



Trained SEAL TOY

The kids (and you?) are sure to have a ball playing with this cute circus performer.

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What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Soft, 5oz/140g balls, each approx 256yd/234m (acrylic)

- 1 ball #9440 Light Grey Heather (A)
- 1 ball #9925 Really Red (B)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size F/5 (3.75mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Small amount of black #3 Pearl Cotton (for nose and mouth)
- Small amount of ecru #3 Pearl Cotton (for whiskers)
- 2 black shank buttons (for eyes)—9mm diameter
- Fiberfill stuffing
- Stitch marker
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Easy



the yarn 

Soft Yarn in Light Grey Heather



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Seal measures approx. 12.5"/32cm long.

GAUGE

Rounds 1–7 measure about 4"/10cm around.

Gauge is not critical for this project.

NOTES

1 Body and tail are worked in continuous rounds. Do not join and do not turn at the end of rounds.

2 Stuff body and tail as work progresses.

HEAD AND BODY

Head

Beginning at tip of nose, with A, ch 2.

Round 1 (right side) 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook; do not join, work in continuous rounds—6 sc. Place a marker for beginning of round and move marker up as work progresses.

Round 2 Sc in each sc around.

Round 3 [Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 2 times—8 sc.

Round 4 [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 4 times—12 sc.

Round 5 [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—18 sc.

Round 6 Sc in each sc around.

Round 7 [Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—24 sc.

Round 8 Sc in each sc around.

Round 9 [Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—30 sc.

Round 10 Sc in each sc around.

Round 11 [Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—36 sc.

Round 12 Sc in each sc around.

Round 13 [Sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—42 sc.

Rounds 14–20 Sc in each sc around.

Shape Neck

Round 21 [Sc in next sc, sc2tog] 14 times—28 sc.

Round 22 Sc in each sc around.

Body

Round 23 [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 14 times—42 sc.

Round 24 [Sc in next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—48 sc.

Rounds 25–43 Sc in each sc around.

Round 44 [Sc in next 6 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—42 sc.

Round 45 [Sc in next 5 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—36 sc.

Round 46 [Sc in next 4 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—30 sc.

Round 47 [Sc in next 3 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—24 sc.

Round 48 [Sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—18 sc.

Round 49 [Sc in next sc, sc2tog] 6 times—12 sc.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Finish stuffing body. Weave tail through stitches of last round and pull to gather. Secure and weave in end.

TAIL

With A, ch 6.

Round 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 ch, 3 sc in last ch; working across opposite side of foundation ch, sc in next 3 ch, 2 sc in last ch, do not join, work in continuous rounds—12 sc. Place a marker for beginning of round and move marker up as work progresses.

Rounds 2–11 Sc in each sc around.

Rounds 12–20 Repeat Rounds 5–13 of Body—42 sc at end of Round 20.

Round 21 Sc in each sc around.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Stuff piece. With tail, sew opening (Round 21) in place around back of body, so the tail is sticking up.

TAIL FIN (MAKE 2)

With A, ch 10.

Row 1 (wrong side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 5 ch, hdc in next 3 ch—9 sts.

Row 2 (right side) Ch 2 (does not count as a st), turn, working in BL, hdc in next 3 sts, sc in last 6 sts.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn, sc in next 6 sts, hdc in last 3 sts.

Rows 4–13 Repeat Rows 2 and 3 five times.

Row 14 Repeat Row 2.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Fold piece

in half, bringing foundation ch and last row together. With tail, sew edges together and wide end closed, leaving narrow end open. Do not stuff. Gather narrow end slightly and sew in place on one side of end of tail. Repeat for other tail fin and sew to opposite side of end of tail.

SIDE FIN (MAKE 2)

With A, ch 14.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 7 ch, hdc in last 5 ch—13 sts.

Row 2 Ch 2, turn, hdc in next 5 sts, sc in last 8 sts.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn, sc in next 8 sts, hdc in last 5 sts.

Rows 4–11 Repeat Rows 2 and 3 four times.

Row 12 Repeat Row 2.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Fold piece in half, bringing foundation ch and last row together.

With tail, sew edges together and wide end closed, leaving narrow end open. Do not stuff. Gather narrow end slightly and sew in place on one side of body. Repeat for other side fin and sew to opposite side of body.

TUTU

With B, ch 49.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—48 sc.

First Ruffle

Row 2 Ch 3 (counts as first dc), turn, working

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in FL, 2 dc in first sc, 3 dc in each remaining sc across—144 dc.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn, hdc in each dc across; working down side of piece, sl st in side of next dc row, sl st in unworked BL of last st of Row 1.

Second Ruffle

Row 4 Do not turn, work in unused BL of Row 1, ch 3, 2 dc in same BL as last sl st made, 3 dc in each BL across.

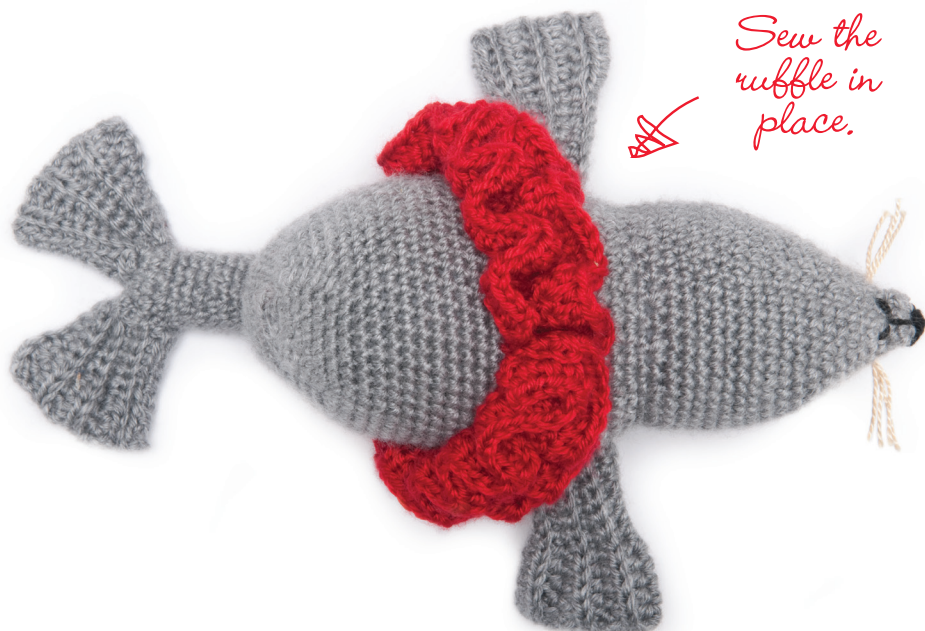
Row 5 Ch 1, turn, hdc in each dc across. Fasten off, leaving a long tail. With tail, sew tutu around waist of seal.

FINISHING

Sew buttons on to face, near Rounds 7 or 8, for eyes. With black Pearl Cotton, embroider satin st nose and straight st mouth.

Whiskers Cut 4 strands of ecru Pearl Cotton, 10"/25.5cm long. Hold 2 strands together and fold in half, forming a loop at folded end. Insert crochet hook around a stitch near nose, and then insert hook into loop of cotton. Draw loop through. Insert ends of strands into loop and pull to tighten. Repeat to attach whiskers on other side of nose. Trim whiskers, as needed.

Weave in any remaining ends. ☀



Tip

If you use safety eyes instead of buttons, attach them between Rounds 7 and 8, after Round 13 is completed.