



Free Crochet Pattern
Lion Brand® Vanna's Choice®
Mini Mermaid Tail
Pattern Number: L60205



SKILL LEVEL – Easy+

SIZES

Child Small (Medium)

Finished Circumference at Top Edge About 34 (38) in. (86.5 (96.5) cm)

Finished Length About 31 (34) in. (78.5 (86.5) cm), not including tail

Note: Pattern is written for smallest size with changes for larger size in parentheses. When only one number is given, it applies to both sizes. To follow pattern more easily, circle all numbers pertaining to your size before beginning.

MATERIALS

- Lion Brand® Vanna's Choice (Art. #860)
 - 183 Periwinkle 3 balls (A)
 - 104 Pink Grapefruit 2 balls (B)
 - 139 Rose Shocking 2 balls (C)
 - or colors of your choice
- Lion Brand® crochet hook size J-10 (6 mm)
- Lion Brand® stitch markers
- Lion Brand® large-eyed blunt needle



GAUGE

2 shells = about 4 1/4 in. (11 cm); 8 rows = 4 1/2 in. (11.5 cm) over Rows 2 and 3 of Front.

BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

STITCH EXPLANATIONS

half-shell Work 3 dc in indicated st.

sc2tog (single crochet 2 sts together) (Insert hook in next st and draw up a loop) twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook – 1 st decreased.

shell Work 5 dc in indicated st.

NOTES

1. Cocoon is worked in 2 separate pieces – Front and Back.
2. Front and Back are crocheted together to join, then an edging is worked around the top edge of the Cocoon and a tail is worked onto the lower end.
3. The yarn color is changed on every row of Front and Back.
4. To change yarn color, work last st of old color to last yarn over. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete st. Carry colors not in use up side edge of piece until next needed – do not fasten off any colors until instructed.

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FRONT

With A, ch 50 (56).

Row 1 (RS): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across – 49 (55) sc.

Row 2: With A, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in first st (first half-shell made), sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, *sk next 2 sts, shell in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st; rep from * to last 3 sts, sk next 2 sts, half-shell in last st and change to B in last st of half-shell – you will have 7 (8) shells and 2 half shells in this row.

Row 3: With B, ch 1, turn, sc in first st, sk next 2 sts, *shell in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts; rep from * to last 4 sts, shell in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in top of beg ch and change to C – 8 (9) shells.

Row 4: With C, rep Row 2, change to A in last st of half-shell.

Row 5: With A, rep Row 3, change to B in last sc.

Stripe Sequence to be used for Rows 6-47 (53)

Work 1 row each with *B, C and A; rep from * for Stripe Sequence.

Rows 6-47 (53): Rep Rows 2 and 3, changing color at the end of every row following Stripe Sequence.

Fasten off.

Shape Lower End of Cocoon

Decrease Row: Turn, sk first 3 sts, join B with sc in next st, *sk next 2 sts, shell in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st; rep from * to last 3 sts; leave last 3 sts unworked – 7 (8) shells, changing to C in last st.

With C, rep Decrease Row; changing to A in last st.

Rep Decrease Row, changing to B, C and A – 2 (3) shells when all decrease rows have been completed.

Fasten off.

BACK

Work same as Front.

Joining

Hold Front and Back with RS tog and matching the sts along each side.

From WS, and working through both thicknesses, join A with sc at top corner

Work sc evenly spaced through both thicknesses along side edge to join.

Fasten off.

At opposite side edge, join A with sc at lower corner and join as for first side.

Fasten off.

Turn Cocoon to RS.

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Top Edging

From RS, join A with a sl st in along top edge of Cocoon at either side joining.

Rnd 1: Ch 1, work sc evenly spaced around top edge of Cocoon; join with sl st in first sc.

Rnds 2-4: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc.
Fasten off.

Tail

Row 1 (RS): From RS, working across lower end of Cocoon through both thicknesses, join A with sc in first st, sc in each st across – 13 (19) sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Rows 3-9: Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in first st, sc in each st to last st, 2 sc in last st – 27 (33) sc at the end of Row 9.

Row 10: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.
Place marker in center st of Row 10.

First Tail Fin

Row 1 (RS): Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 12 (15) sts; leave rem sts unworked – 14 (17) sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st to last st, 2 sc in last st – 15 (18) sc.

Row 3: Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in first st, sc in each st to last 2 sts, sc2tog.

Row 4: Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in each st to last st, 2 sc in last st.

Rows 5 and 6: Rep Rows 3 and 4.

Row 7: Rep Row 3.

Rows 8 and 9: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Row 10: Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in each st to last 2 sts, sc2tog – 13 (16) sc.

Row 11: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Rows 12-13 (14): Rep Row 10 – 9 (10) sc in Row 13 (14).

Fasten off.

Second Tail Fin

Row 1 (RS): From RS, skip marked center st of Tail. Join A with sc in next st, sc in each st to last st, 2 sc in last st – 14 (17) sc.

Remove marker.

Row 2: Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in first st, sc in each st across – 15 (18) sc.

Row 3: Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in each st to last st, 2 sc in last st.

Row 4: Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in first st, sc in each st to last 2 sts, sc2tog.

Rows 5 and 6: Rep Rows 3 and 4.

Row 7: Rep Row 3.

Rows 8 and 9: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Row 10: Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in each st to last 2 sts, sc2tog – 13 (16) sc.

Row 11: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Rows 12-13 (14): Rep Row 10 – 9 (10) sc in Row 13 (14).

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Tail Edging

Row 1 (RS): From RS, join A with a sl st in one side edge at base of tail. Work sc evenly spaced around outside edge of tail to opposite side of base of tail, working 2 sc in each outer corner, end with sl st in base of tail on other side edge.

Row 2: Ch 1, turn, sk the sl st, sc in each sc around tail.
Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

beg = begin(ning)(s)

ch = chain

dc = double crochet

rem = remain(ing)

rep = repeat

rnd(s) = round(s)

RS = right side

sc = single crochet

sk = skip

sl st = slip stitch

st(s) = stitch(es)

tog = together

WS = wrong side

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