Seahorse

US terms



Finished size
About 8 in (20.5 cm) tall and 4¼ in (11 cm) from the snout to the back fin

Skill
Easy
Nine pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 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.

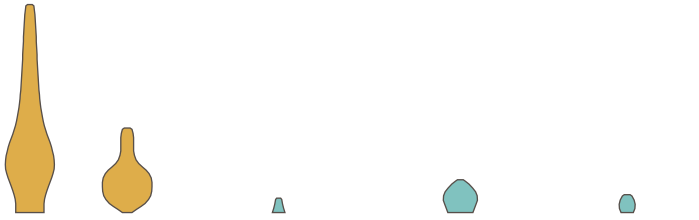
You will need

Yarn A: gold, body, head and the details	**about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: aqua, crown point, back fin and cheek fin	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: coral, the details	**about 5 yd (5 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, 10 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.

The pieces



Body **Head** **Crown point x 4** to the head **Back fin** to the body **Cheek fin x 2** to the head

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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 (the back loops in a BLO row or round): how is under “Before you start” (UK dc2tog, double crochet 2 stitches together)
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch
BLO	back loop only
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

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.

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 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.
- The seahorse is seen from its side, with its snout to the left: forward is toward the snout, and the front of the body is the side of the belly.
- 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.
- Head: the center line runs between stitches 16 and 17 of round 13 (32 sts). This piece lies with its center line along the top.
- Body: the center line runs between stitches 16 and 17 of round 36 (32 sts). It faces the back, round 1 at the bottom.
- 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. In a BLO round, use the back loops instead.
- 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).

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- 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): 6 in (15 cm) tall and 3 1/8 in (7.9 cm) from the snout to the back fin; eyes 7 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): 11½ in (29 cm) tall and 6 in (15 cm) from the snout to the back fin; eyes 14 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): 14½ in (37 cm) tall and 7¾ in (19.5 cm) from the snout to the back fin; eyes 18 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, gold.

Round 1 is the tip of the tail. Stuff as you go, every few rounds: lightly up to round 24 so that the tail can curl, firmly from there on.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	5 sc in MR	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Working in BLO all the way round, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Working in BLO all the way round, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Working in BLO all the way round, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Working in BLO all the way round, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Working in BLO all the way round, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Working in BLO all the way round, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(11 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 19**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	Working in BLO all the way round, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	Working in BLO all the way round, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	Working in BLO all the way round, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	Working in BLO all the way round, sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	Working in BLO all the way round, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	Working in BLO all the way round, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	Working in BLO all the way round, sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 29**	Working in BLO all the way round, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 30**	Working in BLO all the way round, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 2 times**	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 31**	Working in BLO all the way round, **[**sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 32**	Working in BLO all the way round, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 33**	Working in BLO all the way round, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts**] 2 times**	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 34**	Working in BLO all the way round, **[**sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 35**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 36**	Working in BLO all the way round, **[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	**(32 sc)**

Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 16 and 17 of round 36. It faces the back, round 1 at the bottom.

☐ **Rnd 37**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 38**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 39**	Working in BLO all the way round, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 14 sts**] 2 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 40**	Working in BLO all the way round, **[**sc in next 13 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 41**	Working in BLO all the way round, **[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 42**	Working in BLO all the way round, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts**] 2 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 43**	Working in BLO all the way round, **[**sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 44**	Working in BLO all the way round, **[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 45**	Working in BLO all the way round, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 46**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(18 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 47**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 48**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(18 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Add the last of the stuffing up to the open edge.	

Head

Yarn A, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Working in BLO all the way round, **[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 4 to 7**	Sc in each st around	**(8 sc)**

A box for each round, 4 to 7: tick them off as you go.

☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7

☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 4 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st	**(19 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 5 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts	**(25 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	**(32 sc)**

Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 16 and 17 of round 13. This piece lies with its center line along the top.

☐ **Rnds 14 to 17**	Sc in each st around	**(32 sc)**

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

☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17

☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 4 times**	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 4 times**	**(24 sc)**

Fix the eyes now: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the head on round 12, one to each side, 6½ stitches from the center line (13 stitches apart). Then stuff firmly, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches, pull it tight to close the hole and bury the end inside.	

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Crown point: make 4

Yarn B, aqua.

☐ **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)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff.	

Back fin

Yarn B, aqua.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **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 each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 4 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(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.	

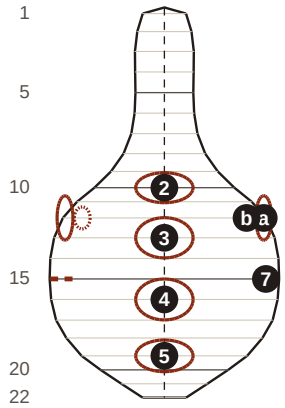
Cheek fin: make 2

Yarn B, aqua.

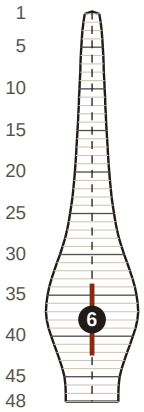
☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 4 stitches.	

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Assembly



Head: 2 crown point, 3 crown point, 4 crown point, 5 crown point, 7 cheek fins, a eyes, b cheeks



Body: 6 back fin

A number is the step below that puts it on; a letter is put on under Finishing. 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. Curl the tail first. The center line runs down the back. With a new length of A, work running stitches down the front, along the line opposite the center line, from round 24 to round 2. Draw them up until the tail curls forward into a coil of about one and a quarter turns with a small hole in its middle, and fasten off. Catch the tip to the coil where they touch. Then work running stitches down the center line from round 47 to round 37 and draw them up a little, so that the chest stands out in front. Now pin the head on the open edge of the body, the snout to the front: the middle of the edge lies on round 13 of the head, on the line opposite the center line of the head. The edge (18 sts) covers about rounds 10 to 16 of the head. Sew all the way round with the tail of the body, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches, so that the snout points forward and a little down.

2. Pin one crown point to the head: the middle of the open edge lies on round 10, on the center line. The edge (8 sts) covers about rounds 9 to 11 of the head. It stands straight out from the head. Sew all the way round with the tail.

3. Pin one crown point to the head: the middle of the open edge lies on round 13, on the center line. The edge (8 sts) covers about rounds 12 to 14 of the head. It stands straight out from the head. Sew all the way round with the tail.

4. Pin one crown point to the head: the middle of the open edge lies on round 16, on the center line. The edge (8 sts) covers about rounds 15 to 17 of the head. It stands straight out from the head. Sew all the way round with the tail.

5. Pin one crown point to the head: the middle of the open edge lies on round 19, on the center line. The edge (8 sts) covers about rounds 18 to 20 of the head. It stands straight out from the head. Sew all the way round with the tail.

6. Pin the back fin to the body: the middle of the flat edge lies on round 38, on the center line. The flat edge runs straight up and down the body, half of it above that place and half below. It stands straight out from the back. Sew through both layers of the 8-stitch edge with the tail.

7. Pin the two cheek fins to the head: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 15, one to each side, 9½ stitches from the center line (13 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The flat edge runs along the round, half of it on each side of that place. They point out to the side and back, away from the snout. Sew through both layers of the 4-stitch edge with the tail.

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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; begin and end each strand inside the toy. Satin stitch is straight stitches side by side until the shape is filled.
- Fin rays: with C (cream), five long straight stitches on each side of the back fin, all from round 8 to round 4: one on the line half way between the two folds, one 1½ stitches to each side of it, and one 3 stitches to each side of it on round 8 and 3½ on round 4.
- Eyes: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the head on round 12, one to each side, 6½ stitches from the center line (13 stitches apart).
- Cheeks: with D (coral), in satin stitch, an oval about ¼ in (6 mm) wide and 3/16 in (5 mm) tall, its middle on the head on round 12, one to each side, 10½ stitches from the center line (9 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line).
- 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: 9 pieces; 1,537 stitches (791 in the body, 402 in the head, 23 in each crown point, 156 in the back fin, 48 in each cheek fin).

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