



***Free Crochet Pattern***  
**Lion Brand® 24/7 Cotton®**  
**Mermaid Afghan**  
Pattern Number: L70211  
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## **SKILL LEVEL – Intermediate**

### **SIZE**

About 28 x 36 in. (71 x 91.5 cm)

### **MATERIALS**

- Lion Brand® 24/7 Cotton® (Art. #761)
  - 102 Aqua 5 balls (A)
  - 178 Jade 2 balls (B)
  - 156 Mint 1 ball (C)
  - 107 Sky 1 ball (D)
- Lion Brand® crochet hook size F-5 (3.75 mm)
- Lion Brand® large-eyed blunt needle



### **GAUGE**

18 sc + 16 rows = about 4 in. (10 cm).

1 ripple = about 1 3/4 in. (4.5 cm), measured from peak to peak.

**BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.**

### **STITCH EXPLANATIONS**

**BPDC (back post double crochet)** Yarn over, insert hook from back to front then to back, going around post of indicated st, draw up a loop, (yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook) twice. Skip st in front of the BPDC.

**Cl (cluster)** Yarn over, insert hook in indicated ch and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook, \*yarn over, insert hook in *same* ch and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook; rep from \* 3 times more, yarn over and draw through all loops on hook.

**dc2tog (dc 2 sts together)** (Yarn over, insert hook in next st and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops) twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook – 1 st decreased.

**FPDC (front post double crochet)** Yarn over, insert hook from front to back then to front, going around post of indicated st, draw up a loop, (yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook) twice. Skip st behind the FPDC.

**sc2tog (sc 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.

### **PATTERN STITCH**

#### **Ripple St**

**Row 1:** Working in back loops only, ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, 3 sc in next st, \*sc in next 3 sts, sk next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts, 3 sc in next st; rep from \* to last 6 sts, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog.

Rep Row 1 for Ripple St pattern.

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## **NOTES**

1. The Afghan is worked in one piece, back and forth in rows.
2. The flowers, seaweed and other details are worked separately and sewn to Afghan.
3. The beginning and ending borders are worked in Ripple St pattern. The body of the Afghan is worked in single crochet and following the Mermaid Stitch Diagram.
4. The side borders are worked in Ripple St pattern onto completed Afghan.
5. The Ripple St pattern consists of alternating 3-sc peaks and skipped st valleys. Take care to keep the peaks and valleys of each row aligned. 3 sc are worked into the center sc of peaks and 2 sts are skipped at valleys.
6. For those who find a visual helpful, we've also included a stitch diagram of the Ripple St pattern.
7. When working from a stitch diagram, read RS rows from right to left and WS rows from left to right.
8. Small details are embroidered onto the Afghan.
9. To change yarn color, work last st of old color to last yarn over. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops to complete st. Fasten off old color. Proceed with new color.

## **AFGHAN**

With B, ch 129.

### **Beginning Ripple St Border**

**Set-up Row (RS):** Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 4 ch, 3 sc in next ch, \*sc in next 3 ch, sk next 2 ch, sc in next 3 ch, 3 sc in next ch; rep from \* to last 5 ch, sc in last 5 ch – you will have 14 ripples (130 sts).

With B, work in Ripple St pattern for 9 more rows, change to C in last st of last row.

With C, work in Ripple St for 6 rows, change to D in last st of last row.

With D, work in Ripple St for 4 rows, change to A in last st of last row.

**Next Row (RS):** Working in back loops only, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, sk first st, dc2tog, dc in next st, \*hdc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, dc2tog, dc in next st; rep from \* across – you will have 115 sts in this row.

### **Begin Mermaid**

**Row 1 (WS):** Ch 1, turn, sc in first 20 sts, work Row 1 of Mermaid Stitch Diagram over next 75 sts, sc in last 20 sts.

**Rows 2-69:** Ch 1, turn, sc in first 20 sts, work next row of Mermaid Stitch Diagram over next 75 sts, sc in last 20 sts.

**Rows 70-89:** Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

**Increase Row (RS):** Ch 1, turn, sc in first 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, \*sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* 5 more times, sc in each st across. Change to D in last st – 128 sts.

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### Ending Ripple St Border

**Set-up Row (WS):** With D and working in back loops only, ch 1, sc in first 5 sts, 3 sc in next st, \*sc in next 3 sts, sk next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts, 3 sc in next st; rep from \* to last 5 sts, sc in last 5 sts – 14 ripples (130 sts).

With D, work in Ripple St pattern for 3 more rows, change to C in last st of last row.

With C, work in Ripple St pattern for 6 rows, change to B in last st of last row.

With B, work in Ripple St pattern for 10 rows.

Fasten off.

### Right Arm

With A, ch 24.

**Row 1:** Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 2 ch (hand), ch 2, sl st in next ch (thumb), sc in next 6 ch, sl st in next ch (elbow), hdc in next 6 ch, dc in next 6 ch.

Fasten off.

### Left Arm

With A, ch 24.

**Row 1:** Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 2 ch (hand), ch 2, sl st in next ch (thumb), sc in next 6 ch, 2 sc in next ch (elbow), hdc in next 6 ch, dc in next 6 ch.

Fasten off.

### Corkscrew Hair (make 10)

**Note:** Make a total of 10 corkscrews. Beg each corkscrew by working the number of chains in the following list:

With B, make 2 corkscrews beg with ch 20.

With B, make 1 corkscrew beg with ch 50.

With C, make 1 corkscrew beg with ch 10.

With C, make 1 corkscrew beg with ch 20.

With C, make 1 corkscrew beg with ch 40.

With D, make 1 corkscrew beg with ch 20.

With D, make 2 corkscrews beg with ch 30.

With D, make 1 corkscrew beg with ch 60.

**Row 1:** Work 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across.

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing.

### Bra

With D, ch 16.

**Row 1:** Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 2 ch, ch 3, Cl in next ch, sk next 2 ch, sl st in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in next ch, ch 3, Cl in next ch, sk next 2 ch, sl st in next 3 ch.

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing.

### Seaweed (make 2 – one each with B and D)

Ch 12.

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**Branch 1:** Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 4 ch; leave rem 6 ch unworked.

**Branch 2:** Ch 8, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 ch; leave rem 3 ch of ch-8 unworked.

**Branch 3:** Ch 15, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 5 ch; leave rem 8 ch of ch-15 unworked.

**Branch 4:** Ch 6, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 2 ch; leave rem 2 ch of ch-6 unworked.

**Branch 5:** Ch 6, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 ch; leave rem ch of ch-6 unworked.

**Branch 6 (top branch):** Ch 5, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and next 3 ch; sl st in next 4 unworked ch.

**Branch 7:** Ch 5, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 ch; sl st in next 8 unworked ch.

**Branch 8:** Ch 8, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 6 ch; sl st in next 5 unworked ch.

**Branch 9:** Ch 8, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 6 ch; sl st in rem 3 unworked ch.

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing.

### **Star Flower (make 2 – one each with C and D)**

Ch 5, leaving a long beg tail for sewing.

Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 ch, \*ch 5, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 3 ch, sl st in first ch of foundation ch; rep from \* 3 more times.

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing.

### **FINISHING**

Following photo, sew arms, hair, bra, seaweed and flowers to Afghan.

### **Side Borders**

**Row 1 (RS):** From RS, join B with a sl st in end of first row of beginning border to work along one side edge of Afghan.

Work 137 sc evenly spaced along side edge to end of last row of ending border.

**Row 2:** With B, working in back loops only, ch 1, sc in next 5 sts, 3 sc in next st, \*sc in next 3 sts, sk next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts, 3 sc in next st; rep from \* to last 5 sts, sc in last 5 sts – 15 ripples (139 sts).

With B, work in Ripple St pattern for 2 more rows, change to C in last st of last row.

With C, work in Ripple St pattern for 1 row.

Fasten off.

Rep side border along opposite side edge of Afghan.

Do NOT fasten off.



## Edging

**Rnd 1 (WS):** With C, ch 1, turn, working through back loops only, work sc evenly spaced around entire outside edge of Afghan, working 3 sc in peak of each wave and skipping 2 sc in each valley; join with sl st in first sc.

Fasten off.

**Rnd 2 (RS):** From RS, join D with a sl st in same st as join, working through back loops only, sc in each st around, working 3 sc in peak of each wave and skipping 2 sc in each valley; join with sl st in first sc.

Fasten off.

## Embroidery

With B, embroider French knot eyes.

With D, embroider straight stitch mouth and bracelets.

With D, embroider stem st bra straps and lines between the tail ridges.

Weave in ends.

## ABBREVIATIONS

beg = begin(ning)(s)

ch = chain

dc = double crochet

hdc = half double crochet

rem = remain(ing)(s)

rep = repeat

RS = right side

sc = single crochet

sk = skip

sl st = slip stitch

st(s) = stitch(es)

WS = wrong side

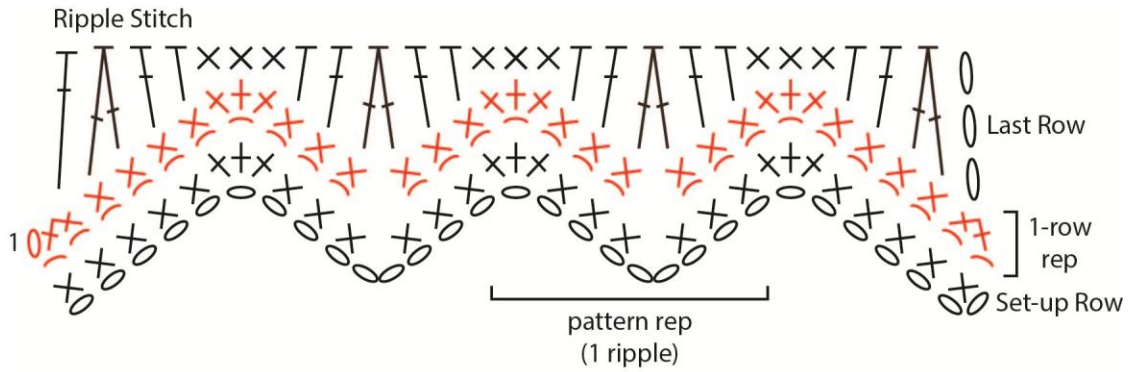
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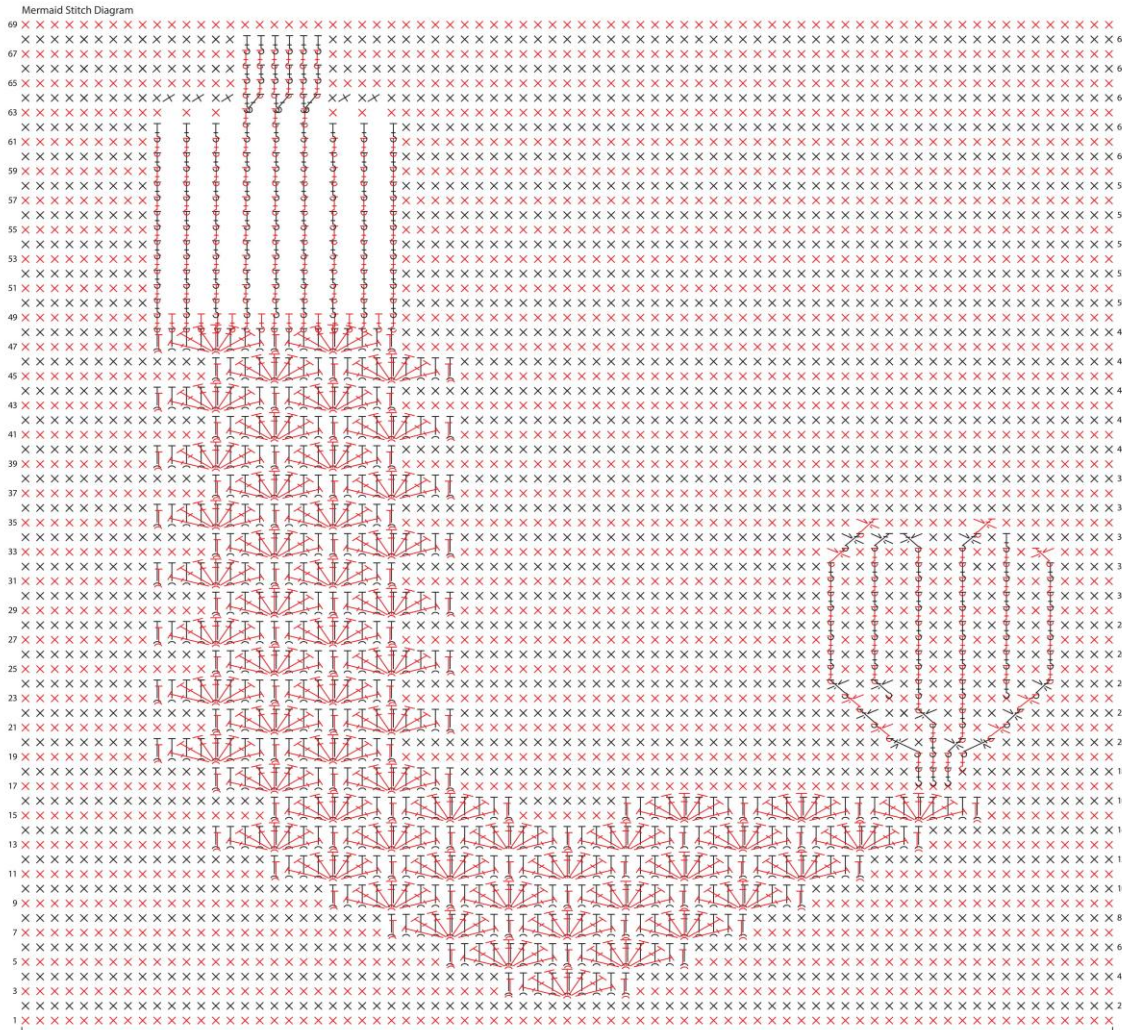
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KEY	
○	= chain (ch)
×	= single crochet (sc)
┆	= half double crochet (hdc)
┆┆	= double crochet (dc)
××	= single crochet 2 together (sc2tog)
┆┆	= double crochet 2 together (dc2tog)
⌒	= work in back loop only



**KEY**

- = chain (ch)
- X = single crochet (sc)
- T = half double crochet (hdc)
- F = double crochet (dc)
- B = back post double crochet (BPDC)
- F = front post double crochet (FPDC)
- ⌋ = work in back loop only

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