐ **Row 9**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 9 sts	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 6 sc)**

Fasten off B.

☐ **Row 11**	Turn, join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next st	**(4 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 2 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 40 in (102 cm) tail, for sewing the parts in this color to your project at the end.	

Fin: make 2

Yarn A, coral orange.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 8.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 3 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch	**(2 sc, 2 hdc, 3 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Tail

Yarn A, coral orange.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3, 3 dc in ring, ch 3, sl st in ring, ch 3, 3 dc in ring, ch 3, sl st in ring	**(6 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Lay the body with Row 1, the nose, at the left and the stripes upright.
- Sew a fin behind the upper edge and a fin behind the lower edge, the middle of each behind Row 7 and its chain edge bent to follow the edge of the body, 1/8 in (0.3 cm) of it hidden.
- Pin the two fans of the tail side by side, so that both spread to the right, away from the body, one up and one down, with the ring at the left between them. Sew the ring behind the middle of Row 12, 1/8 in (0.3 cm) hidden.
- With C, work a large French knot for the eye on Row 3, ¼ in (0.6 cm) above the middle of the row.
- To sew the applique to your project, pin it where it is to go and sew round its edge with the long tail, under the outermost strands of the stitches; where a part is of another color, use a length of that color.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 4 pieces; 18 ends to weave in.

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