CROCHET PATTERN
SHARKY ELF

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY
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For this pattern you will need the following
MATERIALS
Cotton yarn:
The little elf was crocheted with Hobbii.de Rainbow Cotton 8/4. You can find the color codes here. Size approximately 14 cm. Of course, you can also use different yarn.

Colors:

Light Blue (027)	costume
Cream (003)	body, body parts
White (001)	eyes, teeth, and costume
Brown (007)	hair
Black (009)	embroidering eyes, details on the costume

I recommend having a full skein of nude, light blue, and brown. The yarn has a length of approximately 160 m per 50 g.

Hook: Size 2.2 mm was used here.
Other: Stuffing, stitch markers, darning needle, scissors, pins, embroidery needle with a point (for the eyes), safety eyes 10-12 mm for the costume, 8 mm optional for the elf, blush for the ears and cheeks, optionally some wire or cardboard

ABBREVIATIONS & CROCHET TERMS

st	stitch
ch	chain
tch	turning chain
sc	single crochet
sl st	slip stitch
MR	magic ring
dec	crochet two stitches together (decrease)
inc	crochet two stitches in the same st (increase)
3 sc/st	3 sc in one stitch
3 sc dec	crochet three stitches together
blo	back loop only
flo	front loop only
BO	bobble stitch of 4 dc
hdc	half double crochet
dc	double crochet
Rd.	round
R.	row
[...]	The number of stitches at the end of the round
(...) ... x	Repeat the bracket ...x-times
FO	(Fasten off) Finish your crochet piece: Cut the thread and pull it through.

Closing the opening: Cut the thread a bit longer. Insert the thread with a needle through each of the last flo and pull tightly.

Crochet together: Press the crochet piece together and crochet sc through both opposite stitches.

A FEW HINTS & TIPS BEFORE WE START

Unless otherwise indicated, crochet in spiral rounds. Crochet x-stiches.

Always crochet in the beginning thread, so that nothing comes loose later, even after frequent cuddling.

You can of course also crochet the elf with chenille yarn. If you don't succeed in making the magic ring with chenille yarn right away, just crochet two chains and stitch into the second chain from the hook and crochet your required number of stitches into this chain.
If you crochet with chenille yarn, I recommend that you always sew the individual pieces on with cotton.

There are several ways to make a neat color change. Either end the round with a sl st instead of the last single crochet and restart the new color in the next stitch or cast off the last stitch of the first color with the new color.

In some parts of the pattern, it may be necessary to move the beginning of the round to position the body parts in the right place. To do this, simply crochet a few stitches further or unravel some from the previous round or move your stitch marker accordingly.

Securing the individual parts:
Before you sew on the individual parts, I ALWAYS recommend attaching them with pins, toothpicks or wooden skewers. This will ensure that the body parts are sewn on where they belong.

Embroidering eye details:
To make the embroidery of your eyes look more delicate, I recommend splitting the cotton thread in half for embroidery. If you are crocheting with chenille, you can leave the yarn at its normal thickness.

One last tip regarding filling with fiberfill. The proportions will come out best if you make sure that you fill them as they should look in reality.
So thicker areas can have a little more filling and thinner areas a little less.
Use either your scissors or a chopstick for stuffing.

But now, get your hook! We will start!

HEAD (cream)

Rd 01	4 sc in MR [4]
Rd 02	3 sc/st x4 [12]
Rd 03	(1 sc, 3 sc/st, 1 sc) x4 [20]
Rd 04	(2 sc, 3 sc/st, 2 sc) x4 [28]
Rd 05	(3 sc, 3 sc/st, 3 sc) x4 [36]
Rd 06	(4 sc, 3 sc/st, 4 sc) x4 [44]
Rd 07	(5 sc, 3 sc/st, 5 sc) x4 [52]
Rd 08	(6 sc, 3 sc/st, 6 sc) x4 [60]
Rd 09-14	60 sc (6 rounds)
Rd 15	30 sc, inc, 29 sc [61]

In the next round, the nose will be crocheted. The nose should sit in the middle of the head. You may need to adjust the number of stitches in front of the nose slightly so that the BO in the next round sits exactly in the middle.

The BO is crocheted from 4 hdc, which are cast off all at once.

Proceed as follows:
Yarn over on your crochet hook and stitch into the next stitch. Cast off only one stitch, so you now have 2 loops on the hook. Repeat the process until you have 5 loops on the hook (Fig. 01). Then cast off all 5 loops at once (image 02). If you are using safety eyes, insert them between rnd 16&17.
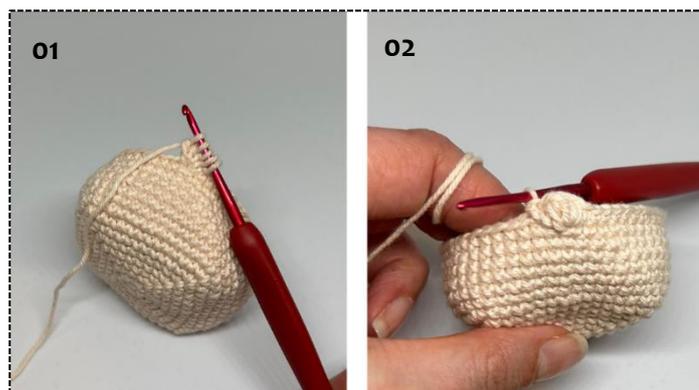

Rd 16	30 sc, BO, 30 sc [61]

The cheeks are crocheted in the next round. The increases must be at the same distance to the right and left of the nose. You may have to move the increases/decreases slightly.

| Rd 17	24 sc, (inc, 1 sc) x3, dec, (1 sc, inc) x3, 23 sc [66]
Rd 18	66 sc
Rd 19	24 sc, (dec, 1 sc) x3, (1 sc, dec) x3, 24 sc [60]
Rd 20-21	60 sc (2 rounds)

The decreases begin in the next round. If your stitch pattern is slightly distorted, I recommend crocheting a few more stitches here. The first decrease of the next round must be exactly in the corner. On picture 03 you can see where the start of the next round must be.

Crochet 6 sc, crochet 3 sc together

Start Rd 22
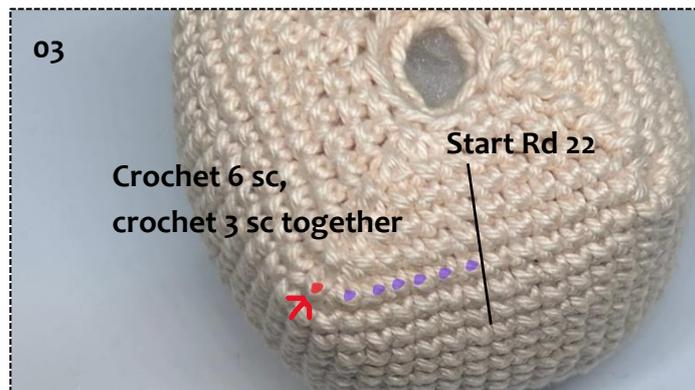
Rd 22	(6 sc, 3 sc tog, 6 sc) x4 [52]
Rd 23	(5 sc, 3 sc tog, 5 sc) x4 [44]
Rd 24	(4 sc, 3 sc tog, 4 sc) x4 [36]
Rd 25	(3 sc, 3 sc tog, 3 sc) x4 [28]
Rd 26	(2 sc, 3 sc tog, 2 sc) x4 [20]

Fill the head with fiberfill. When stuffing, make sure that it is not filled too tightly.
The head should have a square shape. Use your fingers to press the stuffing into the corners of the head to model the square shape.
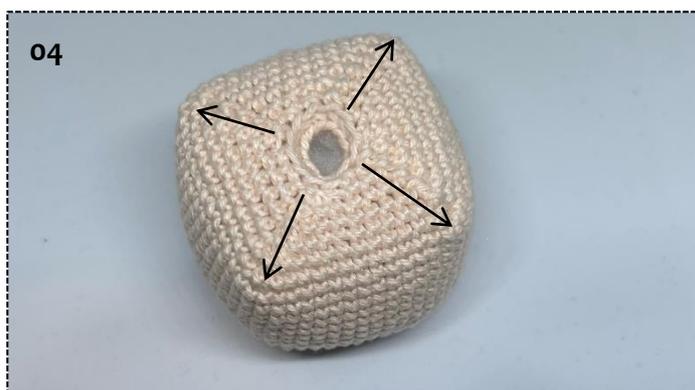
Rd 27	(1 sc, 3 sc tog, 1 sc) x4 [12]
Rd 28	BLO 12 sc

Crochet a slst, FO. Cut the thread long.
The neck can later be slipped into the opening and sewn in place with the thread.

EARS – Crochet 2 (cream)

Rd 01	6 sc in MR [6]
Rd 02-03	6 sc (2 rounds)
Rd 04	(1 sc, inc) x3 [9]
Rd 05	9 sc
Rd 06	(2 sc, inc) x3 [12]
Rd 07-09	12 sc (3 rounds)
Rd 10	(3 sc, inc) x3 [15]
Rd 11-12	15 sc (2 rounds)
Rd 13	(3 sc, dec) x3 [12]
Rd 14	(2 sc, dec) x3 [9]

Crochet the ears together with 4 sc. FO, cut the thread long for sewing on later.
Fold the ear again at the bottom edge and sew the whole thing together.
Color the inside of the ear with blush.

COMPLETION HEAD

Sew the ears to the sides in the lower third of the head.
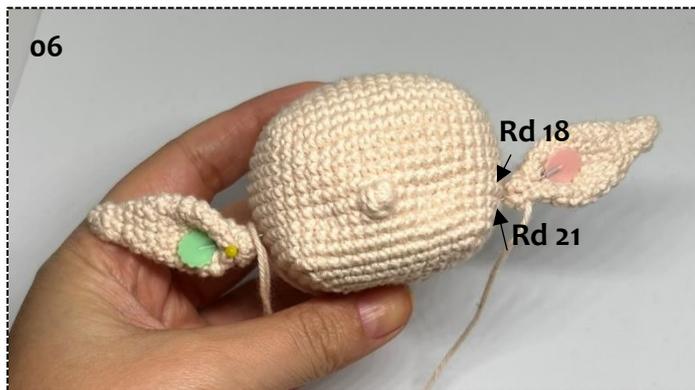
Embroider two eyes. Color the cheeks with blush.

To make the cheeks stand out even more, pass the thread through the hole in the head and stitch over two stitches to the left and right of the nose (Fig. 08) and then pass the thread back down again. Pull the threads a little to create a dimple, knot the threads and cut them off.

If you are using safety eyes, stitch directly below them.
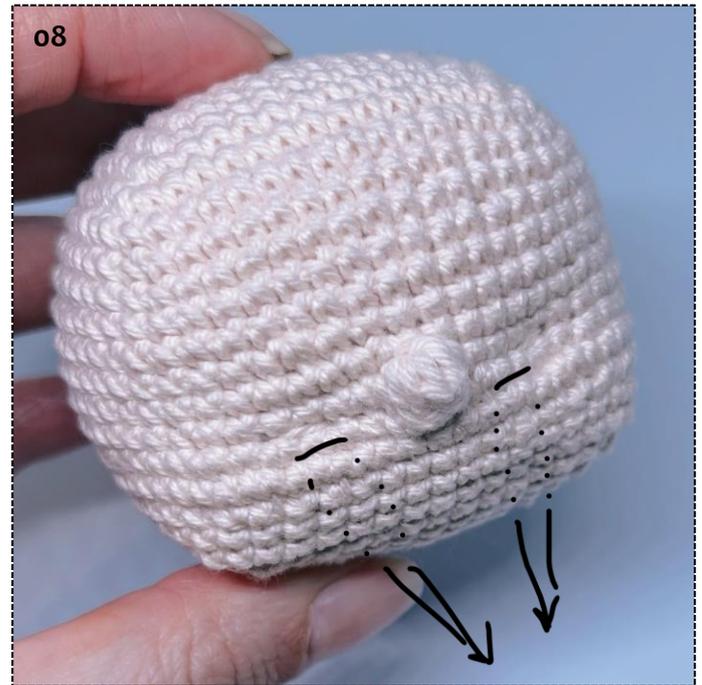
Details on the eyes:

ARMS – Crochet 2 (cream, light blue)

Start with cream:
Rd 01   6 sc in MR [6]
Rd 02   (2 sc, inc) x2 [8]
Rd 03   (3 sc, inc) x2 [10]
Rd 04   1 sc, 1 BO, 8 sc [10]
Rd 05- 06 10 sc (2 rounds)
Change color to light blue, cut cream yarn
Rd 07   10 sc
Rd 08   BLO 10 sc (optional, you can later crochet a white border here).
Rd 09-12: 10 sc (4 rounds)

The arms are lightly stuffed with filling. Close the arm with 5 sc. Make sure that the thumb points sideways to the edge (see the picture on the next page). The arms will be crocheted in later. FO, cut the thread and weave in the ends.

Edge

Thumb
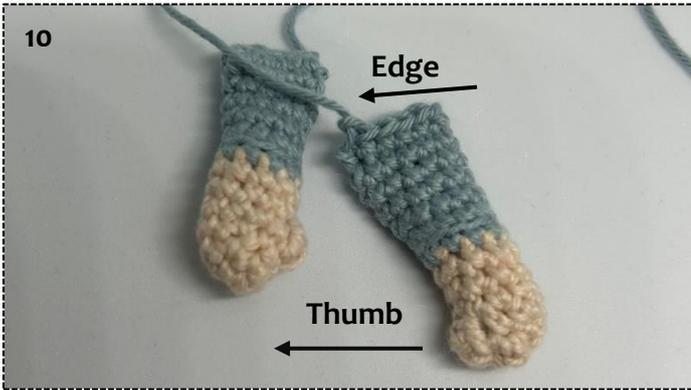
The toes will point towards each other later.

LEGS – crochet 2 (Cream)

Start with 6 chains with cream.
Turn and crochet from the 2nd stitch from the hook onwards:

Rd 01   4 sc, 3 sc/st, 3 sc, inc [12]

Rd 04   18 sc
The decreases in the next round should be at the front of the toe. You may need to adjust the number of sc before the first decrease.

Rd 05   4 sc, 3 sc dec, 1 sc, 3 sc dec, 7 sc [14]

3 sc dec

Rd 02   4 sc, 3sc/st, 1 sc, 3 sc/st, 4 sc, 3 sc/st [18]

Change color to light blue. Cut cream yarn.

Rd 06   14 sc
Rd 07   BLO 14 sc (crochet a white border with sc later on)
Rd 08-13 14 sc (6 rounds)

Rd 03   9 sc, BO, 8 sc [18]
The BO creates the big toe. Crochet on the other side for the second leg: *5 sc, BO, 12 sc [18]*

For the 1st leg:
FO, cut the yarn and stuff the leg.

For the 2nd leg:
Do not cut the thread. Firmly stuff the leg.
Continue crocheting directly onto the body here. You may need to undo 1-2 stitches from the previous round because you should now be exactly in the middle of the leg (red dot in picture 18, the toe should be on the inside).

Crochet 4 ch:

Connect these 4 chains with a single crochet also on the inside, in the middle with the other leg. This single crochet will be the 1st stitch of the new round. Mark the new round start here.


Continue with the body:

Rd 01: 14 sc around the 1st leg, 4 sc in the chains, 14 sc around the 2nd leg, 4 sc in the chains [36]

In the next round, stitches will be increased. The double increases should be positioned on the outer sides of the leg. You may need to adjust the number of stitches before the increase. The normal increases are located between the legs.

Rd 02 6 sc, (inc) x2, 6 sc, inc, 2 sc, inc, 6 sc, (inc) x2, 6 sc, inc, 2 sc, inc [44]
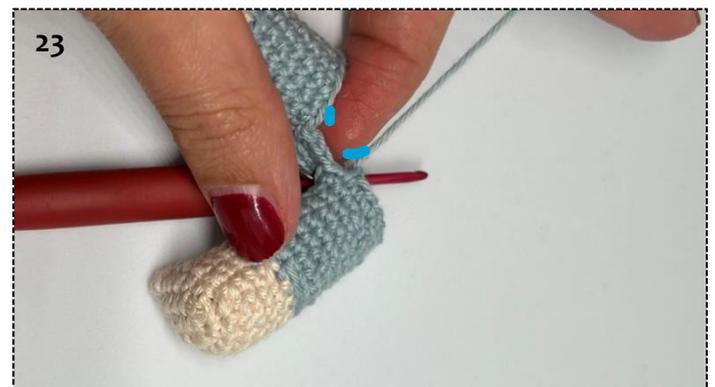
Rd 03: 7 sc, (inc) x2, 20 sc, (inc) x2, 13 sc [48]

Rd 04	(7 sc, inc) x6 [54]
Rd 05-07	54 sc (3 rounds)
Rd 08	(7 sc, dec) x6 [48]
Rd 09	48 sc
Rd 10	(4 sc, dec) x8 [40]
Rd 11	40 sc
Rd 12	(3 sc, dec) x8 [32]
Rd 13-14	32 sc (2 rounds)
Rd 15	(2 sc, dec) x8 [24]
Rd 16	24 sc

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In the next round, the arms will be crocheted in. The arms should be positioned on the sides of the body. You may need to adjust the number of stitches before crocheting in the arms.

Rd 17   5 sc, crochet in the arms with 5 sc each, 7 sc, crochet in the arm with 5 sc each, 2 sc [24]

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Change to cream here and cut off the other thread.

Rd 18   BLO (2 sc, dec) x6 [18]
Rd 19   (1 sc, dec) x6 [12]
Rd 20-21   12 sc (2 rounds)
Rd 22   (2 sc, dec) x3 [9]
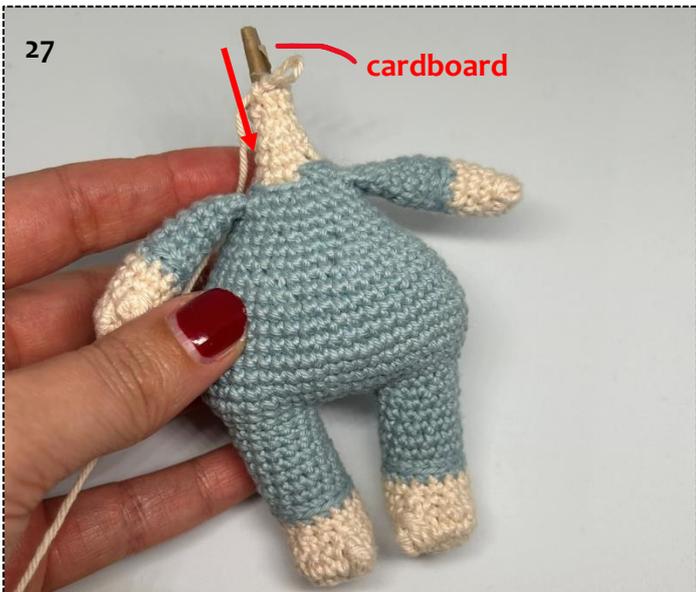**Rd 23-25**   9 sc (3 rounds)
Firmly stuff the neck.
Roll up some cardboard and insert it into the opening. (Alternatively, you can also use wire)
Rd 26   (1 sc, dec) x3 [6]
FO, close the opening. Weave in the thread.
The hood will be attached between the head and neck later. The head will be sewn on only after that.

27   cardboard

HAIR (brown)

The hair is crocheted with loop stitches. The increases in the corners are crocheted with regular sc. Crochet very tightly, using a half size smaller hook if necessary.

Rd 01   4 loop in MR [4]
Rd 02   3 sc/st x4 [12]
Rd 03   (1 loop, 3 sc/st, 1 loop) x4 [20]
Rd 04   (2 loop, 3 sc/st , 2 loop) x4 [28]
Rd 05   (3 loop, 3 sc/st, 3 loop) x4 [36]
Rd 06   (4 loop, 3 sc/st , 4 loop) x4 [44]
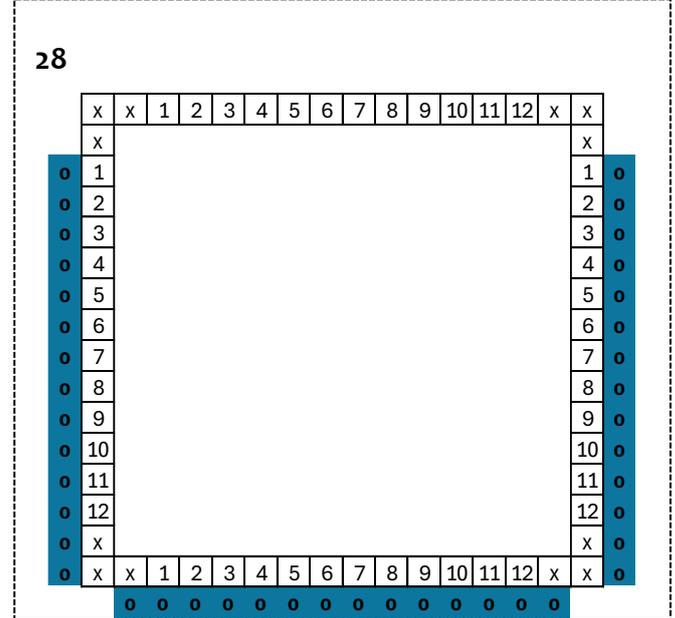**Rd 07**   (5 loop, 3 sc/st , 5 loop) x4 [52]
Rd 08   (6 loop, 3 sc/st , 6 loop) x4 [60]
Rd 09-10   60 loop (2 rounds)

From here, one side will be left uncrocheted. This side will later be the forehead. Continue crocheting until the end of the side and crochet one chain. Turn, continue crocheting in rows:
In the graphic, you can see which stitches to crochet into.

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o	x	x	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	x	x	o
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Since the loop stitches are always on one side, you need to alternate the loop stitches here.

R 11   42 loop, 1 tch
R 12   42 sc, 1 tch
R 13   42 loop
FO, cut a long thread for sewing.

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All loops are cut with scissors and then brushed with a "pet brush". This creates the fluffy head. The hair can already be sewn onto the head.

HOOD (light blue, white)

Until round 19, everything is crocheted with half double crochet (hdc). You can choose a half size larger hook if you crochet very tightly. Choose a half size smaller hook if you crochet loosely. The hood should fit snugly on the head.

Rd 01	6 hStb in MR [6]
Rd 02	(3 hdc/M, 1 hdc) x3 [12]
Rd 03	1 hdc, (3 hdc/st, 3 hdc) x2, 3 hdc/st, 2 hdc [18]
Rd 04	2 hdc, (3 hdc/st, 5 hdc) x2, 3 hdc/st, 3 hdc [24]
Rd 05	3 hdc, (3 hdc/st, 7 hdc) x2, 3 hdc/st, 4 hdc [30]
Rd 06	4 hdc, (3 hdc/st, 9 hdc) x2, 3 hdc/st, 5 hdc [36]
Rd 07	5 hdc, (3 hdc/st, 11 hdc) x2, 3 hdc/st, 6 hdc [42]
Rd 08	6 hdc, (3 hdc/st, 13 hdc) x2, 3 hdc/st, 7 hdc [48]
Rd 09	7 hdc, (3 hdc/st, 15 hdc) x2, 3 hdc/st, 8 hdc [54]
Rd 10	8 hdc, (3 hdc/st, 17 hdc) x2, 3 hdc/st, 9 hdc [60]
Rd 11	9 hdc, (3 hdc/st, 19 hdc) x2, 3 hdc/st, 10 hdc [66]
Rd 12-14	66 hdc (3 rounds)

Rd 15   In the next round, crochet until about 2-3 stitches before the middle of one edge of the triangle. Chain 4-6, skip 4-6 hdc and then connect with an hdc again (this creates the opening for the neck), finish the round [66]

Rd 16-19	66 hdc (4 rounds)
Rd 20	66 sc

Opening for the neck

Change to white and cut the light blue thread.

Rd 21   66 sc
Now the teeth are shaped.

Rd 22   (2 sc, picot, 1 sc) x22   [6]
(Picot: 3 ch, slip stitch in the 1st chain)

FO, cut the thread and weave in the ends.
Insert the neck through the opening in the hood and then into the head. Sew the neck to the head. The hood is not sewn on.
Attach the safety eyes about 10 visible hdc apart between rounds 17 and 18. Embroider two gills on each side.

FINS FOR THE COSTUME (light blue)

Medium large fin for the hood: (Do not stuff)

Rd 01	6 fM in MR [6]
Rd 02	6 sc
Rd 03	3 sc, (inc) x3 [9]
Rd 04	9 sc
Rd 05	6 sc, (inc) x3 [12]
Rd 06	12 sc
Rd 07	9 sc, (inc) x3 [15]
Rd 08	15 sc

Close the fin with about 7-8 sc. FO, cut a long thread for sewing.
Sew the fin in the middle of the hood.
Rounds 07-12.

Small side fins for the hood x2: (Do not stuff)

Rd 01	6 sc in MR [6]
Rd 02	(1 sc, inc) x3 [9]
Rd 03	(2 sc, inc) x3 [12]
Rd 04	12 sc
Rd 05	(3 sc, inc) x3 [15]
Rd 06-07	15 sc (2 rounds)
Rd 08	(3 sc, dec) x3 [12]
Rd 09	(2 sc, dec) x3 [9]

Close the fin with about 4-5 sc. FO, cut a long thread for sewing.
Sew the fins to the sides of the hood.
Rd 09- Rd 11.

Crochet two parts as follows:

Rd 01	6 sc in MR [6]
Rd 02	6 sc
Rd 03	(1 sc, inc) x3 [9]
Rd 04	9 sc
Rd 05	(2 sc, inc) x3 [12]
Rd 06-07	12 sc (2 rounds)
Rd 08	(2 sc, dec) x3 [9]
Rd 09	(1 sc, dec) x3 [6]

For the 1st fin:
FO, cut the thread and weave in the ends.

For the 2nd fin:
Do not cut the thread, connect the two parts with 1 sc.
This stitch is the 1st stitch of the new round.

Rd 10	12 sc
Rd 11	(2 sc, dec) x3 [9]
Rd 12	(1 sc, dec) x3 [6]
Rd 13	6 sc
Rd 14	(1 sc, inc) x3 [9]
Rd 15	9 sc
Rd 16	(2 sc, inc) x3 [12]
Rd17-18	12 sc (2 rounds)
Rd 19	(2 sc, inc) x4 [16]
Rd 20	16 sc

FO, cut a long thread for sewing.
Stuff this part of the fin. Sew it in the middle of the back of the body about 3-4 rounds above the legs.

CONGRATULATIONS, YOU ARE DONE!

AT THIS POINT

It is with joy and gratitude that I turn to you to finish my crochet pattern. I hope you had as much fun crocheting as I did creating this pattern. It has been my pleasure to guide you on your creative journey and help you create a beautiful crochet project.

Hopefully the pattern was understandable and easy to follow. If you had any questions or encountered any difficulties, I hope you found the guidance and help you needed in the pattern. Crochet is an art that requires patience and practice, but it can also be a great joy. I'm sure you successfully completed the project and are proud of your handmade work.

Thank you for choosing my pattern and embarking on this creative journey. I wish you continued joy and success in crocheting and look forward to when we meet again in the future.

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Yours sincerely

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