



Blacktip Reef Shark

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Skill Level

-Beginner/Easy-

Finished Size

15.24 cm / 6 in

Supplies and Materials

Yarn

- Universal Yarn Bella Chenille 100% Polyester
Super Bulky Weight 100 g (3.5) oz / 120 m
(131 yds)
-Misty 119
-Black 112
-Snowy 101

Hook Size: 3.25 mm

Safety Eyes 14 mm

Polyester Fiber Filling

Embroidery Needle

Scissors

Stitch Markers

Sewing Pins

Abbreviations

The stitches in this pattern are worked in UK Terms

- MC = Magic Circle
- ST or STS = Stitch/es
- SLST = Slip Stitch
- CH = Chain
- DC = Double Crochet
- Htr = Half Treble Crochet
- Tr = Treble Crochet
- Dc2inc = Work 2 double crochet into the next stitch to increase
- Dc2tog = Work 2 double crochet stitches together to decrease
- () = Repeated/Stitch Count

SHARK BODY

Using Misty colour yarn, work all stitches in a round from front to back.

Stuff as you crochet.

Row 1: Ch 5, turn dc in the 2nd ch from hook, dc 2, dc3inc in the last ch, turn, dc 3, dc3inc in the last ch (12 sts).

Round 2: Dc 3, (dc2inc) 3 times, dc 3, (dc2inc) 3 times (18 sts).

Round 3: Dc 5, (dc2inc) 3 times, dc 5, (dc2inc) 3 times, dc 2 (24 sts).

Round 4: Dc 6, (dc2inc, dc) twice, dc2inc, dc 5, (dc2inc, dc) twice, dc2inc, dc 3 (30 sts).

Rounds 5-6: Dc in each st around (30 sts).

Please Note: Mark stitches 10 and 23 in round 5. These will be the 2 stitches where you place the safety eyes later in the pattern.

Rounds 7-11: Dc in each st around (30 sts).

Place safety eyes on round 5 in the marked stitches, with 10 visible stitches between them. If the safety eyes are not parallel with the with the starting row, adjust them up or down by a 1-2 stitches to get the correct placement.

Round 12: (Dc 3, dc2tog) 6 times (24 sts).

Rounds 13-14: Dc in each st around (24 sts).

Round 15: (Dc, dc2tog, dc) 6 times (18 sts).

Round 16: Dc in each st around (18 sts).

Round 17: (Dc, dc2tog) 6 times (12 sts).

Pinch the opening closed, if the seam is not centered with the middle of the safety eyes, add or subtract 1-2 stitches.

Dc through both sides with 6 dc and close the opening, ch, turn (6 sts).

The next instructions will be on how to crochet in the rows of the shark's body to make the back fin.

Row 1: Dc2inc, dc 4, dc2inc, ch, turn (8 sts).

Row 2: Dc2inc, dc 6, dc2inc, ch, turn (10 sts).

Row 3: Dc2inc, dc 3, (dc2tog) twice, dc, dc2inc, ch, turn (10 sts).

Row 4: Dc 3, dc2tog, dc 5 (9 sts).

Fasten off and weave in the ends.

The next instructions will add the black around the back fin.

Add black yarn to the side of the back fin at the first stitch of row 3. Then working along row 4 of the back fin (dc, htr, dc) in the corner st, dc 8 along the next sts, (dc, htr, dc) in the corner stitch, dc down the last side of the back fin.

Fasten off and weave in the ends.

SIDE FINS

Crochet each fin onto the sides of the shark's body using Misty colour yarn, work all stitches in a row.

Work the stitches of row 1 along rounds 8- 12 in a straight line 2 stitches below the safety eyes.

FIN 1

Row 1: Dc, htr 2, (tr, ch 2, slst in the 2nd ch from hook, htr) in the same st, dc (6 sts).

Fasten off and weave in the ends.

FIN 2

Flip the shark upside down before stating row 1. This ensures that both fins are shaped the same way.

Row 1: Dc, htr 2, (tr, ch 2, slst in the 2nd ch from hook, htr) in the same st, dc (6 sts).

Fasten off and weave in the ends.

The next instructions will add the black around the side fins.

Add black yarn to the first stitch of the side fin with a dc, dc 3, (dc, ch, dc) in the corner st, dc 3 along the back of the fin (9 sts).

Fasten off and weave in the ends.

TOP FIN

Using Misty colour yarn, work all stitches in a row. Work the stitches in row 1 along rounds 9- 13 in a straight line.

Row 1: Dc, htr 2, tr, (dtr, ch 2, slst in the 2nd ch from hook, tr) in the same st, htr, dc (8 sts).

Fasten off and weave in the ends.

The next instructions will add the black around the top fin.

Add black yarn to the first stitch of the top fin with a dc, dc 4, (dc, ch, dc) in the corner st, dc 3 along the back of the fin (10 sts).

Fasten off and weave in the ends.

EYE DETAILS

Using white coloured yarn, push the needle through the bottom of the head and out at the outside of the first eye (I tend to use the needle with a sharp tip). Then insert your needle back through the front, bottom corner of the eye. Pull the needle through the bottom of the head and out the stitch you entered. This adds a stripe to the lower portion of the eye. Tie the ends together and hide them inside the head. Then repeat the steps for the second eye.