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## Little Blue Whale -小鲸鱼



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## Designer:

- ♥ 临来老师

## Materials:

- ♥ DK, 8-ply yarn or equivalent in blue colour
- ♥ 2-ply or 4-ply yarn or equivalent in white colour
- ♥ 1.25 mm to 2.5 mm crochet hook
- ♥ Poly-Fil
- ♥ Safety eyes or craft eyes of your choice
- ♥ Pipe cleaners or soft wire
- ♥ Yarn needle

## Abbreviation key:

- ♥ ch = chain
- ♥ sc = single crochet
- ♥ hdc = half double crochet
- ♥ dc = double crochet
- ♥ tr = treble crochet
- ♥ st(s) = stitch or stitches
- ♥ inc = increase (make 2 sts in one st)
- ♥ dec = invisible decrease (insert hook in the front loops of the next 2 sts, yarn over, pull through first 2 loops, yarn over, pull through both loops)
- ♥ sl st = slip stitch
- ♥ sk = skip stitch
- ♥ MR = magic ring
- ♥ YO = yarn over
- ♥ FO = finish off
- ♥ FLO = front loop only
- ♥ BLO = back loop only
- ♥ [ ] = follow step(s) inside and repeat the number of times as indicated

## Gauge:

- ♥ Gauge is not critical as long as consistent tension is applied

## Notes:

- ♥ The whale is started using a magic ring and **worked in joined rounds. Start every round with a Ch 1. End every round with sl st to the first sc. Ch 1 and start in the same stitch.**
- ♥ If you are not familiar with the magic ring, you may wish to start with ch 2 and crochet the indicated number of sts into the 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from the hook.
- ♥ The whale is made from its head towards the tail. There are 2 parts to the water sprout. It is made separately and attached onto the whale.
- ♥ Optional: You may insert pipe cleaners into the tail portion to prop it in an upward position.

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## Whale body

Using yarn in blue colour,

Round 1: 7 sc in MR = 7 sts

Round 2: inc x 7 = 14 sts

Round 3: ( sc, inc ) x 7 = 21 sts

Round 4: ( 2 sc, inc ) x 7 = 28 sts

Round 5: ( 3 sc, inc ) x 7 = 35 sts

Round 6: ( 2 sc, inc, 2 sc ) x 7 = 42 sts

Round 7: ( 5 sc, inc ) x 7 = 49 sts

Round 8-15: sc around = 49 sts

Round 16: ( 5 sc, dec ) x 7 = 42 sts

Round 17: ( 2 sc, dec, 2 sc ) x 7 = 35 sts

Round 18: ( 3 sc, dec ) x 7 = 28 sts

Round 19-20: sc around = 28 sts

Round 21: ( 2 sc, dec ) x 7 = 21 sts

Round 22-23: sc around = 21 sts

Round 24: ( sc, dec ) x 7 = 14 sts

Round 25-26: sc around = 14 sts

Round 27: dec x 7 = 7 sts

Round 28-29: sc around = 7 sts

Round 30: inc x 7 = 14 sts

Round 31: ( 3 sc, hdc inc, 2 dc inc, hdc inc ) x 2 = 22 sts

Round 30: ( 3 sc, 2 hdc, 4 dc, 2 hdc ) x 2, FO = 22 sts *[note: leave a long tail for sewing]*

♥ **Optional:** You may wish to insert pipe cleaners or soft wire into the tail to shape it in such a way that it looks like its propped up.

## Water sprout *[note: two parts to the sprout. FO part 1 and join with Round 5 of part 2]*

### Part 1

Using yarn in white colour,

- Round 1: 6 sc in MR = 6 sts
- Round 2: inc x 6 = 12 sts
- Round 3: sc around = 12 sts
- Round 4: ( 2 sc, dec ) x 3 = 9 sts
- Round 5: sc around = 9 sts
- Round 6: ( sc, dec ) x 3, FO = 6 sts

### Part 2

Using yarn in white colour,

- Round 1: 6 sc in MR = 6 sts
- Round 2: ( sc, inc ) x 3 = 9 sts
- Round 3: sc around = 9 sts
- Round 4: ( sc, dec ) x 3 = 6 sts
- Round 5: 4 sc ( do not crochet on the remaining 2 sts ), join Part 1 and crochet 4 sc (do not crochet on remaining 2 sts of part 2) = 8 sts
- Round 6: ( 2 sc, dec ) x 2 = 6 sts
- Round 7: dec x 6, FO = 6 sts *[note: leave a long tail for attaching the sprout to the whale]*

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