



EASY CROCHET STINGRAYS



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Abbreviations:

dc – double crochet

hdc – half double crochet

trb – treble

dtrb – double treble

tptrb – triple treble

inc – increase

invdec – invisible decrease (insert hook, yarn over, insert hook in next dc yarn over, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops)

ch - chain

Magic loop – this starting method gives a neat finish.

You will need

3mm hook

1 x 100g dk yarn main colour

1 x 50g dk bottom colour

1 x 25g dk spots

Toy stuffing

12mm eyes

White thread for eyes

Notes: this pattern is made using the amigurumi method by working in continuous rounds without closing off each round, therefore I recommend you use a stitch marker on the first stitch of each round moving it up as you work.

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BODY (make 2 – one in main colour and one in bottom colour)

Chain 7

Row 1: starting in the third ch from hook hdc in every st (5 sts), ch 2, turn

Row 2: 1 x inc, 3 x hdc, 1 x inc (7 sts), ch 2, turn

Row 3: 1 x inc, 2 x hdc, 1 x inc, 2 x hdc, 1 x inc (10 sts) ch 2, turn

Row 4: 1 x inc, 8 x hdc, 1 x inc (12 sts) ch2, turn

Row 5: 1 x inc, 3 x hdc, 1 x inc, 2 x hdc, 1 x inc, 3 x hdc, 1 x inc (16 sts) ch 2, turn

Row 6: 1 x inc, 14 x hdc, 1 x inc (18 sts) ch 2, turn

Row 7: 1 x inc, 16 x hdc, 1 x inc (20 sts) ch 2, turn

Row 8: 1 x inc, 18 x hdc, 1 x inc (22 sts) ch2, turn

Row 9: 1 x inc, 20 x hdc, 1 x inc (24 sts) ch 2, turn

Row 10: 1 x inc, 22 x hdc, 1 x inc (26 sts) ch 2, turn

Row 11: 1 x inc, 24 x hdc, 1 x inc (28 sts) ch 2, turn

Row 12: 1 x inc, 26 x hdc, 1 x inc (30 sts) ch 2, turn

Row 13: 1 x inc, 28 x hdc, 1 x inc (32 sts) ch 2, turn

Row 14: 1 x inc, 30 x hdc, 1 x inc (34 sts) ch 2, turn

Row 15: 1 x inc, 32 x hdc, 1 x inc (36 sts) ch 2, turn

Row 16: 1 x inc, 34 x hdc, 1 x inc (38 sts) ch 2, turn

Row 17: 1 x inc, 36 x hdc, 1 x inc (40 sts) ch 2, turn

Row 18: 1 x inc, 38 x hdc 1 x inc (42 sts) ch 2, turn

Row 19: 1 x inc, 40 x hdc, 1 x inc (44 sts) ch 2, turn

Row 20: 1 x invdec, 40 x hdc, 1 x dec (42 sts) ch 2, turn

Row 21: 1 x hdc in every stitch (42 sts) ch 2, turn

Row 22: 1 x invdec, 38 x hdc, 1 x invdec (40 sts) ch 1, turn

Row 23: 1 x invdec, 1 x dc, 6 x hdc, 6 x trb, 4 x dtrb, 2 x tptrb, 4 x dtrb, 6 x trb, 6 x hdc, 1 x dc, 1 x invdec (38 sts), ch 1, turn

Row 24: 1 x invdec, 1 x dc, 5 x hdc, 8 x trb, 5 x dtrb, 8 x trb, 6 x hdc, 1 dc, 1 x invdec (36 sts) ch 1, turn

Row 25: 1 x invdec, 5 x dc, 8 x hdc, 5 x trb, 8 x hdc, 6 x dc, 1 x invdec (34 sts) ch 1, turn

Row 26: 1 x invdec, 8 x dc, 14 x hdc, 8 x dc, 1 x invdec (32 sts)

Leave the main one attached to the yarn. Fasten off the bottom one.

Place the eyes on the main colour part. Approx between the 5th and 6th row and 6 sts apart.

Using the yarn still attached to the blue body and with right side facing dc around the edges of both the bodies. Leave a gap to stuff then continue until closed.

EYE LIDS (make 2)

Using main colour chain 6 sts

Row 1: starting 2nd chain from hook dc in remaining sts (5 sts)

Row 2: 2 x dc, 1 x inc, 2 x dc (6 sts)

Fasten off, fold in half lengthwise and sew then sew above the eyes.

Using white sew a couple of lines of white right under the eyelids.



FRONT PRONGS (make 2)

Using main colour make a magic ring with 3 sts

Round 1: 1 x inc, 1 x dc, 1 x inc (5 sts)

Round 2: dc in every st (5 sts)

Round 3: (1 x inc, 1 x dc) x 2, 1 x inc (8 sts)

Round 4: (1 x inc, 2 x dc) x 2, 1 x inc, 1 x dc (11 sts)

Round 5: (1 x inc, 2 x dc) x 3, 2 x dc (14 sts)

Round 6 & 7: dc in every st (14 sts)

Fasten off

Add a little bit of stuffing. Sew up the end and then sew onto to the body.

TAIL

Using main colour make a magic ring with 4 sts

Round 1: (1 x inc, 1 x dc) x 2 (6 sts)

Round 2: (1 x inc, 1 x dc) x 3 (9 sts)

Round 3: (1 x inc, 1 x dc) x 4, 1 x dc (13 sts)

Round 4 to 23: dc in every st (13 sts)

Fasten off, stuff, sew up the end and sew into the centre of the body at the back.



SPOTS (make 8)

Using your spot colour make a magic ring with 5 sts

Round 1: inc in every st (10 sts)

Round 2: (1 x inc, 1 x dc) x 5 (15 sts)

Fasten off. Sew them onto the top of the body as shown in picture

Finishing touch: using black yarn turn your stingray over so you see the white belly. Sew on three lines for its gills. See picture for reference

