

Rainbow Minnows



A Crochet Pattern by Abby Holmgren
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Materials

- Bernat baby sport yarn in ecru, and other colors of your choice.
- size 4.5 hook
- small safety eyes
- yarn needle
- Stitch Marker

Gauge

8 stitches X 7 rows= 2"X2" square

Pattern used for Gauge: Single Crochet

Sizes

completed fish measures 3.5"X1.5"

Abbreviations

CH – Chain

FSC – Foundation Single Crochet

HDC – Half-double Crochet

DC – Double Crochet

SC- Single Crochet

SLST – Slip Stitch

ST(S) – Stitch(es)

SK – Skip

Notes

This little fish starts with a magic loop and works up from tip of the nose to the back fin with side fins crocheted as we go. This is a fun pattern to practice increase stitches, color changes and decrease stitches. I hope you will enjoy making them.

Special Stitches

MAGIC LOOP



Create a loop.



insert hook into loop, yarn over, and pull up a loop.



Yarn over and pull through.



Single crochet 6 working over the loop and loose end of yarn.



Pull loose end snugly to close.



Magic loop made.

Pattern Instructions

BODY:

Rnd 1: 6 SC in Magic Loop. Pull snugly to close. (6)

Rnd 2: Use a Stitch marker to place in first ST to signal the beginning of the round. *SC in next ST, 2 SC in next ST. ** Repeat from * to ** around. (9)

Rnd 3: Move Stitch marker to beginning stitch of this round and in each beginning stitch of the next rounds. SC in each ST around. (9)

Rnd 4: *SC in next ST, 2 SC in next ST. ** Repeat from * to ** around. (15)

Rnd 5: SC in each ST around, color change to yellow at the last pull through of the last ST of the round. (15)

Rnd 6-7: SC in each ST around. Color change to blue at the last pull through of the last stitch of the round. ((15)

Rnd 8: SC in each ST around. (15)

BODY, CONTINUED

Rnd 9: This stitch we will crochet the side fins in the round. SC in next 3 ST, CH 4, SC in second chain from hook and in the next 2 Chains. Fin made. Now SC in next 9 ST. CH 4, SC in second chain from hook and in next 2 Chains. Second fin made. SC in last 3 ST of round.

Rnd 10: SC in next 3 SC. Now, skip the fin by crocheting in the next ST of the round after the fin. Continue to SC around skipping the foundation stitch of the second fin also. Because we skipped two ST for this round we will have a ST count of 13 now. (13)

Rnd 11: SC in each ST around. Color change to Pink at the last pull through of the last ST of the round. (13)

Rnd 12: SC in each ST around. Color change to Ecru at the last pull through of the last ST of the round. (13) Place safety eyes between rows 4 and 5 aligned with fins on both sides.

Rnd 13: SC in next 2 ST, Decrease. SC in next 5 ST, Decrease, SC in next 2 ST. (11)



Crochet around, skipping the stitches that make up the fins to allow them to hang free.



Eye placement, lined up with the side fins.

BODY, CONTINUED

Rnd 14: SC in each ST around. (11)

Rnd 15: *SC in next 2 ST, decrease.** Repeat twice more.
SC in last 2 ST of round. Stuff firmly with fiberfill.

Rnd 16: *SC in next ST, Decrease.** Repeat 2 more times.
SC in last St. (7)

Rnd 17: 2 SC in each ST around. (14)

Rnd 18-20: SC in each ST around. (14) Fasten off, leaving
a long tail for Stitching. Fold tail flat. Using a yarn
needle, stitch tail closed.





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. My name is Abby Holmgren and like you, I love to create using the art of crochet. I love toymaking and other crocheting and sewing arts and Briarberry Farmhouse is where I share ideas and inspiration. Stop by sometime for your next project at Briarberryfarmhouse.com.



Thank you for your dedication to creating something handmade and thank you so much for giving this Pepper Fox pattern a try. I hope you'll find the pattern easy to understand and that it might be one you make again and again .

Abby

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I learned to crochet from my Grandma Sherrie when I was 8 years old. Learning new stitches and making washrags and hotpads was just a chance to spend time with my Grandma then. Something happened as I continued to crochet into adulthood. I developed a love for crocheting and handmade creating.

These little Rainbow Minnows are part of a series of toys that you can make for your family and friends. I loved changing the colors to make them into a school of rainbows and I hope you will enjoy making them too. Visit Briarberryfarmhouse.com for more crochet patterns and a few sewing ones too.