Humpback whale

US terms



Finished size
About 7 in (18 cm) long, 10 in (25.5 cm) across the flippers and 3¼ in (8.3 cm) tall

Skill
Intermediate
Seven pieces worked in rounds and rows and sewn together.

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge
20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet, in a spiral.

You will need

Yarn A: denim blue, body, fluke, back fin and the details **about 120 yd (110 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, throat patch, flipper and the details **about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins, scissors and two black plastic eyes with washers, 8 mm.

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.

Abbreviations

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

sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together, through the front loops only: how is under “Before you start” (UK dc2tog, double cro
ch	chain stitch
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch

Gauge

20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, in a spiral.

To check it, work a flat circle: 6 sc in a magic ring, then 6 more sc in each round (12, 18, 24, 30, 36). After round 6 it should measure about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) across. The stitches should be tight enough that the stuffing does not show.

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Before you start

- Every piece that has rounds is worked in a continuous spiral with the right side facing you: do not join and do not turn. Put the marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up. Square brackets hold a repeat; work it as many times as the line says. The number in parentheses is the count at the end of the round.
- Sides: a piece in rows is put on with the side that faced you in row 1 (marked RS) outward, unless the words say something else.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work round 1 into the loop and pull the tail to close it. Or chain 2 and work round 1 into the first chain.
- Center line: places on a piece are given by round and by stitches from a center line. It is half way round from where the rounds begin. Mark it with a pin or a scrap of yarn as listed here, run it straight from round 1 to the last round by eye, and count out from it along the round, in stitches and half stitches.
- Body: the center line runs between stitches 24 and 25 of round 12 (48 sts). This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the front end.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the toy. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- Running stitches go in and out along a line.
- In every step of putting it together: where a piece meets or overlaps another, sew through both. Where no tail is left or a tail is too short, sew with a new length of the yarn of the piece you are putting on.
- To work sc2tog, put the hook under the front loop only of each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over, pull through both loops, yarn over, pull through 2 loops.
- For a child under three, or a pet, embroider the eyes instead: satin stitch dots of the same size in black yarn (about 2 yd (2 m), 2 m, not in the list above).
- The rounds and stitches are the same for every size; the yarn and the hook make the difference. Lengths in the words (tails, ovals, details) are for Standard, the size written here: for another size multiply them by the number in its line.
- Small: fine (2, sport) yarn, 2.25 mm (B-1) hook, 27 sc and 30 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): 5¼ in (13.5 cm) long, 7½ in (19 cm) across the flippers and 2 3/8 in (6 cm) tall; eyes 6 mm; multiply lengths by 0.74; about 0.74 times the yarn.
- Large: bulky (5, chunky) yarn, 5 mm (H-8) hook, 14 sc and 15.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): 10 in (25.5 cm) long, 14¼ in (36 cm) across the flippers and 4¾ in (12 cm) tall; eyes 11 mm; multiply lengths by 1.4; about 1.4 times the yarn.
- Jumbo: super bulky (6, plush or velvet) yarn, 6.5 mm (K-10½) hook, 11 sc and 12.1 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): 12¾ in (32.5 cm) long, 18¼ in (46.5 cm) across the flippers and 6 in (15 cm) tall; eyes 15 mm; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet.

Body

Yarn A, denim blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 4 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 4 times**	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 4 times**	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 3 times**	**(39 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts**] 3 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(45 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 3 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 13 to 21**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**

A box for each round, 13 to 21: tick them off as you go.

☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21

☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 22 sts**] 2 times**	**(46 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc in next 21 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(44 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts**] 2 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 19 sts**] 2 times**	**(40 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**sc in next 18 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(38 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts**] 2 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 16 sts**] 2 times**	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 29**	**[**sc in next 15 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 30**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 31**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 13 sts**] 2 times**	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 32**	**[**sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 33**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 34**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts**] 2 times**	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 35**	**[**sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(20 sc)**

Fix the eyes now (see Finishing). Then stuff firmly, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 36**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 37**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 38**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

☐ **Rnds 39 to 40**	Sc in each st around	**(14 sc)**

A box for each round, 39 to 40: tick them off as you go.

39 40

☐ **Rnd 41**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 42**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 43**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 8 stitches, pull it tight to close the hole and bury the end inside. Press the stuffed piece a little flatter from top to underside: at its widest rounds about 3¼ in (8.3 cm) across and 2 7/8 in (7.3 cm) from top to underside. Then lift the tail: with a new length of A, work running stitches along the center line from round 22 to round 38, draw them up until round 38 stands about ¾ in (2 cm) higher than before, and fasten off.	

Throat patch

Yarn B, cream.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 2 stitches wide at the start. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 3.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(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)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next 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)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rows 13 to 17**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(20 sc)**

A box for each row, 13 to 17: tick them off as you go.

13 14 15 16 17

☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 16 sts, sc2tog	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 14 sts, sc2tog	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog	**(14 sc)**

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog	**(8 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 44 in (112 cm) tail for sewing. Row 1 is the front end, toward the nose; the last row is the back end.	

Flipper: make 2

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in each st around	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 14 to 17**	Sc in each st around	**(14 sc)**

A box for each round, 14 to 17: tick them off as you go.

☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17

☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Sc in each st around	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	Sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 6 stitches.	

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

Fluke: make 2

Yarn A, denim blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in each st around	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc2tog, sc in next 15 sts	**(16 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 8 stitches.	

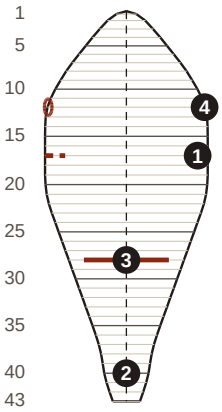
Back fin

Yarn A, denim blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 9 stitches.	

Assembly

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.



Body: 1 flippers, 2 flukes, 3 back fin, 4 eyes

Each line is a round, counted as the rounds are worked. The upright broken line is the center line. A place with a broken edge is on the far side.

1. Lay the throat patch on the underside of the body, right side out, row 1 toward the nose, the middle of every row on the line opposite the center line. Each row lies over one round of the body: row 1 over round 1 (its lower half, just under the middle of the nose), row 2 over round 2, and so on, to row 24 over round 24. Each stitch of the patch covers one stitch of the body, so half of every row lies to each side of the line: on round 12, for example, the 20 stitches of row 12 reach 10 stitches to each side, and the eyes, higher up, stay free. Pin the side edges in a smooth curve and sew the patch down all the way round with its tail.

2. Pin the two flippers to the body: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 17, one to each side, 14½ stitches from the center line (19 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The flat edge runs lengthwise along the body, half of it before that place and half behind. They point out to the side and a little down, then curve until the tip of each points out and back, close to the table. Bend each as you pin it and hold the curve with a stitch or two on its back edge. Sew through both layers of the 6-stitch edge with the tail.

3. Pin the two flukes to the body: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 40, one to each side, 3½ stitches from the center line (7 stitches apart). The flat edge runs lengthwise along the body, half of it before that place and half behind; its back end reaches the closed end. They lie level and point out to the side, then curve until the tip of each points out and back. Bend each as you pin it and hold the curve with a stitch or two on its inner side. Sew through both layers of the 8-stitch edge with the tail, then take a few stitches between the two at the closed end.

4. Pin the back fin to the body: the middle of the flat edge lies on round 28, on the center line. The flat edge runs lengthwise along the body, half of it before that place and half behind. It points up and leans back. Sew through both layers of the 9-stitch edge with the tail.

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

Finishing

- Put in the plastic eyes when the words of a piece say so, or embroider eyes in the same places with the other details. Embroider with one strand of yarn and the yarn needle when the pieces round the place are sewn on, unless a line gives another time; begin and end each strand inside the toy. Satin stitch is straight stitches side by side until the shape is filled. Backstitch is a line of short stitches end to end: bring the needle up one stitch ahead, put it down at the end of the stitch before, and repeat.
- Throat edge: with B (cream), in backstitch, one line on the body all the way round the throat patch, close against its edge, so that the edge looks smooth. Work it as soon as the patch is sewn down, before the flippers are put on.
- Throat grooves: with A (denim blue), in backstitch, seven lines on the throat patch from nose to tail. One runs along the middle, from row 3 to row 23. The other six, three to each side, run from row 4 to row 23: one a quarter of the way from the middle of each row to its side edge, one half way, and one three quarters of the way. On a row of 20 stitches these places are 2½, 5 and 7½ stitches from the middle; on a row of 12 stitches, 1½, 3 and 4½; so the lines draw together toward both ends of the patch.
- Eyes: two 8 mm black plastic eyes, on the body on round 12, one to each side, 11 stitches from the center line (22 stitches apart).
- Weave every tail through the toy and trim it. For a toy that will be played with, go round each seam a second time with a new length of yarn. Check the seams and small parts from time to time.

In all: 7 pieces; 2,474 stitches (1,348 in the body, 340 in the throat patch, 236 in each flipper, 125 in each fluke, 64 in the back fin).

Found a mistake in this pattern? Tell us at flossfield.com, under Make a request.

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.