

Carpay the Stripe Fish



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Materials

- Size H hook
- Worsted weight yarn in 3 colors of your choice. There is also the option to crochet each stripe a different color, if you choose.
- Yarn needle
- Safety eyes for toys
- Poly-fil or stuffing of choice

Gauge

8 rows X 7 Stitches = 2" X 2" Square.

Pattern used for gauge: Single Crochet

Sizes

Finished Fish measures 7.5 inches X 6.5 inches.

Abbreviations

BLO- Back Loops Only

FSC – Foundation Single Crochet

SC- Single Crochet

SLST – Slip Stitch

ST(S) – Stitch(es)

SK – Skip

Notes

This pattern is worked in a round from the nose of the fish to the tail fin. This is a beginner friendly pattern featuring the opportunity to practice color changes and increase stitches. I hope you'll enjoy.

Special Stitches

MAGIC LOOP



Loop yarn around finger with running yarn over the end.



Pull up a loop.



Yarn over and pull through.



Single crochet 6



Pull end string to tighten snugly.



Magic loop made.

Pattern Instructions

FISH BODY: MAKE 1

Rnd 1: Fish Body: (Make 1)

Rnd 1: Starting with Denim colored yarn, 6 SC in magic loop. Pull snugly to close the loop. (6)

Rnd 2-3: 2 SC in each ST around. (12)

Rnd 4: *SC in next 2 ST, then 2 SC in next ST.**

Repeat from * to ** around. (16)

Rnd 5: SC in each ST around. (16)

Rnd 6: *SC in the next 3 ST, then 2 SC in next ST.**

Repeat from * to ** around. (20)

Rnd 7: SC in each ST around. Color change to Green yarn at the end of the last stitch of the round, but don't fasten off. Leave the denim yarn attached at the back of the work. (20)

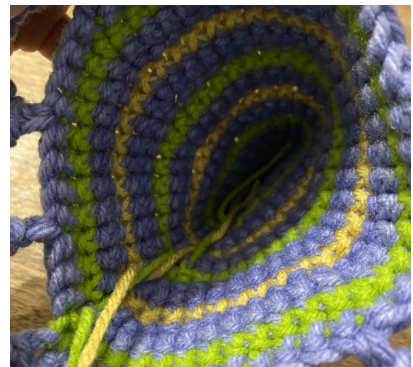
Rnd 8: *SC in next 4 ST, 2 SC in next ST.** Repeat from * to ** around. Color change to Denim at the end of last stitch of the round but don't fasten off green. Leave green attached at back of the work. (24)

Rnd 9: SC in Back Loops Only(BLO) of each stitch of the round. (24)

Rnd 10: *SC in next 5 ST, 2 SC in next ST.** Repeat from * to ** around. Color change to Mustard at the end of the last stitch of the round but don't fasten off, leave the mustard yarn attached at the back of the work. (28)

Rnd 11: SC in each ST around. Color change to Denim at the end of the last stitch of the round. (28)

Rnd 12: *SC in BLO of next 6 ST, 2 SC in next ST.** Repeat around. (32)



Inside view of color changes.

Pattern Instructions

Rnd 13: SC in each ST around. Color change to Green, leaving denim attached at back of work. (32)

Rnd 14: *SC in next 7 ST, 2 SC in next ST.** Repeat from * to ** around. Color change to Denim, leaving Green attached at the back of the work. (36)

Rnd 15: In BLO, SC in each ST around. (36)

Rnd 16: *SC in next 8 ST, 2 SC in next ST.** Repeat from * to ** around. Color change to Mustard, leaving Denim attached at the back of the work. (40)

Rnd 17: SC in each ST around. Color change to Denim and fasten off Mustard leaving a 20 inch long free end.

Rnd 18: *In BLO, SC in next 9 ST, 2 SC in next ST.** Repeat from * to ** around. (44)

Rnd 19: SC in each ST around. Color change to Green, leaving Denim attached at back of the work. (44)

Rnd 20: *SC in next 10 ST, 2 SC in next ST.** Repeat from * to ** around. Color change to Denim at the end of last stitch of the round. Fasten off Green, leaving a 20 inch free end. (48)

Rnd 21: In BLO, SC in each ST around. (48)

Rnd 22: *CH 8, Skip next 3 SC, then SC in 4th SC.** Repeat from * to ** around. After working all the way around, SC into base of the first chain stitch of the round.

Pattern Instructions

Rnd 23: * Slip stitch into the first CH 8 Space. 10 SC in CH 8 Space. ** Repeat from * to ** around, crocheting 10 SC in each CH 8 space. At the end of the round, SL ST into first ST of the round. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for stitching. (About 30 inches.)

Back Fin (Make 1)

Rnd 1: Using Mustard yarn, 6 SC in magic loop. Pull snugly to close the loop. (6)

Rnd 2: 2 SC in each ST around. (12)

Rnd 3: *SC in next ST, 2 SC in next ST.** Repeat from * to ** around. (18)

Rnd 4: SC in each ST around. (18)

Rnd 5: *SC in next 2 ST, 2 SC in next ST. ** Repeat from * to ** around. (24)

Rnd 6: SC in each ST around. (24)

Rnd 7: * SC in next 3 ST, 2 SC in next ST.** Repeat from * to ** around. (30)

Rnd 8: SC in each ST around. (30) Fasten off and weave in ends.

Side Fin (Make 2)

Rnd 1: With Green yarn, 6 SC in a magic loop. Pull snugly to close the loop. (6)

Rnd 2: *SC in next ST, 2 SC in next ST.** Repeat from * to ** around. (9)

Rnd 3: SC in each ST around. (9)

Rnd 4: *SC in next 2 ST, 2 SC in next ST.** Repeat from * to ** around. (12)



Side Fin Placement



Eye Placement

Pattern Instructions

Rnd 5: SC in each ST around.(12) Fasten off and weave in ends.

Assembly: Fold the fish body in half along the color changes. Lay the fish body flat and mark the placement of the eyes. I put the eyes in round 8, matching the height of each eye on both sides of the fish. Now stitch the side fins in place using a yarn needle and the long tail of yarn. Stitch fins at equal height on each side of the fish. I put the fins in round 13. Now, using fiberfil, stuff the body of the fish firmly. Using a yarn needle, begin to sew the back seam of the fish. Join the back fin in the same seam as the back seam to stitch the back fin into place. Finally, cut a piece of each color of yarn 5 inches long and thread it through the bottom of the fish near the back seam for a trailing fin. Knot in place to secure.



Stitch Back edge of body to Center.



Stitch tail fin in same stitch as the back edge.

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My name is Abby Holmgren and Briarberry Farmhouse is where I share my ideas and creativity. Like you, I love to crochet and create in my world and I can't imagine a better gift than something thoughtfully handmade.



Thank you for your commitment to learning the art of crochet. As with almost everything, practice makes perfect and the more I crochet, the more I enjoy it and the better my final results turn out. Keep going!

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A couple of summers ago, I had the opportunity to check a bucket list item off of my list. I wanted to be with my kids when they experienced snorkeling in the ocean for the first time. Seeing their wide eyed excitement and the moments of disbelief at the world just below the surface was such an inspiration to me. The whole flight home I could only think, "how can I remember those moments forever?"

This fish pattern is one of a series of Sea life patterns called Salty Sea that I'm creating for my children as a way to remember this magical experience. I hope you enjoy making these sea creatures and that your little ones will experience the same wonder as mine when they take their first peak under the sea.

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