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PATTERN Crochet Starfish and Fish



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PATTERN Crochet Motifs “Starfish” & “Fish”©

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Description: Quick and simple motifs for a fish and a five-point starfish. Choose your yarn and hook size, make it with two colours or just one colour.

Pattern Basics

Stitches: single, half double, double and treble crochet.

Yarn: Bendigo 8ply Cotton

Hook: 3.5mm.

Gauge: not so important, but I recommend using a hook half to one size smaller than recommended on yarn label.

Measurements: will vary depending on yarn and hook size.

Terminology: US crochet terms; metric hook sizes.

Before you begin:

- *read* the pattern to end;
- *select* yarn and hook.



Pattern – “FISH”

Begin Pattern

Row 1: Ch2, in 2nd ch from hook 2sc, turn.

Increasing rows

Row 2: Ch1, 2sc in each st, turn. (4sts)

Row 3: Ch1, 2sc in 1st st, sc in next 2sts, 2sc in last st, turn. (6sts)

Row 4-6: Ch1, sc in each st, turn.

Row 7: Ch1, 2sc in 1st st, sc in next 4sts, turn. (8sts)

Row 8-11: Ch1, sc in each st to end, turn.

Decreasing rows

Row 12: Ch1, skip 1st st, sc to end, turn. (7sts)

Row 13: Ch1, skip 1st st, sc to end, turn. (6sts)

Row 14: Ch1, skip 1st st, sc to end, turn. (5sts)

Row 15: Ch1, skip 1st st, sc in next 2sts, skip next st, sc in end st, turn. (3sts)

Row 16: Ch1, sc in each st to end, turn.

Increasing rows

Row 17: Ch1, 2sc in 1st st, sc in next st 2sc in last st, turn. (5sts)

Row 18: Ch1, 2sc in first st, sc in next 3sts, 2sc in last st, turn. (7sts)

Fish Tail

Row 19: Ch2, hdc in same st, hdc in next st, ch2, sl st in next 3sts, ch2, hdc in next 2sts, ch2, sl st in same st.

Finish with SC EDGE: Continue with same yarn or change to a **CC** and sc around the fish.

Note: If you are going to join two fish together wait and do the Sc Edge when joining the two fish.

SC EDGE for Fish

Continuing from end of **Row 19**, now continue along edge of fish.

Ch1, sc in next 8 rows, *Ch4, sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, (1st fin made) skip 2 rows along edge of fish, sc in next row, ** sc in next 6 rows to tip of fish nose, 2sc in end (into the 1st ch of beg ch2), sc in next 9 rows, rep from * to ** (2nd fin made), sc in next 7 rows, 3sc in ch2 of tail, sc in next 3sts, sl st in middle of tail, sc in next 3sts, 3 sc in ch2, join with sl st in beg ch1.

Special Note: This sc edge will only work if you have the same number of rows on your fish – if not you will need to adjust where you position your fins, aim for middle of the fish (not including the tail).

Join two fish: Place one fish over the other with wrong sides facing in, and with right side facing you follow the Sc Edge instructions and join together.



Pattern – “STARFISH”

Begin Pattern

Rnd 1: Magic loop, Ch1, 10sc into loop, join with sl st into ch1.

Increasing rnd

Rnd 2: Ch1, *2sc in same st, 1sc in next st, rep from * to end, join with sl st. (15sts)

Star Points

Rnd 3: *Ch7, sc into 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 2sts, dc in next 2sts, tr in next st, skip 2sts, sl st into 3rd st, rep from * to end. (5 star points)

Continue with same yarn or change to a CC and sc around the starfish.

Note: If you are going to join two starfish together wait and do the Sc edge when joining the two starfish.

SC EDGE for Starfish

Continuing from end of **Rnd 3**, along edge of starfish.

Ch1, *Sc along edge of starfish arm into next 6 sts, 2sc into the ch of the point, sc into the next 5sts, skip next st (at the base between the arms), rep from * to end, join with sl st, cut yarn and hide ends.

Join two Starfish: Place one starfish over the other with wrong sides facing in, and with right side facing you follow the Sc Edge instructions and join together.

SPECIAL NOTE: You can use your starfish motif with or without the sc edge.



ABBREVIATIONS:

Ch = chain; **sc** = single crochet; **hdc** = half double crochet; **dc** = double crochet; **tr** = treble crochet; **sl st** = slip stitch; **st/sts** = stitch/es; **rep** = repeat; **beg** = begin/beginning; **BL** = back loop; **FL** = front loop.

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Applications:

Use your fish and starfish in the following ways:

- a motif;
- make it into a brooch by joining two fish or two starfish together and then attach a brooch backing;
- join two fish or starfish, make a chain loop and hang off your keyring or bag;
- make loads of fish and starfish and join with a chain to make a “fishy”garland.