



Baby Mermaid Cocoon

Baby will be a vision of cuteness in this cocoon with crocheted top and sweet tiara. It's perfect for Halloween or anytime baby needs to look cute while staying cozy.

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Directions are for Infant size 3 months; changes for sizes 6, 9 and 12 months are in parentheses.

RED HEART® Super Saver®: 1 skein each 672 Spring Green **A** and 373 Petal Pink **B**.

Crochet Hooks: 5.5mm [US I-9] and 6.5mm [US K-10.5].
Yarn needle; 2 split lock stitch markers.

GAUGE: 10 sts = 4"; 25 rows = 8" in sc with smaller hook.
CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

Finished chest measurements: 18½ (20½, 20½, 22½)".

Special Stitches

BPsc (Back Post Single Crochet) = insert hook from back to front to back around st, yarn over and draw loop through, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook.

Dc2tog (Double Crochet Two Together) = [yarn over and draw up a loop in next st, yarn over and draw through 2 loops] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

Sh (Shell) = (dc, [ch 1, dc] 4 times) all in st.

MERMAID TAIL

Round 1: Beginning at waist, with larger hook and **A**, ch 60; join with a slip st in first ch to form a ring being careful that ch is not twisted; change to smaller hook; ch 1, sc in each ch around; join with a slip st in first sc—60 sc.

Eyelet Round 2: Ch 3 (counts as hdc plus ch 1), skip first 2 sc, * hdc in next sc, ch 1, skip next sc; repeat from * around; join with a slip st to 2nd ch of ch-3.

Round 3: Ch 1, sc in each hdc and ch-1 space around; join to first sc. Change to larger hook.

Round 4: With larger hook, ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), skip first sc, dc in each sc around; join to top of ch-3—60 dc.

Round 5: Ch 1, * BPsc; repeat from * around; join to first sc—60 BPsc.

Round 6: Ch 3, skip first sc, dc in each sc around; join. Repeat Rounds 5 and 6 12 (13, 14, 14) times more.

Next Round: Repeat Round 5.

Next Round: Ch 1, skip first sc, dc in next sc (beginning dc2tog made), * dc2tog; repeat from * around; join to top of first dc—30 sts.

Next Round: Repeat Round 5—30 BPsc.

Next Round: Ch 1, skip first sc, dc in next sc, * dc2tog; repeat from * around; join—15 sts.

Next Round: Repeat Round 5—15 BPsc. Mark any st in this round.

Next Round: Ch 3, dc in same sc as joining, 2 dc in each sc around; join—30 dc.

Next Round: Repeat Round 5—30 BPsc.

Next Round: Repeat Round 6—30 sts.

Repeat last 2 rounds 3 times more. Fasten off, leaving a 12" tail for sewing.

Tail Indent

Lay garment flat with the yarn tail centered (front). With yarn needle and the 12" tail of yarn, beginning in the center of the last round of the Tail, weave the strand through the center of the stitches in a vertical line up to the marked round, then put needle and yarn through both layers of the fabric to the opposite (back) side and weave down through the center of the stitches; draw up firmly to form "indent" and fasten yarn securely.

Vertical lines

Holding larger hook and **A** on right side of fabric of the front, join yarn in a st on marked round about 2" away from Tail Indent; work a vertical chain st on the surface only up to Round 5 near waist. Fasten off.

Repeat 2nd vertical line approximately 4" from the first. Remove marker.

Waist Trim

Round 1: With larger hook, join **A** to work in unused loops of beginning ch; ch 1, sc in same st as joining, * skip 2 ch, Sh in next ch, skip 2 sc **, sc in next ch; repeat from * around, end at **; join to first sc.

Round 2: Slip st to first ch-1 space; ch 1, sc in same ch-1 space, [ch 3, sc in next ch-1 space] 3 times, * sc in next ch-1 space, [ch 3, sc in next ch-1 space] 3 times; repeat from * around; join. Fasten off.

Drawstring

With larger hook and **A**, make a 30" ch; slip st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Fasten off. Weave drawstring through the spaces of Eyelet Round 2.

MERMAID TOP

Back

**** Row 1 (Right Side):** With smaller hook and **B**, ch 25 (27, 27, 29); sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; turn—24 (26, 26, 28) sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc across; turn. Repeat Row 2 until 14 (16, 16, 18) rows have been completed.

Shape Armhole

Row 1: Slip st across first 2 sc; ch 1, sc in next 20 (22, 22, 24) sc; turn leaving last 2 sc unworked.

Row 2: Ch 1, skip first sc, sc in each sc to last 2 sc, skip next sc, sc in last sc; turn—18 (20, 20, 22) sc. **

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in each sc across; turn. Mark each end of last row. Repeat Row 3 until 8 (10, 10, 12) rows have been completed for Armhole.

Shape Shoulder-Next Row: Ch 1, sc in first 4 sc; turn. Next Row: Ch 1, sc in 4 sc. Fasten off.

Opposite Shoulder

Skip 10 (12, 12, 14) sc of last long row for neck, join **B** in next sc; ch 1, sc in last 4 sc; turn.

Next Row: Ch 1, sc in 4 sc. Fasten off.

Front

Work same as for Back from ** to **.

Shape Armhole

Row 3: Repeat Row 2—16 (18, 18, 20) sc.

Mark each end of last row.

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in each sc across; turn.

Divide for Neck/Shoulder-Next Row: Ch 1, sc in first 7 sc; turn—7 sc.

Next Row: Ch 1, skip first sc, sc in next 6 sc; turn—6 sc.

Next Row: Ch 1, sc in first 4 sc, skip next sc, sc in last sc; turn—5 sc.

Next Row: Ch 1, skip first sc, sc in next 4 sc; turn—4 sc.

Next Row: Ch 1, sc in each sc across; turn.

Repeat last row until 10 (12, 12, 14) rows have been completed for Armhole. Fasten off.

Opposite Shoulder

Row 1: Skip next 2 (4, 4, 6) sc of last long row, join **B** in next sc; ch 1, sc in last 7 sc; turn.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in 5 sc, skip next sc, sc in last sc; turn—6 sc.

Row 3: Ch 1, skip first sc, sc in 5 sc; turn—5 sc.

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in 3 sc, skip next sc, sc in last sc; turn—4 sc.

Row 5: Ch 1, sc in each sc across; turn.

Repeat Row 5 until 10 (12, 12, 14) rows have been completed for Armhole. Fasten off.

With yarn needle and **B**, sew side seams and shoulder seams.

Neck Trim

With right side facing and smaller hook, join **B** to a shoulder seam at neck edge; ch 1, sc evenly around; join to first sc. Fasten off.

Armhole Trim

Row 1: With right side facing and smaller hook, join **B** at top of side seam; ch 1, sc evenly around; join to first sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join. Fasten off.

Repeat for opposite armhole.

Right Armhole Ruffle

Row 1: With right side facing, join yarn 3 rows directly below marker on Back and working through the fabric, ch 1, work 3 sc across 3 rows through fabric up to marker, work 13 (19, 19, 25) sc evenly across sc of Trim to next marker on Front, work 3 sc across 3 rows through fabric directly down from marker; turn—19 (25, 25, 31) sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in same sc, * skip 2 ch, Sh, skip 2 sc, sc in next sc; repeat from * across; turn.

Round 3: Slip st to first ch-1 space; ch 1, sc in same ch-1 space, [ch 3, sc in next ch-1 space] 3 times, * sc in next ch-1 space, [ch 3, sc in next ch-1 space] 3 times; repeat from * across. Fasten off.

Repeat for Left Armhole beginning at marker on Front.

TIARA

Row 1: With smaller hook and **B**, ch 2; 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook; turn—5 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in first sc, [sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] twice; turn—8 sc.

Row 3: Ch 1, 2 sc in first sc, [sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 3 times, 2 sc in last sc; turn—13 sc.

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in first sc, [skip 2 ch, Sh, skip 2 sc, sc in next sc] twice; turn.

Round 5: Slip st to first ch-1 space; ch 1, sc in same ch-1 space, [ch 3, sc in next ch-1 space] 3 times, sc in next ch-1 space, [ch 3, sc in next ch-1 space] 3 times; do not fasten off; do not turn.

Tie-Next Row: Ch 1, sc in side of Row 3 and in side of Row 1 of Tiara; turn—2 sc.

Next Row: Ch 1, sc in 2 sc; turn.

Repeat last 2 rows until 32 rows have been completed.
Fasten off

Repeat Tie on opposite side of Tiara: join yarn in Row 1; ch 1, sc in same row, sc in Row 3; turn. Work even in sc on these 2 sc for 32 rows.



RED HEART® Super Saver®, Art. E300 available in solid color 7 oz (198 g), 364 yd (333 m); multi color, heather and print 5 oz (141 g), 244 yd (223 m), flecks 5 oz (141 g), 260 yd (238 m) skeins.

ABBREVIATIONS: **A, B** = color A, B; **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **hdc** = half double crochet; **mm** = millimeters; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch (es); **tog** = together; * or ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated; **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.