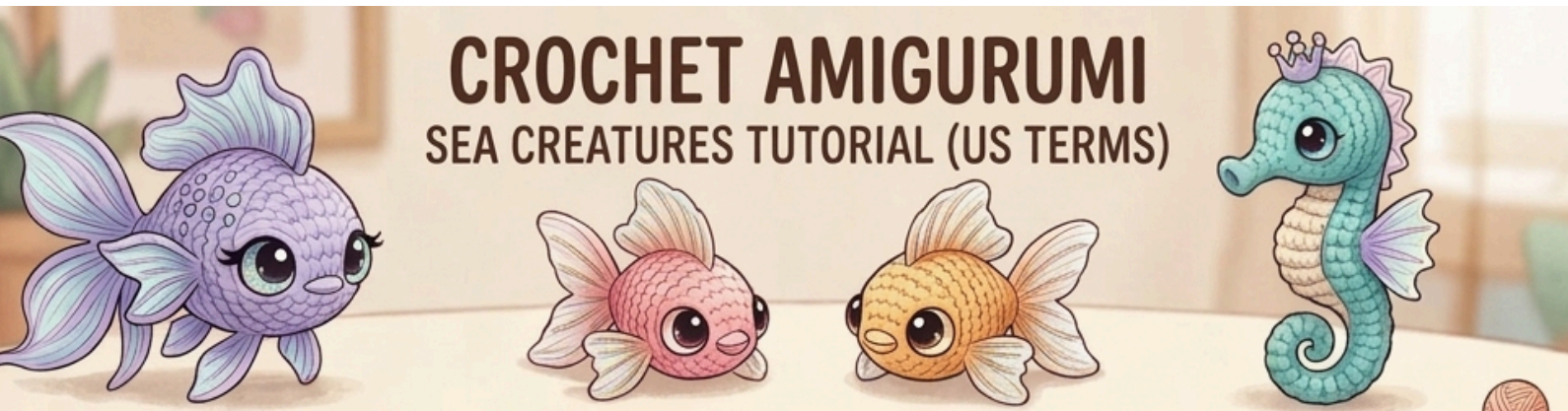


Crochet Amigurumi Sea Creatures – FULL Detailed Tutorial (US Terms)

This is a **highly detailed, beginner-friendly guide** based closely on the chart you provided. Follow carefully and you'll be able to create both the fish and the seahorse from start to finish—even if you're new to amigurumi 😊



CROCHET AMIGURUMI SEA CREATURES TUTORIAL (US TERMS)

Key Materials: Pastel Yarn, G/H Hook, Toy Stuffing, Iridescent Eyes, Sequins

US CROCHET STITCH LEGEND & REQUIRED STITCHES

- Magic Ring**
Yarn over, pull through, tighten loop.
- Chain (ch)**
Yarn over, pull through loop on hook.
- Single Crochet (sc)**
Insert hook, yarn over, pull through, yarn over, pull through both loops.
- sc. inc.**
[sc, inc] x8/18 sc. [sc, inc] x6/26 sc.
- Inc.**
Work 2 sts in the same stitch.
- Increase (inc)**
Work 2 sts in the same stitch.
- Decrease (dec)**
Insert hook in next 2 stitches, yarn over, pull through both.
- inv-dec. (dec)**
Insert hook into only of next 2 stitches, yarn over, through, yarn over, through, pull through.
- Half Double Crochet**
Yarn over, insert hook, yarn over, pull through, yarn over, pull through all 3 loops.
- Shell Stitch**
Insert hook, yarn over, pull through, yarn over, pull through.
- ch.**
Yarn over, pull through loop. Used for sewing to eyeing.
- sc. dec.**
[sc, inc] x6 (18 sc. [sc, inc] x6 (24 sc.
- B. Body**
Insert hook, yarn over, pull through, pull through.
- inv dec.**
Insert hook in next 2 stitches, yarn over, pull through, yarn over, pull through.
- Shell Stitch**
A group of stitches worked into a single stitch or space.

2. FISH PATTERN (Generic for all colors)

A	1	1	2	1	4	6	6	4	2	6	4	2	2	5	2	2	5	5	5	5	6	6	8	1	8	6	2	6	1	2	8	5	2	4	3	4	2	2	4	2
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2: Ch 2, hdc 6;
Row 3: hdc inc, hdc across,
Row 2: hdc, (h..) inc, 3 hdc.

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D. Fins & Details
Follow instructions to add fins. Use small safety pins to place fins and eyes first.

Use invisible decreases for body to make a smoother finish. Repeat patterns as indicated. For purple fish, use all three colors.

Pro Tip: Use stitch markers every 5 stitches and for specific color changes, skip a sc when starting a new color.

3. SEAHORSE PATTERN

1	2	3	4	5	6	6	7	8	8	9	10	11	14
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Pro Tip: Stuff firmly as you go. Use invisible decreases for a smooth finish.

4. ASSEMBLY & FINISHING

Step 1: Add Eyes.

Place two black security eyes in the corresponding positions on the head.

Step 2: Add Fins.

For fish: Sew small fins to sides and large tail fin to back. For seahorse: Sew cheek fins to face and tail fin base.

Step 2: Stuffing.

Stuff: Use yooloth of white 3 and ⇒ +4. Soften gently, give small finger to tail base.

B. Step 3: Stuffing.

Stuff the body firmly, sraemly, ensuring limbs are also evenly stuffed.

Step 3: Stuffing.

Use small tufts of stuffing for the purple and yellow fish.

Step 4: Close Up.


Use a yarn needle to weave the tail end through the remaining stitches and pull tightly to close. Hide all yarn ends.

Materials (Exact & Recommended)

- **Yarn:** Light worsted (Category 3) or worsted (Category 4), pastel colors
 - Fish: 2–3 colors (body + fins)
 - Seahorse: 2 colors (body + belly)
- **Hook:** Size G/6 (4.0 mm) or H/8 (5.0 mm)
- **Stuffing:** Polyester fiberfill (toy stuffing)
- **Eyes:** 6–10 mm safety eyes
- **Tools:** Yarn needle, stitch markers, scissors
- Optional: sequins or embroidery thread ✨

Understanding the Stitches (Important!)

- **Magic Ring (MR):** Wrap yarn around fingers, insert hook, pull up loop, crochet into ring, pull tail tight
- **ch (Chain):** Yarn over, pull through loop
- **sc (Single Crochet):** Insert hook → yarn over → pull up loop → yarn over → pull through 2
- **hdc (Half Double Crochet):** Yarn over → insert hook → pull up loop → yarn over → pull through all 3 loops
- **inc (Increase):** 2 stitches in the same stitch
- **dec (Invisible Decrease):** Insert hook in front loop of next 2 stitches → yarn over → pull through → complete sc
- Always crochet **in continuous rounds (spiral)** unless told otherwise

 Place a stitch marker in the first stitch of every round!

Fish Pattern (Step-by-Step Detailed)

Step 1: Create the Base (Head Area)

1. Start with a **Magic Ring**
2. **Round 1:** 6 hdc into MR (6 stitches total)
→ Pull the ring tight to close the hole
3. **Round 2:** ch 2, then **2 hdc in each stitch around**
→ You now have 12 stitches
4. **Round 3:** *1 hdc, 1 inc* repeat all around
→ Total: 18 stitches

 You should see a small rounded dome forming

● Step 2: Build the Body Length

5. **Rounds 4–8:** 1 hdc in each stitch around (18)
→ This creates the tube-shaped body

- ✓ Keep tension consistent
- ✓ Lightly shape with fingers as you go

● Step 3: Shape the Tail End

6. **Round 9:** 1 hdc, 1 dec repeat (12 stitches)
7. **Round 10:** hdc around (12)
8. **Round 11:** dec around (6)

💡 STOP and stuff the fish firmly before closing

- Use small pieces of stuffing
- Push into the head and middle evenly

◆ Step 4: Tail Fin (Important Detail)

1. Attach yarn at the back opening
2. Chain 2
3. Work **hdc across the opening**
4. Turn work, increase at edges to fan outward
5. Repeat rows to build a **flat, wide tail shape**

- ✓ Make two mirrored sides if needed
- ✓ Tail should look slightly flared like a fan

● Step 5: Side Fins

For each fin:

1. Chain 4
2. Work 3–4 hdc into chain
3. Fasten off, leave long tail

Sew onto sides of fish, slightly behind the eyes

● Step 6: Eyes & Final Details

- Insert safety eyes between **Rounds 3–4**
- Space them evenly (about 5–6 stitches apart)
- Add blush, sequins, or embroidery if desired

Seahorse Pattern (Very Detailed)


Step 1: Head Start

1. Magic Ring
2. **Round 1:** 6 sc (6)
3. **Round 2:** inc around (12)
4. **Rounds 3–5:** sc around (12)

✓ This forms the rounded head

Step 2: Form the Snout

- Continue crocheting forward on one side:
 - 4–6 rows of sc in a narrow section

 This creates the long seahorse nose

Step 3: Build the Body

5. Continue from head into body:
 - Gradually increase to about 14–16 stitches
6. Work **straight rounds** for several rows


✓ Keep body slightly curved naturally

Step 4: Taper into Tail

7. Begin decreasing slowly:
 - Every few stitches, do a decrease
8. Continue until only 6 stitches remain

Step 5: Create the Curl

- Lightly stuff tail
- As you crochet, **bend and curl naturally**
- Sew slightly inward if needed to hold curl

 Don't overstuff—the tail must stay flexible

Step 6: Fins & Crown

Back Fin:

- Chain 5
- Work hdc back across
- Sew onto back

Side Fins:

- Small ovals (3–4 hdc)
- Attach near head sides

Crown :

- Chain 3
- Make small picots or loops
- Sew on top of head

Step 7: Eyes & Belly

- Insert eyes slightly above center of head
- Optional: use lighter yarn to stitch belly line

Assembly & Finishing (Very Important)

Step 1: Eye Placement

- Always insert eyes **before final closing**
- Ensure symmetry by counting stitches

Step 2: Sewing Parts

- Use yarn needle
- Sew fins tightly but neatly
- Hide stitches inside body

Step 3: Stuffing Technique

- Add stuffing gradually
- Use fingers or tool to push evenly
- Avoid lumps

- ✓ Head = firm
- ✓ Body = medium
- ✓ Tail = soft (for shaping)

Step 4: Closing the Piece


1. Thread yarn through front loops of remaining stitches
2. Pull tight like a drawstring
3. Knot securely
4. Hide yarn tail inside

Expert Tips (From the Chart + Best Practice)

- Use **invisible decreases** for smooth finish
- Change colors at the **last yarn-over of stitch**
- Mark every 5 stitches if you lose count
- Stuff as you go, not at the end
- Keep stitches tight to avoid holes

Final Result

You should now have:

- A **rounded, colorful fish with fins and tail** 
- A **curved, elegant seahorse with curled tail** 

Each one will look slightly unique—and that's the beauty of handmade amigurumi 