



# PLAYFUL DOLPHIN

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THE DESIGN DETAIL IN THIS ADORABLE LITTLE DOLPHIN IS SO REALISTIC THAT, IF MADE TO SCALE, HE WOULD LOOK VERY LIFELIKE! HIS COLORFUL LITTLE BALL GIVES HIM A FUN, PLAYFUL LOOK.

**SKILL LEVEL**  INTERMEDIATE

**FINISHED SIZE**

12½ inches long

**MATERIALS**

- Pisgah Yarn & Dyeing Co. medium (worsted) weight cotton yarn (2½ oz/122 yds/71g per ball):  
1 ball each #69 silver grey, #1 white and #2 black
- Size H/8/5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle
- Fiberfill



**GAUGE**

4 sc = 1 inch; 5 sc rows = 1 inch

**PATTERN NOTES**

Work stitches tightly to create a firm fabric through which the stuffing will not show.

Join with slip stitch as indicated unless otherwise stated.

**DOLPHIN**

**Body Top**

**Row 1:** Beg at nose, with silver grey, ch 2, sc in 2nd ch from hook, turn. (1 sc)

**Row 2:** Ch 1, 3 sc in sc, turn. (3 sc)

**Rows 3–8:** Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

**Row 9:** Ch 1, 2 sc in first st and in each st across, turn. (6 sc)

**Row 10:** Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in each st across with 2 sc in last st, turn. (8 sc)

**Rows 11 & 12:** Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

**Row 13:** Ch 1, 2 sc in first st and in each st across, turn. (16 sc)

**Rows 14–20:** Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

**Rows 21–25:** Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in each st across with 2 sc in last st, turn. (26 sc at end of last row)

**Right-Side Fin**

**Row 1:** Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in each of next 2 sts, **sc dec** (see *Stitch Guide*) in next 2 sts, leaving rem sts unworked, turn. (5 sc)

**Row 2:** Ch 1, sc dec in first 2 sts, sc in each st across, turn. (4 sc)

**Row 3:** Ch 1, sc in each st across with sc dec in last 2 sts, turn. (3 sc)

**Row 4:** Ch 1, sc dec in first 2 sts, sc in last st, turn. (2 sc)

**Row 5:** Ch 1, sc in each st across. Fasten off.

**Body Top Continued**

**Row 26:** With Right-Side Fin in proper position on the right side of Body, **join** (see *Pattern Notes*) silver grey in next unworked st on row 25, ch 1, sc dec in same st and next st, sc in each of next 12 sts, sc dec in next 2 sts, leaving rem sts unworked. Turn. (14 sc)

**Rows 27–34:** Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

**Row 35:** Ch 1, sc dec in first 2 sts, sc in each st across with sc dec in last 2 sts, turn. (12 sc)

**Rows 36–38:** Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

**Row 39:** Rep row 35. (10 sc)

**Row 40:** Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

**Row 41:** Rep row 35. (8 sc)

**Row 42:** Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

**Row 43:** Rep row 35. (6 sc)

**Rows 44–46:** Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

**Row 47:** Rep row 35. (4 sc)

**Row 48:** Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

**Rows 49–51:** Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in each st across with 2 sc in last st, turn. (10 sc at end of last row)

**Right Tail Fin**

**Row 52:** Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in each of next 4 sts, leaving rem sts unworked, turn. (6 sc)

**Row 53:** Ch 1, sc dec in first 2 sts, sc in each st across with 2 sc in last st, turn.

**Row 54:** Ch 1, sc in each st across with sc dec in last 2 sts, turn. (5 sc)

**Row 55:** Ch 1, sc dec in first 2 sts, sc in each st across with 2 sc in last st, turn.

**Row 56:** Ch 1, sc dec in first 2 sts, sc in next st, sc dec in last 2 sts, turn. (3 sc)

**Row 57:** Ch 1, sc dec in first 2 sts, sc in next st. Leaving long end to sew Body pieces tog, fasten off.

**Left-Side Fin**

**Row 1:** With Right-Side Fin in its proper position, join silver grey in next unworked st on row 25, sc dec in same st and in next st, sc in each st across to last st, 2 sc in last st, turn. (5 sc)

**Row 2:** Ch 1, sc in each st across with sc dec in last 2 sts, turn. (4 sc)

**Row 3:** Ch 1, sc dec in first 2 sts, sc in each st across, turn. (3 sc)

**Row 4:** Ch 1, sc in first st, sc dec in last 2 sts, turn. (2 sc)

**Row 5:** Ch 1, sc in each st across. Fasten off.

**Left Tail Fin**

**Row 1:** With Right Tail Fin in its proper position, join silver grey with sc in next unworked st on row 51 of Body Top, sc in each of next 3 st, 2 sc in last st, turn. (6 sc)

**Row 2:** Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in each st across with sc dec in last 2 sts, turn.

**Row 3:** Ch 1, sc dec in first 2 sts, sc in each st across, turn. (5 sc)

**Row 4:** Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in each st across with sc dec in last 2 sts, turn.

**Row 5:** Ch 1, sc dec in first 2 sts, sc in each st across with sc dec in last 2 sts, turn. (3 sc)

**Row 6:** Ch 1, sc in first st, sc dec in last 2 sts. Fasten off. (2 sc)

**Body Bottom**

**Rows 1–12:** With white, rep rows 1–12 of Body Top.

**Row 13:** Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in each st across with 2 sc in last st, turn. (10 sc)

**Rows 14 & 15:** Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.



**Row 16:** Rep row 13. (12 sc)

**Rows 17–20:** Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

**Rows 21–25:** Rep row 13. (22 sc at end of last row)

### Right-Side Fin

With white, work same as Right-Side Fin on Body Top.

### Body Bottom Continued

**Row 26:** With Right-Side Fin in proper position on the right side of Body, join white with sc in next unworked st on row 25, sc in each of next 11 sts, turn. (12 sc)

**Rows 27–34:** Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

**Row 35:** Ch 1, sc dec in first 2 sts, sc in each st across with sc dec in last 2 sts, turn. (10 sc)

**Rows 36–38:** Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

**Row 39:** Rep row 35. (8 sc)

**Rows 40–42:** Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

**Rows 43–51:** Rep rows 43–51 of Body Top Continued.

### Right Tail Fin

With white, work same as Right Tail Fin on Body Top.

### Left-Side Fin

With white work same as Left-Side Fin on Body Top.

### Left Tail Fin

With white work same as Left Tail Fin on Body Top.

### Dorsal Fin

### Side

### Make 2.

**Row 1:** Beg at base, with silver grey, leaving long end, ch 7, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each across, turn. (6 sc)

**Row 2:** Ch 1, sc dec in first 2 sts, sc in each st across with sc dec in last 2 sts, turn. (4 sc)

**Row 3:** Ch 1, sc dec in first 2 sts, sc in next st, 2 sc in last st, turn.

**Row 4:** Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in next st,

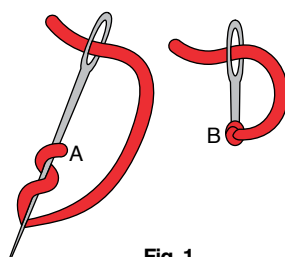
sc dec in last 2 sts, turn.

**Row 5:** Ch 1, sc dec in first 2 sts, sc in next st, 2 sc in last st, turn.

**Row 6:** Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc dec in next 2 sts, leaving last st unworked. Fasten off.

### Finishing

Using **French knots** (see Fig. 1), with black, embroider 3 French knots close tog for each eye 3 sts from each edge of row 14 on Body Top.



**Fig. 1**  
French Knot

Sew Body Top to Body Bottom firmly stuffing as you sew.

Sew Dorsal Fin Sides tog, leaving bottom edge open. Firmly stuff and sew to Body Top with center front of Fin positioned in center of Body Top on row 28.

### BALL

**SKILL LEVEL** INTERMEDIATE

#### FINISHED SIZE

1¾ inches diameter

#### MATERIALS

- Pisgah Yarn & Dyeing Co. medium (worsted) weight cotton yarn (2½ oz/122 yds/71g per ball):  
1 ball each #10 yellow and #19 peacock
- Size H/8/5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle
- Fiberfill
- Stitch marker



#### GAUGE

4 sc = 1 inch; 5 sc rows = 1 inch

#### PATTERN NOTES

Work stitches tightly to create a firm fabric through which the stuffing will not show.

Work in continuous rounds, do not turn or join unless otherwise stated.

Mark first stitch of round.

Join with slip stitch as indicated unless otherwise stated.

### BALL

**Rnd 1:** Wrap yellow around index finger 3 times, leaving 4-inch end, roll yarn from finger, forming ring, insert hook in ring, pull lp through, ch 1, 12 sc in ring, **do not join** (see Pattern Notes), pull 4-inch end to close ring.

**Rnds 2–4:** Sc in each st around and, **at the same time**, evenly sp [2 sc in next st] 3 times on each rnd. At end of last rnd, fasten off. (21 sc at end of last rnd)

**Rnd 5:** Join peacock with sc in any st, sc in each st around. Fasten off.

**Rnd 6:** Join yellow with sc in any st, sc in each st around and at same time, evenly sp [sc dec (see Stitch Guide) in next 2 sts] 3 times. Stuff. (18 sc)

**Rnds 7–9:** Sc in each st around and, **at the same time**, evenly sp [sc dec in next 2 sts] 3 times on each rnd. At end of last rnd, leaving long end, fasten off. Stuff. (9 sc at end of last rnd)

Weave long through top of sts on last rnd, pull to close. Secure and leave long end to attach ball to tip of dolphin's nose.



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# STITCH GUIDE

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## STITCH ABBREVIATIONS

beg	.....begin/begins/beginning
bpdc	.....back post double crochet
bpsc	.....back post single crochet
bptr	.....back post treble crochet
CC	.....contrasting color
ch(s)	.....chain(s)
ch-	.....refers to chain or space previously made (i.e., ch-1 space)
ch sp(s)	.....chain space(s)
cl(s)	.....cluster(s)
cm	.....centimeter(s)
dc	.....double crochet (singular/plural)
dc dec	.....double crochet 2 or more stitches together, as indicated
dec	.....decrease/decreases/decreasing
dtr	.....double treble crochet
ext	.....extended
fpdc	.....front post double crochet
fpsc	.....front post single crochet
fptr	.....front post treble crochet
g	.....gram(s)
hdc	.....half double crochet
hdc dec	.....half double crochet 2 or more stitches together, as indicated
inc	.....increase/increases/increasing
lp(s)	.....loop(s)
MC	.....main color
mm	.....millimeter(s)
oz	.....ounce(s)
pc	.....popcorn(s)
rem	.....remain/remains/remaining
rep(s)	.....repeat(s)
rnd(s)	.....round(s)
RS	.....right side
sc	.....single crochet (singular/plural)
sc dec	.....single crochet 2 or more stitches together, as indicated
sk	.....skip/skipped/skipping
sl st(s)	.....slip stitch(es)
sp(s)	.....space(s)/spaced
st(s)	.....stitch(es)
tog	.....together
tr	.....treble crochet
trtr	.....triple treble
WS	.....wrong side
yd(s)	.....yard(s)
yo	.....yarn over

## YARN CONVERSION

OUNCES TO GRAMS	GRAMS TO OUNCES
1.....28.4	25.....7/8
2.....56.7	40.....1 3/4
3.....85.0	50.....1 3/4
4.....113.4	100.....3 1/2

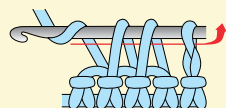
## UNITED STATES

## UNITED KINGDOM

sl st (slip stitch)	=	sc (single crochet)
sc (single crochet)	=	dc (double crochet)
hdc (half double crochet)	=	htr (half treble crochet)
dc (double crochet)	=	tr (treble crochet)
tr (treble crochet)	=	dtr (double treble crochet)
dtr (double treble crochet)	=	ttr (triple treble crochet)
skip	=	miss

### Single crochet decrease (sc dec):

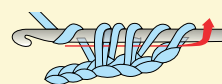
(Insert hook, yo, draw lp through) in each of the sts indicated, yo, draw through all lps on hook.



Example of 2-sc dec

### Half double crochet decrease (hdc dec):

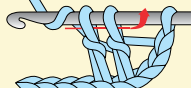
(Yo, insert hook, yo, draw lp through) in each of the sts indicated, yo, draw through all lps on hook.



Example of 2-hdc dec

### Double crochet decrease (dc dec):

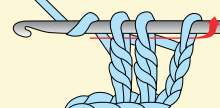
Yo, insert hook, yo, draw loop through, draw through 2 lps on hook) in each of the sts indicated, yo, draw through all lps on hook.



Example of 2-dc dec

### Treble crochet decrease (tr dec):

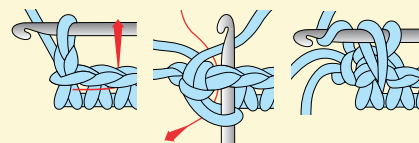
Hold-ing back last lp of each st, tr in each of the sts indicated, yo, pull through all lps on hook.



Example of 2-tr dec

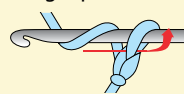
### Reverse Single Crochet (reverse sc):

Ch 1. Skip first st. [Working from left to right, insert hook in next st from front to back, draw up lp on hook, yo, and draw through both lps on hook.]



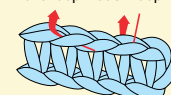
### Chain (ch):

Yo, pull through lp on hook.



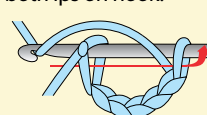
### Front loop (front lp) Back loop (back lp)

Front Loop Back Loop



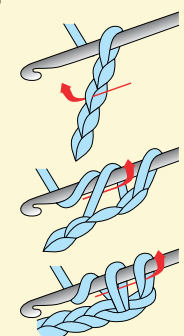
### Slip stitch (sl st):

Insert hook in st, pull through both lps on hook.



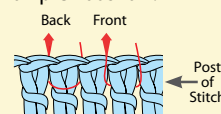
### Single crochet (sc):

Insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, yo, pull through both lps on hook.



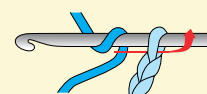
### Front post stitch (fp): Back post stitch (bp):

When working post st, insert hook from right to left around post st on previous row.



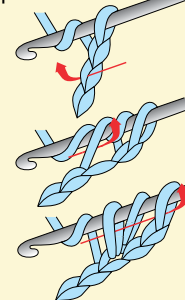
### Chain Color Change (ch color change)

Yo with new color, draw through last lp on hook.



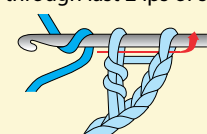
### Half double crochet (hdc):

Yo, insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, yo, pull through all 3 lps on hook.



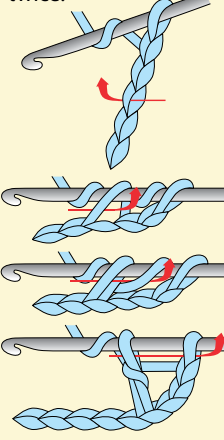
### Double Crochet Color Change (dc color change)

Drop first color, yo with new color, draw through last 2 lps of st.



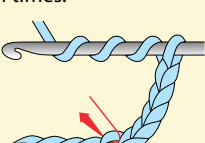
### Double crochet (dc):

Yo, insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, [yo, pull through 2 lps] twice.



### Double treble crochet (dtr):

Yo 3 times, insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, [yo, pull through 2 lps] 4 times.



### Treble crochet (tr):

Yo twice, insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, [yo, pull through 2 lps] 3 times.

