Shark tail blanket

Ages 4 to 6 · US terms



Finished size

About 32 in (81 cm) around at the opening and 11¼ in (29 cm) around at the tail end, 31 in (79 cm) long without the teeth and the tail; tail about 12½ in (32 cm) long

To fit a height of 3 ft 4 in to 3 ft 10 in (102 to 117 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

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: storm gray, main color	**about 320 yd (293 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: warm white, the belly; the tooth and the eye, round 3	**about 260 yd (238 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: charcoal, the dorsal fin, the side fin and more	**about 320 yd (293 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: brick, the back, rows 1 and 2 and the belly, rows 1 and 2	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 710 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, 2 stitch markers and polyester stuffing, about 5 oz (140 g), for the fins.

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 4 to 6 (this file)	**a height of 3 ft 4 in to 3 ft 10 in (102 to 117 cm)**	**32 in (81 cm) around at the opening, 11¼ in (29 cm) around at the tail end, 31 in (79 cm) long without the teeth and the tail**	**about 925 yd (846 m)**

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Ages 7 to 10	a height of 3 ft 11 in to 4 ft 7 in (119 to 140 cm)	35¼ in (90 cm) around at the opening, 11¼ in (29 cm) around at the tail end, 36¾ in (93 cm) long without the teeth and the tail	about 1,070 yd (978 m)

Gauge

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

Check it on the back itself when 12 rows are done, laid flat and not stretched: the 48 stitches of a row in Ages 4 to 6 are about 19¼ in (49 cm) wide, the 52 in Ages 7 to 10 about 20¾ in (53 cm), and the 12 rows are about 5¾ in (15 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.
- In the back and the belly every row that is shaped has an hdc2tog at each end. In the fins the shaping is at one edge or at both, as each row says.
- Half double crochet worked to and fro looks alike on both sides, so a part may be turned over where the steps say so. Row 1 is called a right side row only to tell the sides apart.
- To change yarn, work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn. Cut the old yarn at the end of its stripe, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and leave a tail of the same length on the new yarn.
- To change yarn between rounds, make the joining sl st with the new yarn: put the hook in the first stitch, take the new yarn over the hook and pull it through. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and leave a tail of the same length on the new yarn.
- 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 row: work the last yarn over of the last 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.
- The ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

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Instructions

Ages 4 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, **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 44 sts**: one in each.

[ ] 2 times: work what is inside 2 times in all.

(48 hdc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Back

Yarns in order of use: D, brick; A, storm gray.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 49.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(48 hdc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(48 hdc)
☐ **Row 3**	With A, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(48 hdc)
☐ **Rows 4 to 21**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(48 hdc)
4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21		
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 44 sts, hdc2tog	(44 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 23 to 24**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(46 hdc)
23 24		
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 42 sts, hdc2tog	(42 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 26 to 27**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(44 hdc)
26 27		
☐ **Row 28**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 40 sts, hdc2tog	(40 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 29 to 30**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(42 hdc)
29 30		
☐ **Row 31**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 38 sts, hdc2tog	(38 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 32 to 33**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(40 hdc)
32 33		
☐ **Row 34**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 36 sts, hdc2tog	(36 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 35 to 36**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(38 hdc)
35 36		
☐ **Row 37**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 34 sts, hdc2tog	(34 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 38 to 39**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(36 hdc)
38 39		

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☐ **Row 40**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 32 sts, hdc2tog	(32 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 41 to 42** 41 42	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(34 hdc)
☐ **Row 43**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 30 sts, hdc2tog	(30 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 44 to 45** 44 45	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(32 hdc)
☐ **Row 46**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 28 sts, hdc2tog	(28 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 47 to 48** 47 48	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(30 hdc)
☐ **Row 49**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 26 sts, hdc2tog	(26 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 50 to 51** 50 51	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(28 hdc)
☐ **Row 52**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 24 sts, hdc2tog	(24 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 53 to 54** 53 54	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(26 hdc)
☐ **Row 55**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 22 sts, hdc2tog	(22 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 56 to 57** 56 57	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(24 hdc)
☐ **Row 58**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 20 sts, hdc2tog	(20 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 59 to 60** 59 60	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(22 hdc)
☐ **Row 61**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 18 sts, hdc2tog	(18 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 62 to 63** 62 63	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(20 hdc)
☐ **Row 64**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 16 sts, hdc2tog	(16 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 65 to 66** 65 66	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(18 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Belly

Yarns in order of use: D, brick; B, warm white.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 33.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(32 hdc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(32 hdc)

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☐ **Row 3**	With B, ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(32 hdc)
☐ **Rows 4 to 21**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(32 hdc)
4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21		
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 28 sts, hdc2tog	(28 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 23 to 25**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(30 hdc)
23 24 25		
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 26 sts, hdc2tog	(26 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 27 to 29**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(28 hdc)
27 28 29		
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 24 sts, hdc2tog	(24 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 31 to 33**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(26 hdc)
31 32 33		
☐ **Row 34**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 22 sts, hdc2tog	(22 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 35 to 37**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(24 hdc)
35 36 37		
☐ **Row 38**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 20 sts, hdc2tog	(20 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 39 to 41**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(22 hdc)
39 40 41		
☐ **Row 42**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 18 sts, hdc2tog	(18 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 43 to 45**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(20 hdc)
43 44 45		
☐ **Row 46**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 16 sts, hdc2tog	(16 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 47 to 49**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(18 hdc)
47 48 49		
☐ **Row 50**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 14 sts, hdc2tog	(14 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 51 to 53**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(16 hdc)
51 52 53		
☐ **Row 54**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 12 sts, hdc2tog	(12 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 55 to 57**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(14 hdc)
55 56 57		
☐ **Row 58**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 10 sts, hdc2tog	(10 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 59 to 61**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(12 hdc)
59 60 61		

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☐ **Row 62**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 8 sts, hdc2tog	(8 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Rows 63 to 66** 63 64 65 66	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(10 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Dorsal fin: make 2

Yarn C, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 21.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(20 hdc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 18 sts	(1 hdc2tog, 18 hdc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 17 sts, hdc2tog	(17 hdc, 1 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 15 sts, 2 hdc in last st	(1 hdc2tog, 17 hdc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 16 sts, hdc2tog	(16 hdc, 1 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 15 sts	(1 hdc2tog, 15 hdc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 14 sts, hdc2tog	(14 hdc, 1 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 12 sts, 2 hdc in last st	(1 hdc2tog, 14 hdc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 13 sts, hdc2tog	(13 hdc, 1 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 12 sts	(1 hdc2tog, 12 hdc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 11 sts, hdc2tog	(11 hdc, 1 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 9 sts, 2 hdc in last st	(1 hdc2tog, 11 hdc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 10 sts, hdc2tog	(10 hdc, 1 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 9 sts	(1 hdc2tog, 9 hdc)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, hdc2tog	(8 hdc, 1 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 7 sts	(1 hdc2tog, 7 hdc)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, hdc2tog	(6 hdc, 1 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 5 sts	(1 hdc2tog, 5 hdc)
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 4 sts, hdc2tog	(4 hdc, 1 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 3 sts	(1 hdc2tog, 3 hdc)
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 2 sts, hdc2tog	(2 hdc, 1 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next st	(1 hdc2tog, 1 hdc)
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog	(1 hdc2tog)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Side fin: make 4

Yarn C, charcoal.

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

Upper tail lobe: make 2

Yarn C, charcoal.

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

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☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 14 sts, 2 hdc in last st	(16 hdc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 15 sts	(17 hdc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 16 sts, 2 hdc in last st	(18 hdc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 13 sts, **[**hdc2tog**] 2 times**	(15 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc2tog**] 2 times**, hdc in next 12 sts, 2 hdc in last st	(2 hdc2tog, 14 hdc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 11 sts, **[**hdc2tog**] 2 times**	(13 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc2tog**] 2 times**, hdc in next 10 sts, 2 hdc in last st	(2 hdc2tog, 12 hdc)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 9 sts, **[**hdc2tog**] 2 times**	(11 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc2tog**] 2 times**, hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in last st	(2 hdc2tog, 10 hdc)
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 7 sts, **[**hdc2tog**] 2 times**	(9 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc2tog**] 2 times**, hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in last st	(2 hdc2tog, 8 hdc)
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 5 sts, **[**hdc2tog**] 2 times**	(7 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc2tog**] 2 times**, hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in last st	(2 hdc2tog, 6 hdc)
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 3 sts, **[**hdc2tog**] 2 times**	(5 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc2tog**] 2 times**, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in last st	(2 hdc2tog, 4 hdc)
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next st, **[**hdc2tog**] 2 times**	(3 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc2tog**] 2 times**, 2 hdc in last st	(2 hdc2tog, 2 hdc)
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc2tog**] 2 times**	(2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog	(1 hdc2tog)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Lower tail lobe: make 2

Yarn C, charcoal.

☐ **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)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 12 sts, 2 hdc in last st	(14 hdc)

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☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 9 sts, **[**hdc2tog**] 2 times**	(11 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc2tog**] 2 times**, hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in last st	(2 hdc2tog, 10 hdc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 7 sts, **[**hdc2tog**] 2 times**	(9 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc2tog**] 2 times**, hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in last st	(2 hdc2tog, 8 hdc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 5 sts, **[**hdc2tog**] 2 times**	(7 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc2tog**] 2 times**, hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in last st	(2 hdc2tog, 6 hdc)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 3 sts, **[**hdc2tog**] 2 times**	(5 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc2tog**] 2 times**, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in last st	(2 hdc2tog, 4 hdc)
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next st, **[**hdc2tog**] 2 times**	(3 hdc, 2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc2tog**] 2 times**, 2 hdc in last st	(2 hdc2tog, 2 hdc)
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc2tog**] 2 times**	(2 hdc2tog)
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog	(1 hdc2tog)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Tooth: make 10

Yarn B, warm white.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 9.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog	(4 sc, 2 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog	(2 sc, 2 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**	(2 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog	(1 sc2tog)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 24 in (61 cm) to sew with.	

Eye: make 2

Yarns in order of use: C, charcoal; B, warm white.

☐ **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)
☐ **Rnd 3**	With B, 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 32 in (81 cm) to sew with.	

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Assembly

1. Weave in all ends but the tails of the teeth and of the eyes. Side seams: lay the belly on the back, right sides together, the foundation chains level and the first rows side by side. Fold the back where it is wider, so that its two long edges lie on those of the belly. For each long edge cut two lengths of A, each about 58 in (147 cm) long. Whip stitch the edges to each other, row end to row end, row 1 of the belly to row 1 of the back and so on to row 66, 66 pairs, the first length to row 33 and the second to the end. Turn the tube right side out: the foundation chains, 48 of the back and 32 of the belly, are the opening.

2. Tail end: fold the narrow end so that a fold runs down the middle of the back, between its 9th and 10th stitch, and another down the middle of the belly, between its 5th and 6th. The shark now lies on its side. Cut a length of A, about 28 in (71 cm), and whip stitch the two layers of the last rows to each other from the back fold to the belly fold: 9 pairs of the back, then 5 pairs of the belly, 14 pairs.

3. Upper tail lobe: lay its two pieces on each other, both right side up, so that all edges meet. Cut two lengths of C, each about 68 in (173 cm) long, and whip stitch the pieces together, row end to row end: with the first along the outer edge, the one where every row from row 2 to row 25 has 2 hdc in one st, from the foundation chain to the tip, 27 pairs and the 1 stitch of the last row, with the second along the inner edge, 27 pairs. Leave the foundation chains open. Put a thin layer of stuffing inside.

4. Lower tail lobe: sew and stuff its two pieces in the same way, with one length: cut a length of C, about 92 in (234 cm), and sew along the outer edge, 21 pairs, over the 1 stitch of the last row and back along the inner edge, 21 pairs. Turn this lobe over, so that its outer edge points away from that of the upper lobe.

5. Join the lobes: lay them side by side with their foundation chains in one line and their inner edges together. From row 1 to row 9 the inner edges of both are straight. Cut a length of C, about 24 in (61 cm), and whip stitch these 9 pairs of row ends to each other, through the seam of each lobe, from the foundation chains to row 9. Beyond that the two lobes stand apart.

6. Sew on the tail: lay the shark on its side. Set the joined lobes against the tail end, the outer edge of the upper lobe at the back fold and the outer edge of the lower lobe at the belly fold: the 8 chains of the upper lobe against the first 8 of the 14 pairs, counted from the back fold, the 6 chains of the lower lobe against the other 6. Cut two lengths of C, each about 32 in (81 cm) long. With the first whip stitch the 14 chains of the layer that faces you to the 14 pairs. Turn the shark over and with the second sew the 14 chains of the other layer to the same pairs.

7. Dorsal fin: lay its two pieces on each other, both right side up. Cut a length of C, about 86 in (218 cm), and whip stitch them together along the slanting front edge, where every row from row 2 on has its hdc2tog, 23 pairs of row ends, over the 1 stitch of the last row and down the back edge, 23 pairs. Stuff it, firmly at the base and lightly at the tip. It stands on the line down the middle of the back, between its two middle stitches, from row 18 to row 34, counted from the opening, with the slanting edge toward the opening. Spread the two foundation chains a little and put a marker through each end. Cut a second length of C, about 58 in (147 cm), and whip stitch the 20 chains of each layer to the back, one layer on either side of the line, all round: 40 stitches, 20 chains to 17 rows on each side of the line.

8. Side fins: each is two pieces. Lay them on each other, both right side up, cut a length of C, about 66 in (168 cm), for each fin, sew them together along the slanting edge, where every row from row 2 on has its hdc2tog, 17 pairs, over the 1 stitch of the last row and down the other edge, 17 pairs, and stuff the fin lightly. Make the second fin in the same way and turn it over. Lay a fin on each side of the shark with its foundation chains along the side seam, from row 12 to row 23, the slanting edge toward the opening, the fin lying over the belly, its tip free. Cut a second length of C, about 44 in (112 cm), for each fin and whip stitch the 14 chains of its upper layer to the body along the seam, then the 14 chains of its lower layer under it: 28 stitches, 14 chains to 12 rows.

9. Teeth: lay the 10 teeth round the opening, right sides out, their foundation chains along those of the opening and the points away from the body. Begin at a side seam and go along the belly first. Pass over the first 2 chains of the belly: the 8 chains of the first tooth lie against its chains 3 to 10, those of the second against the next 8, and so on all round, the 4th across the other side seam, with 6 chains of the belly and 2 of the back; the last tooth takes the last 6

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chains of the back and the 2 chains of the belly that were passed over: 10 teeth to 80 chains. When the shark lies on its side, the teeth of the far side then show between those of the near side. Lead the tail of each tooth along its wrong side from the tip to the foundation chain and with it whip stitch the 8 chains to the 8 chains of the opening, 8 stitches.

10. Gills: make six chains. For each, with C, ch 9 and fasten off, leaving a tail of about 14 in (36 cm). Lay three on each side of the shark, on the back piece, along rows 8, 10 and 12, each chain going from the 3rd stitch above the side seam to the 11th, one chain to a stitch. Sew each one down with its tail, through every chain, 9 stitches.

11. Eyes: on each side sew an eye to the back piece with its tail, 18 stitches all round: its middle on row 5, 14 stitches above the side seam. Then cut two lengths of B, each about 14 in (36 cm) long, one for each eye: fasten it inside the tube, make one stitch, about ½ in (1 cm) long, on rnd 2 of the eye, near its upper edge, for a glint, and fasten off inside.

Finishing

- Weave in what is left of the ends with the yarn needle, inside the tube.
- Use the shark for sitting and resting, with the legs inside and the opening 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: 24 pieces; 6,372 stitches (2,448 in the back, 1,562 in the belly, 255 in each dorsal fin, 132 in each side fin, 293 in each upper tail lobe, 178 in each lower tail lobe, 31 in each tooth, 36 in each eye); 56 ends to weave in.

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