

CROCHET PATTERN



BABY TURTLE

❖ CROCHET PATTERN ❖

Create your very own adorable baby turtle
with this easy-to-follow pattern!



SKILL LEVEL

Beginner



WORKS UP QUICKLY

Perfect for gifts
and keepsakes



GREAT FOR ALL AGES

A cute companion
for everyone



BEGINNER FRIENDLY

Simple stitches and
easy shaping



DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS

Step-by-step guide
with helpful tips

FINISHED SIZE

Approx. 14 cm (5.5 in)
long

PATTERN TYPE

Amigurumi
(Worked in Rounds)

LANGUAGE

English

INSTANT DOWNLOAD

PDF File



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PATTERN OVERVIEW

Thank you for choosing this Baby Turtle Crochet Pattern! This adorable turtle is quick to make, beginner-friendly, and perfect as a gift, toy, or cute desk buddy. Follow the step-by-step instructions to create your very own handmade turtle.

FINISHED DIMENSIONS



Length: Approx. 14 cm (5.5 in)



Width: Approx. 12 cm (4.7 in)



Height: Approx. 4.5 cm (1.8 in)



Size may vary slightly depending on yarn, hook size, and tension.

CONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW

This turtle is worked in separate pieces and then assembled.



1. Shell



2. Head & Neck



3. Front Legs (Flippers)



4. Back Legs



5. Tail



6. Eyes

All pieces are sewn together and lightly stuffed to create a soft, huggable turtle.



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This pattern is written in standard US crochet terms and is beginner friendly. Take your time, enjoy the process, and have fun making your turtle!

MATERIALS

& YARN COLOR GUIDE

Using the right materials makes all the difference! Below is everything you need to make your adorable baby turtle.

MATERIALS NEEDED



YARN (MAIN COLOR)

Cotton or acrylic yarn, medium weight (4)
Approx. 40–50 g in blue



YARN (EYE WHITE)

Cotton or acrylic yarn, medium weight (4)
Small amount in white



SAFETY EYES

6 mm black safety eyes
(or use black yarn for embroidery)



CROCHET HOOK

2.5 mm (US C/2) hook
(Adjust hook size if needed for your tension)



STUFFING

Polyester fiberfill stuffing



NEEDLE

Tapestry needle for sewing pieces together
and weaving in ends



STITCH MARKERS

Helpful for marking the beginning of rounds



SCISSORS

For cutting yarn



OPTIONAL

Fabric glue (optional for extra secure eyes)



YARN COLOR GUIDE



MAIN COLOR

Blue

Used for shell, head,
neck, legs and tail.



EYE WHITE

White

Used for the whites
of the eyes.



EYE BLACK

Black

For safety eyes or
embroidery.



Feel free to experiment with different shades of blue! Light blue, navy blue, or teal all look beautiful.

RECOMMENDED YARN ALTERNATIVES

COTTON YARN



DMC Natura Just Cotton,
Drops Safran, Paintbox
Cotton Aran

ACRYLIC YARN



YarnArt Jeans, Drops
Paris, Red Heart Soft

BLEND YARN



Cotton–Acrylic blends are
soft, durable and beginner
friendly.

HOOK ALTERNATIVE



If your stitches are too tight,
try a 3.0 mm hook. If too
loose, try 2.0 mm.



Materials list is a guide. You can use similar materials you already have. The most important thing is to have fun and enjoy the process of making your turtle!



ABBREVIATIONS



Below are the standard abbreviations used in this pattern.

ABBREVIATION	MEANING
MR	Magic Ring
ch	Chain
sl st	Slip Stitch
sc	Single Crochet
hdc	Half Double Crochet
dc	Double Crochet
tr	Treble Crochet
inc	Increase (2 stitches in the same stitch)
dec	Decrease (single crochet decrease)
inv dec	Invisible Decrease
FLO	Front Loop Only
BLO	Back Loop Only
rep	Repeat
st / sts	Stitch / Stitches
[]	Work instructions in brackets into the same stitch
()	Repeat the instructions in parentheses the number of times indicated
**	Repeat the section between the asterisks as directed



GAUGE

For best results, follow the gauge below.



GAUGE (TIGHT TENSION)

Sc in rounds:

6 sc = 2.5 cm (1 inch)

6 rounds = 2.5 cm (1 inch)



Check your gauge before starting.

Use a smaller hook if your stitches are too loose and a larger hook if your stitches are too tight.

STITCH GUIDE

Helpful stitch explanations and techniques used in this pattern.

MAGIC RING (MR)



1 Create a loop with the yarn.

2 Insert hook, yarn over and pull up a loop.

3 Work the required stitches into the ring and pull tight.

SINGLE CROCHET (SC)



1 Insert hook into the stitch.

2 Yarn over, pull up a loop, yarn over again, pull through both loops.

INCREASE (INC)



1 Insert hook into the stitch.

2 Yarn over, pull up a loop, yarn over again, pull through both loops.

SINGLE CROCHET DECREASE (DEC)



1 Insert hook into next stitch, pull up a loop. Insert hook into the next stitch, pull up a loop.

2 Yarn over and pull through all 3 loops on the hook.

INVISIBLE DECREASE (INV DEC)



1 Insert hook into front loop of next stitch, then front loop of following stitch.

2 Yarn over and pull through both front loops, yarn over again and pull through both loops.

SLIP STITCH (SL ST)



1 Insert hook into the stitch.

2 Yarn over and pull through the stitch and the loop on hook.

WORKING IN ROUNDS



1 Work all stitches in a spiral unless otherwise stated.



2 Use a stitch marker to mark the first stitch of each round.



3 Move the marker up as you begin each new round.



4 Do not join with a slip stitch unless the pattern specifies.



5 Continue working in spiral for a smooth, seamless finish.



Keep your tension consistent for the best results. Tight stitches create a firm shape, while loose stitches can affect the final size and look of your turtle.



BEFORE YOU START



Please read through all the notes before beginning your project. Taking a few minutes now will help ensure your turtle turns out perfectly!



PATTERN NOTES

- ♥ This pattern is worked in continuous rounds unless stated otherwise.
- ♥ Use a stitch marker to mark the first stitch of each round.
- ♥ Read each round carefully before starting.
- ♥ The pattern is written in US terms.
- ♥ Stuff your turtle firmly as you go for the best shape.
- ♥ Keep your stitches tight and even for a neat and sturdy finish.
- ♥ Take your time and enjoy the process!

THINGS TO KNOW



CROCHET IN ROUNDS

All parts (except where noted) are worked in continuous rounds. Do not join unless stated. Use a stitch marker to keep track of the beginning of each round.



SPIRAL WORK

This pattern uses the spiral technique for a seamless look. Do not slip stitch at the end of each round unless instructed.



STUFFING

Stuff each piece as you go. Use enough stuffing to make your turtle firm but not overly stuffed to avoid stretching the stitches.



SEWING

Use a tapestry needle and matching yarn to sew all pieces together neatly. Weave in all ends securely.

TENSION TIPS



Tension plays a big role in the final size and shape of your turtle.

- If your stitches are too tight, try using a larger hook.
- If your stitches are too loose, try using a smaller hook.



Try to maintain consistent tension throughout the project. Consistent stitches will give your turtle a smooth, even look and help all the pieces fit together perfectly.

HELPFUL TIPS



USE STITCH MARKERS

Mark the first stitch of each round to keep track easily.



WEAVE IN ENDS

Weave in all yarn ends as you go to save time at the end.



RIGHT HOOK SIZE

The recommended hook size ensures the best shape and size.



CHECK SYMMETRY

Assemble parts symmetrically for a balanced look.



TAKE BREAKS

Amigurumi can take time. Take breaks and enjoy the process!

SAFETY NOTE

If making this turtle for a child under 3 years old, use embroidered eyes instead of safety eyes to ensure safety.



Use safety eyes responsibly.

SHELL – PART 1



The shell is worked in continuous rounds in a spiral to create a smooth, rounded shape. Stuff lightly as you go to help maintain its form.

NOTES

- ♥ Use a stitch marker to mark the first stitch of each round.
- ♥ Keep your stitches tight so the stuffing doesn't show.
- ♥ Make sure your increases are even for a flat shell.
- ♥ Do not join or turn unless stated.
- ♥ Stitch count is given at the end of each round in ().

SHELL

ROUND	INSTRUCTIONS	STITCH COUNT
1	6 sc in MR	(6)
2	inc in each st around	(12)
3	(1 sc, inc) repeat around	(18)
4	(2 sc, inc) repeat around	(24)
5	(3 sc, inc) repeat around	(30)
6	(4 sc, inc) repeat around	(36)
7	(5 sc, inc) repeat around	(42)
8	sc around (no increase)	(42)
9	sc around (no increase)	(42)
10	(5 sc, dec) repeat around	(36)
11	(4 sc, dec) repeat around	(30)
12	(3 sc, dec) repeat around	(24)
13	(2 sc, dec) repeat around	(18)
14	(1 sc, dec) repeat around	(12)
15	dec around	(6)

FINISHING THIS PART

- ♥ Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.
- ♥ Weave in any loose ends.
- ♥ Do not over-stuff. Light stuffing is enough to keep the shell slightly firm and rounded.

TIP



If the shell starts to curl, make sure you are not increasing too much or using a hook that is too large. Tight stitches help keep the shell flat and smooth.



STEP-BY-STEP PHOTOS

1



Round 1
6 sc in MR

2



Round 2
12 sts

3



Round 3
18 sts

4



Round 4
24 sts

5



Round 6
36 sts

6



Round 9
42 sts

7



Round 12
24 sts

8



Round 15
6 sts (closing)



GREAT JOB!

You've completed the first part of the shell.
Next, we will continue shaping and closing the shell.



SHELL – PART 2



We will continue building the shell in rounds, then shape the last round to create a smooth edge.

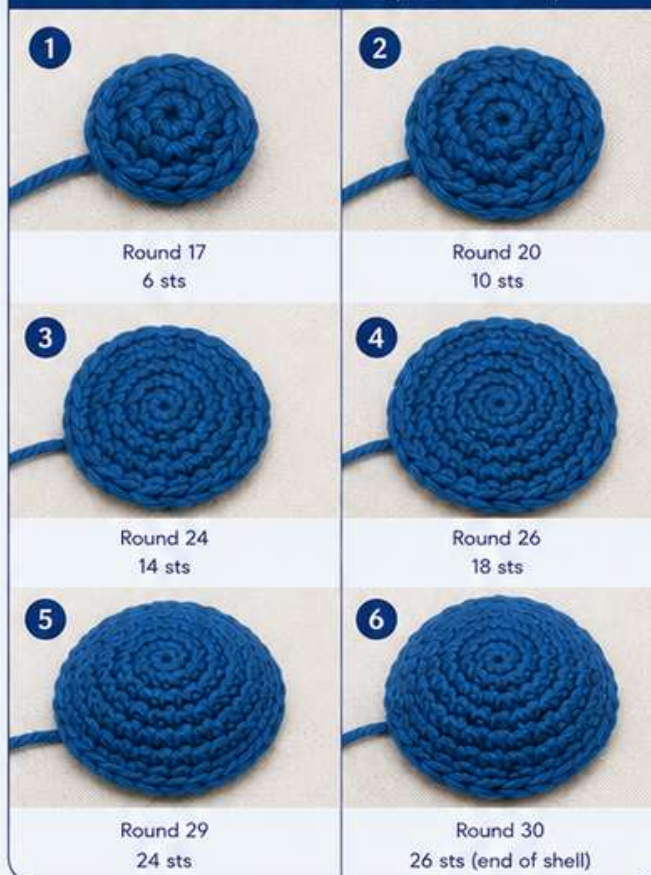
SHELL (CONTINUED)

ROUND	INSTRUCTIONS	STITCH COUNT
16	(1 sc, dec) repeat around	(12)
17	dec around	(6)
18	(2 sc, inc) repeat around	(8)
19	sc around	(8)
20	(3 sc, inc) repeat around	(10)
21	sc around	(10)
22	(4 sc, inc) repeat around	(12)
23	sc around	(12)
24	(5 sc, inc) repeat around	(14)
25	(6 sc, inc) repeat around	(16)
26	(7 sc, inc) repeat around	(18)
27	(8 sc, inc) repeat around	(20)
28	(9 sc, inc) repeat around	(22)
29	(10 sc, inc) repeat around	(24)
30	(11 sc, inc) repeat around	(26)

If you prefer a larger shell, you can add more increase rounds following the same method.



STEP-BY-STEP PHOTOS (CONTINUED)



FINISHING THE SHELL

- ♥ Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.
- ♥ Weave in any loose ends.
- ♥ Lightly stuff the shell if needed to maintain a firm, rounded shape.
- ♥ Do not over-stuff.
- ♥ The shell is now complete and ready to be attached to the other pieces.



SHAPE TIPS



KEEP IT FLAT & SMOOTH

Make sure your increases are even. This helps the shell stay flat and round.



CHECK YOUR STITCH COUNT

Incorrect stitch counts can cause the shell to ripple or bend.



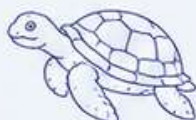
NEAT EDGES

Do not stretch the last round too much. Keep your tension consistent for a smooth edge.



TIP

If your shell starts curling upward, try using a slightly larger hook for the increase rounds.



A well-shaped shell will help your turtle look cute and balanced! ♥

HEAD + NECK



The head is worked in continuous rounds.

We will then shape the neck to the perfect length for attaching to the shell.

HEAD + NECK

ROUND	INSTRUCTIONS	STITCH COUNT
1	6 sc in MR	(6)
2	inc in each st around	(12)
3	(1 sc, inc) repeat around	(18)
4	(2 sc, inc) repeat around	(24)
5	(3 sc, inc) repeat around	(30)
6-8	sc around	(30)
9	(3 sc, dec) repeat around	(24)
10	(2 sc, dec) repeat around	(18)
11	(1 sc, dec) repeat around	(12)
12	dec around	(6)

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.
Stuff the head firmly before closing.

NECK (WORK CONTINUOUSLY AFTER ROUND 8)

9	sc around	(30)
10	sc around	(30)
11	sc around	(30)
12	sc around	(30)

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.
The neck should be slightly firm but still flexible.

EYE PLACEMENT GUIDE



Insert safety eyes between
Rounds 7-8 with about 6-7 stitches
of space between them.

HEAD SHAPING TIPS

- ♥ Keep your stitches tight for a round shape.
- ♥ Stuff firmly to avoid any flat spots.
- ♥ Do not over-stuff the neck.
- ♥ Pin the head to the shell before sewing to check the placement.

FINISHING THE HEAD + NECK

- ♥ Fasten off and weave in all ends securely.
- ♥ Make sure the head is centered and the neck is straight.
- ♥ Do not over-stuff the neck to keep it flexible for positioning.



STEP-BY-STEP PHOTOS

1

Round 1
6 sc in MR

2

Round 2
12 sts

3

Round 4
24 sts

4

Round 6-8
30 sts

5

Round 10
18 sts

6

Add safety eyes
between rounds 7-8,
6-7 sts apart.

7

After Round 8
Start neck rounds

8

Neck complete
(Round 12)

TIP



If the neck looks too short,
add more rounds.
If it looks too long,
remove rounds.

FRONT LEGS / FLIPPERS



The front legs (flippers) are worked in continuous rounds.
Make 2 identical pieces.



FRONT FLIPPER (MAKE 2)

ROUND	INSTRUCTIONS	STITCH COUNT
1	6 sc in MR	(6)
2	inc in each st around	(12)
3	(1 sc, inc) repeat around	(18)
4	(2 sc, inc) repeat around	(24)
5-7	sc around	(24)
8	(2 sc, dec) repeat around	(18)
9	(1 sc, dec) repeat around	(12)
10	dec around	(6)

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.
Stuff lightly. Flatten slightly to give the flipper shape.

SHAPING GUIDE

Slightly flatten the flipper while working Rounds 5-7 to create the wide part.



Rounds 8-10 taper the flipper to a gentle point.
Do not stuff too firmly.



TIPS FOR PERFECT FLIPPERS

- ♥ Keep your tension even for both flippers so they are the same size.
- ♥ Flatten the wide part (Rounds 5-7) between your fingers for a natural flipper shape.
- ♥ Do not over-stuff. A light stuffing keeps the flippers soft and flexible.
- ♥ Make sure both flippers are mirror images (not twisted) before sewing.



FINISHED FRONT FLIPPERS

You should have 2 identical front flippers.



HOW TO CHECK BEFORE ATTACHING

Place both flippers on the sides of the shell to make sure they are even and symmetrical.



TIP

Pin the flippers in place before sewing to make sure they are positioned evenly.



BACK LEGS + TAIL



We will crochet the back legs and tail
in continuous rounds.

Make 2 back legs and 1 tail.

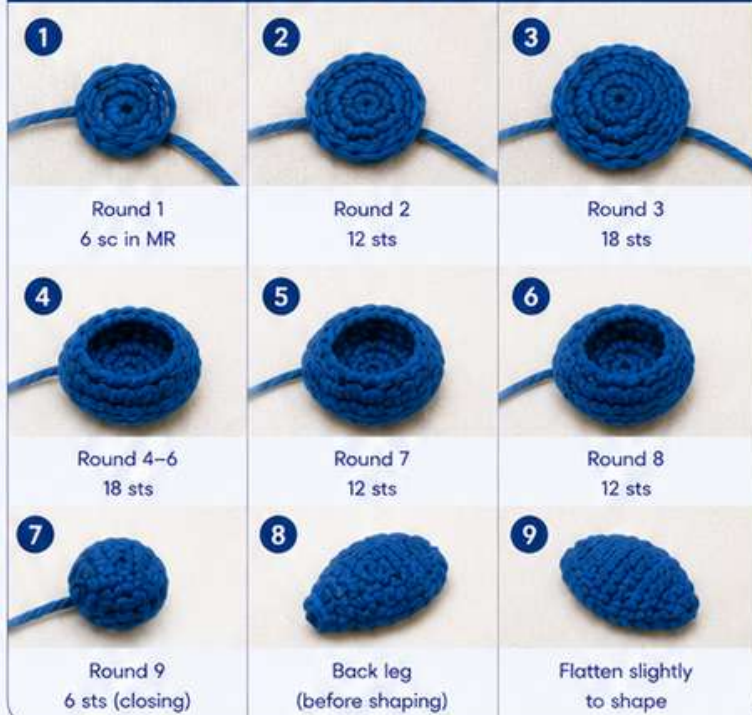


BACK LEG (MAKE 2)

ROUND	INSTRUCTIONS	STITCH COUNT
1	6 sc in MR	(6)
2	inc in each st around	(12)
3	(1 sc, inc) repeat around	(18)
4-6	sc around	(18)
7	(1 sc, dec) repeat around	(12)
8	sc around	(12)
9	dec around	(6)

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.
Stuff lightly. Flatten slightly to give a flipper shape.

STEP-BY-STEP PHOTOS (BACK LEG)

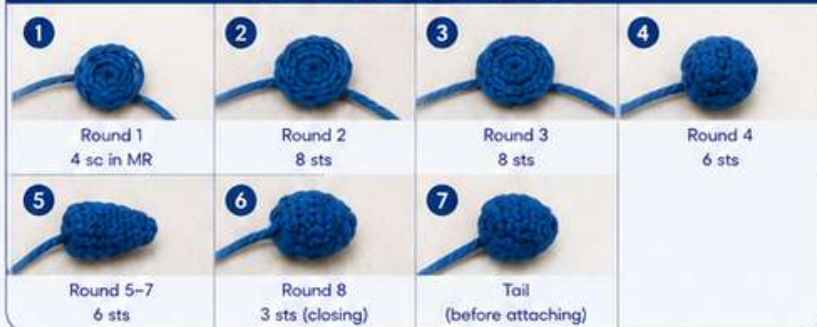


TAIL (MAKE 1)

ROUND	INSTRUCTIONS	STITCH COUNT
1	4 sc in MR	(4)
2	inc in each st around	(8)
3	sc around	(8)
4	(2 sc, dec) repeat around	(6)
5-7	sc around	(6)
8	dec around	(3)

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.
Stuff lightly.

STEP-BY-STEP PHOTOS (TAIL)



SHAPING GUIDE

BACK LEG



Flatten the top slightly
to create a paddle shape.

TAIL



The tail should be slightly
tapered and rounded.
Do not stuff too firmly.

ATTACHING GUIDE

Pin the back legs and tail in place before sewing.
Make sure they are evenly spaced and symmetrical.



Pin back legs
on both sides.



Pin tail
at the back center.



Check alignment
from the back.

- ♥ Use stitch markers to keep track of your rounds.
- ♥ Keep tension even so both back legs are the same size.
- ♥ Flatten the back legs before sewing for a natural flipper look.
- ♥ A slightly curved tail gives your turtle a more realistic look.



FINISHED!

You should have 2 back legs
and 1 tail.



EYES + FACE DETAILS



We will add the safety eyes and any final face details to bring your turtle to life!

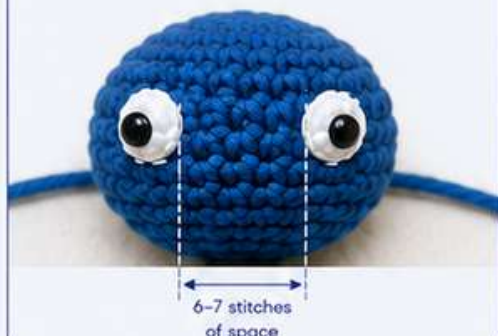


MATERIALS FOR FACE

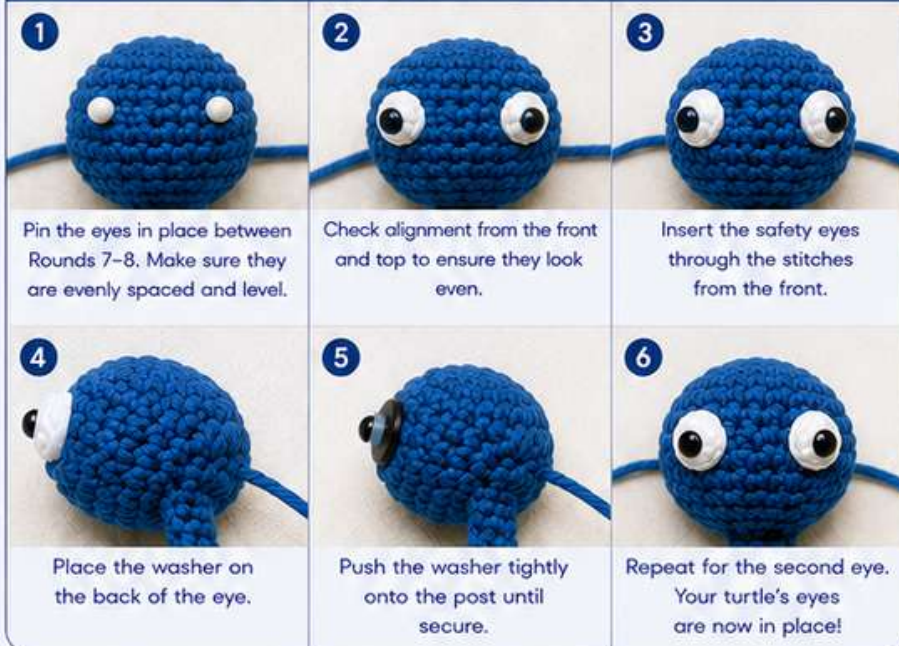
- ♥ 2 safety eyes (10 mm)
- ♥ Black yarn or embroidery thread (optional)
- ♥ Yarn needle
- ♥ Pins (optional)

EYE PLACEMENT GUIDE

Insert the eyes between Rounds 7–8 of the head with about 6–7 stitches of space between them. This placement gives your turtle a cute, balanced look.

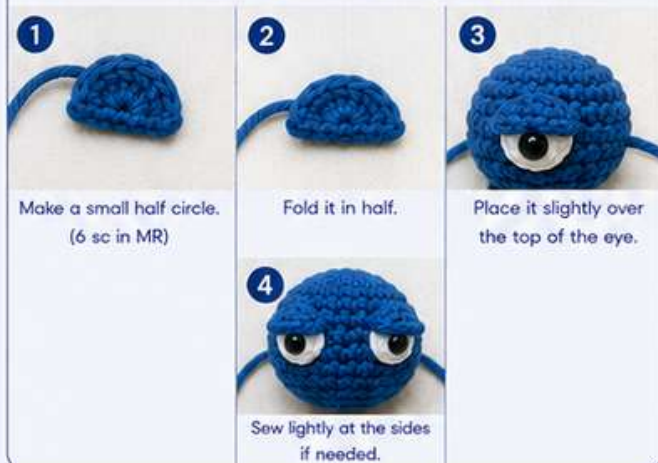


STEP-BY-STEP PHOTOS (EYES)



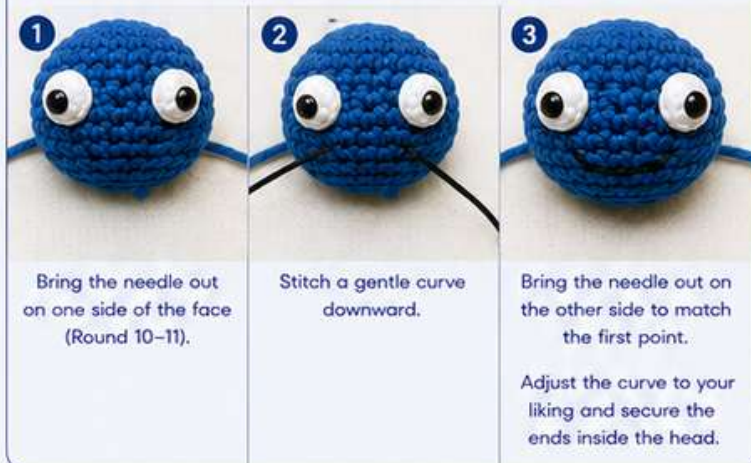
OPTIONAL: EYELIDS (SLEEPY LOOK)

If you want a sleepy or playful look, you can add eyelids.



OPTIONAL: SMILE (EMBROIDERED)

Use black yarn or embroidery thread to add a cute smile.



TIPS FOR A PERFECT FACE

- ♥ Make sure the eyes are level and evenly spaced.
- ♥ Always check alignment from the front and top.
- ♥ Do not over-tighten the eye washers.
- ♥ A small smile adds a lot of personality!



FINISHED FACE!

Great job! Your turtle's face is complete and full of charm.



TIP

If you plan to gift your turtle to a baby or young child, skip the small parts like eyelids or embroidered smile for extra safety.



Every little detail brings your turtle to life. Enjoy the process!



COMPLETE ASSEMBLY GUIDE



Follow these steps to assemble all the parts and complete your adorable turtle.



PARTS CHECKLIST

Before assembling, make sure you have all the following parts.

- ♥ 1 Shell
- ♥ 1 Head + Neck
- ♥ 2 Front Flippers
- ♥ 2 Back Legs
- ♥ 1 Tail
- ♥ 2 Safety Eyes (already attached to head)



STEP-BY-STEP ASSEMBLY

1



Place the head + neck at the front of the shell.

2



Make sure the head is centered at the front.

3



Use pins to hold the head in place. You can also use stitch markers.

4



Using the yarn tail and a yarn needle, sew the head to the shell securely. Weave in the ends.

5



Position the front flippers on both sides of the shell, just behind the head.

6



Pin them in place to check the placement.

7



Sew the front flippers securely to the shell. Weave in the ends.

8



Position the back legs on both sides at the back of the shell.

9



Pin them to check they are even and symmetrical.

10



Sew the back legs securely to the shell. Weave in the ends.

11



Place the tail at the very back center of the shell.

12



Sew the tail securely. Weave in the ends.

13



Your turtle is complete! Give it a gentle shape and enjoy!



TIPS

- ♥ Sew tightly so all parts are secure.
- ♥ Make sure all parts are evenly placed for a balanced look.

- ♥ Weave in all yarn ends neatly.
- ♥ Give your turtle a gentle shape to make it look its best.

You did it!
Enjoy your handmade turtle!



FINISHING + SHAPING + TROUBLESHOOTING



The final touches make your turtle perfect!

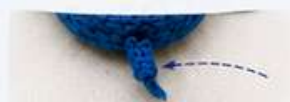


FINISHING GUIDE

1 	2 	3 
Fasten off leaving a long tail.	Weave in all yarn ends using a yarn needle.	Make sure all parts are firmly stuffed but not overstuffed.
4 	5 	6 
Check that all parts are securely attached.	Adjust the eyes to make sure they are even.	Your turtle is ready to play and enjoy!

SHAPING GUIDE

Proper shaping gives your turtle a neat and balanced look.

Shell 	Head 	Flippers 
Gently press the sides of the shell to make it rounded and even.	Gently pinch the sides of the head to give it a round shape.	Slightly curve the flippers by pressing gently from side to side.
Back Legs 	Tail 	
Position the back legs slightly outward for a natural look.	The tail can be gently curved downward for a more realistic look.	



Use your hands to gently shape each part. Avoid pulling too hard so the stitches stay neat and even.

TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

Common issues and how to fix them.

ISSUE	CAUSE	SOLUTION	PHOTO EXAMPLE
Shell looks wavy or ruffled 	Too many stitches increases or uneven tension.	Check your stitch count, keep your tension even, and block the piece by gently pressing.	
Head is floppy or uneven 	Not enough stuffing or uneven stuffing.	Add more stuffing and reshape the head by gently pressing.	
Flippers are flat or too stiff 	Too tight stitches or not shaped.	Work with a slightly looser tension and shape gently with your hands.	
Parts are not aligned 	Pins not used or parts not positioned evenly before sewing.	Pin all parts in place first and check alignment before sewing.	
Turtle leans to one side 	Uneven stuffing or parts sewn too tightly.	Adjust stuffing and re sew the parts to balance the turtle.	

HELPFUL TIPS

- ♥ Count your stitches at the end of each round.
- ♥ Use stitch markers to keep track of your rounds.
- ♥ Stuff firmly but not too much.
- ♥ Take breaks and enjoy the process!

REMINDERS

- ♥ Every turtle is unique!
- ♥ Small differences make your turtle special.
- ♥ Have fun and be proud of your handmade creation!



IMPORTANT!

Always weave in yarn ends securely so your turtle stays beautiful for a long time.



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You've made something amazing!
We'd love to see your finished turtle!



Happy Crocheting!



Every stitch you make is a step toward something beautiful.
Keep creating, keep smiling and keep enjoying the journey!





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USE IT, GIFT IT, ENJOY IT!

You're welcome to use this pattern to make items for yourself, your loved ones or even for charity. Handmade items carry so much love!



KEEP ON CREATING!

Every stitch you make is a step toward something beautiful. Keep creating, keep smiling and keep enjoying the journey!



YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

Thank you for supporting independent designers and handmade. Your support helps keep creativity alive!



HAPPY CROCHETING!

I hope you had fun making your turtle and that it brings joy to you or someone special!



♥ YOU DID IT! ♥

You've completed an adorable turtle—great job!
I'm so proud of you!



Thank you again for being here. You are the best!



Keep creating. Keep inspiring. Keep being awesome!

With love and gratitude

