

Freckles the Trout



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Materials

- Red Heart Super Saver yarn in Sage, Ecrú, and Light Brown.
- Big Twist Yarn in Watermelon
- Size 3.5 mm E4 crochet hook
- Safety eyes
- Yarn needle
- Fiberfil, or stuffing of choice

Gauge

9 stitches X 10 Rows = 2"x2" Square

Pattern used for gauge: Single Crochet

Sizes

Finished Fish measures 4.25 inches long
by 3 inches tall.

Abbreviations

CH – Chain

FSC – Foundation Single Crochet

HDC – Half-double Crochet

DC – Double Crochet

SLST – Slip Stitch

SC – Single Crochet

ST(S) – Stitch(es)

SK – Skip

Notes

Let's go fishing! This beginner friendly amigurumi Rainbow trout is designed as a pattern for new crocheters to practice single crochet skills and following a pattern. We will also practice a Decrease stitch. The pattern begins at the nose of the fish and works up to the back fin in one piece. Under fins and dorsal fin are crocheted separately and stitched to the body.

Special Stitches

MAGIC LOOP



Make a loop



Insert hook into the loop and pull up a loop.



Yarn over and pull through the loop on the hook.



Now, Single crochet around the loop.



Make 6 Single crochets around the loop.



Pull loose end snugly to close the loop.

Notes

In Rnd 16, we will be practicing the decrease stitch. This stitch helps us turn two stitches into one stitch and in this case it helps us to create the narrow part of the fish between the body and the tail. You can do it! Follow along below.

Special Stitches

DECREASE STITCH



Insert hook into the next stitch.



Pull up a loop.



Insert hook into the next stitch.



Yarn over and pull up a loop. Now you should have 3 loops on the hook.



Yarn over one more time.

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Pull through all three loops on the hook. One Decrease Stitch made.

Pattern Instructions

BODY

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

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

Rnd 4: *SC in the next ST, then 2 SC in next ST.**
Repeat from * to ** 5 more times. (18)

Rnd 5: SC in each ST around. (18)

Rnd 6: *SC in the next ST, then 2 SC in the next ST.**
Repeat from * to ** 5 more times. (24)

Rnd 7-15: SC in each ST around. Place Safety eyes on both sides of body between rows 6 and 7. (24)

Rnd 16: Decease over the next two stitches. Repeat around. Now you should have 12 Decrease Stitches. (12)

Rnd 17: SC in each ST around. (12) Stuff firmly with fiberfl.

Rnd 18: 2 SC in each ST around. (24)

Rnd 19-22: SC in each ST around. (24)

Fasten off leaving a long tail for stitching. Stitch the tail closed at the back edge.



Eye Placement



Stitch the top fin centered between the eyes on the fishes back.

SIDE FINS: MAKE 2

Rnd 1: With Ecu Yarn, Ch 5, turn.

Rnd 2: SC in second CH from the hook. DC in the next 2 CH, SC in the last CH. (4)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for stitching the fin to the body.

Stitch the fin to the under belly of the fish beneath the eyes on both sides.



TOP FIN: MAKE 1

Rnd 1: With Sage yarn, CH 7, turn.

Rnd 2: SC in the second CH from the hook. HDC in the next CH, 2 DC in the next CH, HDC in the next CH, SC in the next CH,

Fasten off leaving a long tail for Stitching.

Stitch the Fin to the top of the fish with the fin centered down it's back.

Embroider the details:

Now you can have some fun embroidering a few details. Embroider a watermelon colored stripe on the sides of the fish to make it a Rainbow Trout, Stitch a frowny face with brown yarn and add some freckles to make it your own.

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Hello! My name is Abby Holmgren and, like you, I love to create using crochet. As a Mom, I love toymaking and the love and thoughtfulness that goes into making something special for my little people. I found out as they grew that they like to make toys too!



This pattern is meant to be a beginner crochet toy pattern for children but it will still be a challenging project for those just starting out. I hope that as you keep practicing you'll see that just like everything else, practice makes perfect and what was once difficult will become easy.

Abby

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One of my favorite parts of crocheting is teaching people who are new learners some of the basic stitches and helping them to create a new project. It has been one of my dreams to develop a series of patterns appropriate for these excited new crocheters. This series is called Summer Camp because of my hope that these patterns will attract some of our young crochet friends, the kids! I love the idea that everyone, even kids can enjoy learning the fun art of crocheting and end up with a crocheted item to play with or display. To find the other patterns in this series, visit Briarberryfarmhouse.com. I hope you'll enjoy making the whole series and that you'll share the site with your crocheting friends. Thank you for your dedication to creating something handmade and unique!