

# Fish Bone Crochet Pattern

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## **Materials:**

- Different colors of 4-ply acrylic yarn
- Crochet Hook – 3.75 mm
- Safety pin as stitch marker
- Polyester stuffing
- Scrap pieces of felt fabric (white, black, & your choice for eyelids)
- Craft glue
- Different colors of embroidery floss
- Large needle for yarn; small needle for floss
- Scissors

## **Abbreviations:**

- Ch – chain
- Dc – double crochet
- Hdc – half double crochet
- Sc – single crochet
- Sl st – slip stitch
- Sts – stitches

## **Finished Size:**

Slightly over 5 inches in length; size may vary.

## **Notes:**

1. *Begin all parts with an adjustable ring, except for fish tail.*
2. *Work in continuous rounds unless indicated. Use a stitch marker to mark your rounds.*
3. *There are 4 basic parts: fish head, backbone, short spines and fish tail.*

## **1. Fish Head**

Rnd 1: 6 sc in an adjustable ring (6)  
Rnd 2: (sc, 2 sc in next) 3 times (9)  
Rnd 3: (sc in each of next 2, 2 sc in next) 3 times (12)  
Rnd 4: (sc in each of next 3, 2 sc in next) 3 times (15)  
Rnd 5: (sc in each of next 4, 2 sc in next) 3 times (18)  
Rnd 6: (sc in each of next 5, 2 sc in next) 3 times (21)  
Rnd 7: (sc in each of next 6, 2 sc in next) 3 times (24)  
Rnd 8: (sc in each of next 7, 2 sc in next) 3 times (27)  
Rnd 9: (sc in each of next 8, 2 sc in next) 3 times (30)  
Rnds 10-11: sc around (30)  
Sl st in next sc and fasten off. Leave a yarn tail for sewing.



## **2. Backbone**

Rnd 1: 8 sc in ring (8)  
Rnds 2-20: Sc around in back loops only. Stuff as you go. (8)  
Sl st in next sc and fasten off. Weave in loose ends.

## **3. Fish Tail**

With a beginning tail of 3.5 inches,  
Ch 10, sl st to first ch to form a ring.  
Rnd 1: Ch 1, 10 sc in ring, join to first sc. (10)  
Rnd 2: Ch 1, (sc in each of next 4, 2 sc in next) 2 times. Join. (12)  
Rnd 3: Ch 1, sc around. Join. (12)  
Rnd 4: [ sl st, (sc, hdc) in next, (hdc, dc) in next, 3 dc in next, (dc, hdc) in next, (hdc, sc) in next ] 2 times. (24 sts)  
Sl st in the first sl st and fasten off. Leave a yarn tail for sewing.



## **4. Short Spines** - There are 3 sizes. Make 2 of each.

### **LONGEST PAIR** (near the head):

Rnd 1: 5 sc in ring (5)  
Rnds 2-5: sc around (5).  
Sl st in next sc and fasten off.  
Leave a yarn tail for sewing.

### **MIDDLE PAIR:**

Same as the Longest Pair but up to Rnd 4 only.

### **SHORTEST PAIR** (near the tail):

Same as the Longest Pair but up to Rnd 3 only.

\*\*\*Put a small amount of stuffing (do not over stuff or else the stuffing will show through the holes)\*\*\*

## Assembly

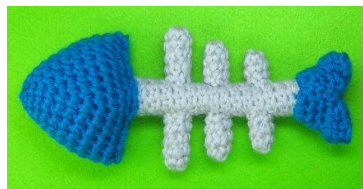
1. Sew the first 2 or 3 rounds of the backbone into the fish head. Stuff the head and sew it close.



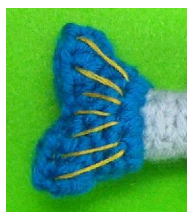
2. Insert the other end of the backbone into the fish tail & sew together. Using the other yarn tail, sew the fish tail close (no need to stuff the fish tail).



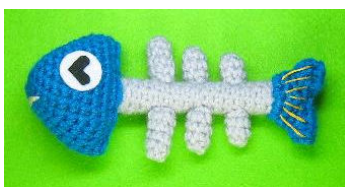
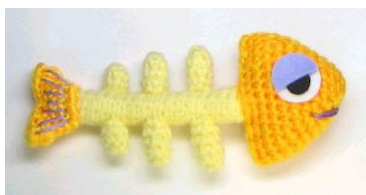
3. Sew the spines in place.



4. Using small needle and embroidery floss color of your choice, stitch lines on the tail (front and back).



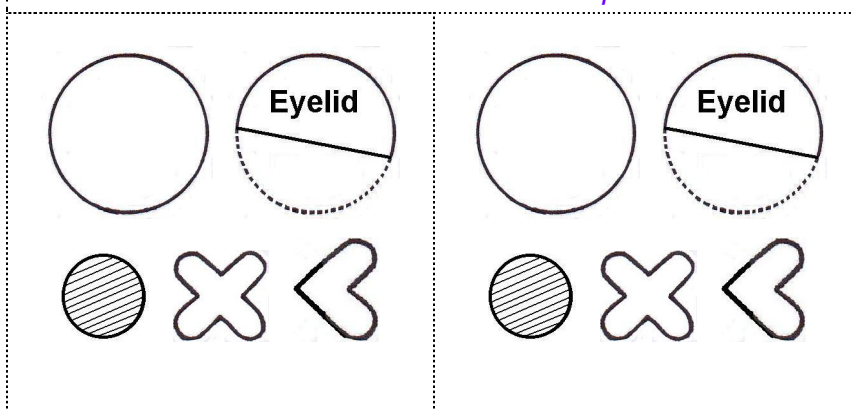
5. Face: Cut felt eyes using the templates provided as guide. Glue or sew the pair of eyes to the head. Embroider lips using small needle & floss.



### TEMPLATES

Eye outline	
Eyelid	
Eyeball	
"X" eye	
Happy eye	

*Below are 2 extra sets of templates*



For questions about the pattern, please write to me anytime.

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