

## Crochet Mermaid Tail



### Abbreviations:

- ch = chain
- st(s) = stitch(es)
- sl st = slip stitch
- sc = single crochet
- dc = double crochet
- sp = space
- rnd(s) = round(s)
- sk = skip

**Gauge:** 3 shell rows = 2", 3 shells wide = 3 1/2"

### Finished Size: Child-Tween Size

- 48" long
- Tail Body-38" long
- Circumference-41"
- Fin-10" tall x 23" wide
- Fin Center-6" tall

### Things You Will Need:

- Worsted weight yarn: 4 skeins Red Heart Super Saver-Turqua
- I-crochet hook
- Scissors
- Yarn needle
- Straight pins

### Tail:

**Row 1:** Ch 134. Dc in third chain from hook and in each ch across. First ch counts as first dc. (133 dc)

**Row 2:** Ch 1, turn. Sc, \*sk 2 sts, 5 dc in next (shell), sk 2 sts, sc\* (shell pattern). Repeat from \* to\* across. (22 shells)

**Row 3:** Ch 2, turn. 2 dc in base of ch 2. Sk 2 sts, shell pattern. Repeat shell pattern across, ending with 3 dc in last st.

**Rows 4-45:** Repeat Rows 2 and 3, respectively.



**Begin Rounds:**

Sl st to first st of row 45. The remainder of the tail section will be worked in rounds. Note: Each round will be turned. Do not work continuous rounds.

**Rnd 46:** Repeat Row 2. Sl st to top of beginning ch 1.

**Rnd 47:** Repeat Row 3, ending with 2 dc in the last st. Sl st to top of beginning ch 2.

**Rnds 48-69:** Repeat Rnds 46 and 47, respectively.

**Decreasing Rounds:**

**Rnd 70:** Ch 1, turn. Note: This round only sk all shells. 5-dc-shell in each sc around. Sl st to beginning ch 1.

**Rnd 71:** Ch 2, turn. 2 dc in base of ch. 5-dc-shell in the last (5th) dc of each shell around. 2 dc in base of beginning ch.

**Rnd 72:** Turn. Sl st in first 2 sts, ch 1 (beginning). Note: Shell size changes. 4-dc-shell in last dc of each shell around. Sl st to beginning ch 1.

**Rnd 73:** Ch 1, turn. 4-dc-shell in last dc of each shell around. Sl st to beginning ch 1.

**Rnds 74-75:** Ch 1, turn. 3-dc-shell in last dc of each shell around. Sl st to beginning ch 1.

**Rnds 76-77:** Ch 1, turn. 2-dc-shell in last dc of each shell around. Sl st to beginning ch 1.

Finish off and weave in the ends.



**Fin:**

(Make 2)

Note: Rows are worked in back loops only.

**Row 1:** Ch 22. Dc in 3rd ch from the hook and in each ch across. 2 dc in the last ch.

**Row 2:** Ch 2, turn. Dc in each st across.

**Row 3:** Ch 2, turn. Dc in each st across. 2 dc in the last st.

**Rows 4-18:** Repeat Rows 2 and 3 respectively, ending with Row 2.

Finish off and weave in the ends.

**Shell Trim:**

**Fin 1:** Turn the fin to the side with the tapered edge at the top. Attach yarn to the end of Row 1.

\*Sc in the end of the first row, 5-dc-shell in the end of the next row.\* Repeat from \* to \* to the end. Sl st and finish off. The side facing you is the front.

**Fin 2:** (mirror image) Turn the fin to the side with the tapered edge at the top. Attach yarn to the end of Row 18. \*Sc in the end of the first row, 5-dc-shell in the end of the next row.\* Repeat from \* to \* to the end. Sl st and finish off. The side facing you is the front.

**Finishing:**

**Step 1:** Place the fin halves together with the right sides facing and like edges even. Using yarn and a yarn needle, whip stitch both beginning rows together. Finish off.



**Step 2:** Open the completed fin. Sew a running stitch across the long straight edge of the fin. Pull the yarn to gather the edge.

**Step 3:** Lay the mermaid tail on your work surface with the back seam centered on the back. With the front of the fin facing up, insert the gathered edge into the opening of Rnd 77. Fold the tail (inside-out) over the fin. Pin the gathered fin edge to the edges of Row 77. Whip stitch the fin to Row 77 to attach to the tail. Finish off and turn the tail right side out.