



Free Crochet Pattern
Lion Brand® Homespun® New Look
Mini Mermaid Cocoon
Pattern Number: L80149
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SKILL LEVEL – Easy+

SIZES

Child Small (Medium)

Finished Circumference at Top Edge About 34 (39) in. (86.5 (99) cm)

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

Note: Pattern is written for smaller 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® Homespun® New Look (Art. #575)
 - 622 Whirlpool 5 (5) cakes
- Lion Brand® crochet hook size N (10 mm)
- Lion Brand® stitch markers
- Lion Brand® large-eyed blunt needle



GAUGE

3 shells = about 8 1/2 in. (21.5 cm); 6 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.
3. Tail is worked onto the lower end of the Cocoon.
4. For those who find a visual helpful, we've included a stitch diagram.

FRONT

Ch 38 (44)

Row 1 (RS): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across – you will have 37 (43) sc in this row.

Row 2: 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 – 5 (6) shells and 2 half shells in this row.

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Row 3: 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, shell in next st; rep from * to last 3 sts, sk next 2 sts, sc in top of beg ch-3 – 6 (7) shells.

Rows 4-37 (41): Rep Rows 2 and 3 for 17 (19) more times.
Fasten off.

Shape Lower End of Cocoon

Decrease Row: Turn, sl st in first 3 sts, (sl st, ch 1, 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 – 5 (6) shells.

Rep Decrease Row 3 more times – 2 (3) shells when all decreases have been completed.
Fasten off.

BACK

Work same as Front.

Joining

Hold Front and Back with RS together and matching the sts along each side. From WS and working through both thicknesses, join yarn with sc at top corner. Work sc evenly spaced through both thicknesses along side edge to join.
Fasten off.

Repeat to join opposite side.
Fasten off.
Turn Cocoon to RS.

Top Edging

From RS, join yarn with a sl st at either side joining along top edge of Cocoon.
Rnd 1: Ch 1, 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, and working across lower end of Cocoon through both thicknesses, join yarn 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.

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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 for 2 (3) more times – 9 (10) sc in Row 13 (14).

Fasten off.

Second Tail Fin

Row 1 (RS): From RS, skip marked center st of Tail, join yarn 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 for 2 (3) more times – 9 (10) sc in Row 13 (14).

Fasten off.

Tail Edging

Row 1 (RS): From RS, join yarn 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.

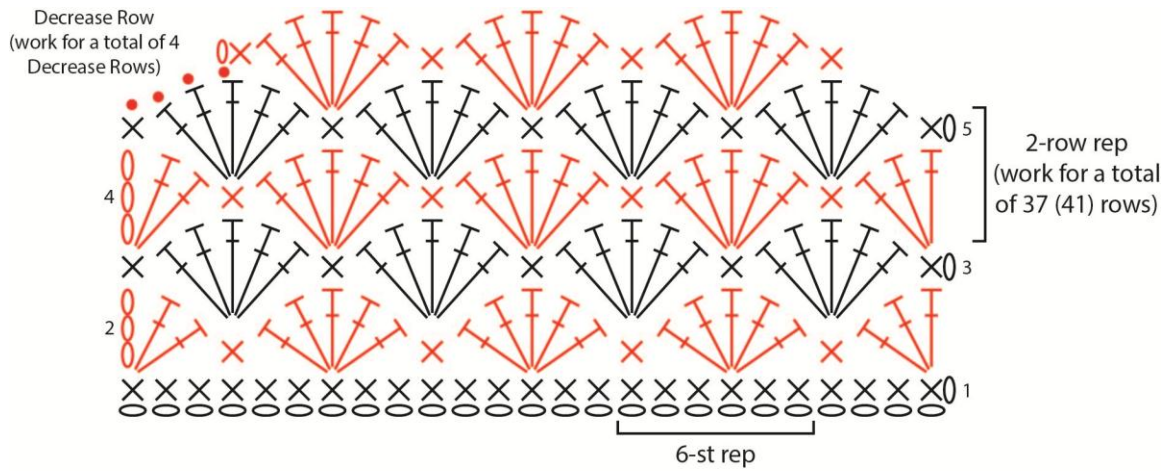
FINISHING

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)
WS = wrong side

Every effort has been made to produce accurate and complete instructions. We cannot be responsible for variance of individual crafters, human error, or typographical mistakes.



KEY

- = slip stitch (sl st)
- = chain (ch)
- × = single crochet (sc)
- ⌈ = double crochet (dc)

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