

Alternative Pattern - Aldi So Crafty Shark, Belly and Teeth



Hello Readers! This pattern has been written as an alternative to that which was supplied with the Aldi So Crafty crochet shark kit. Many of you have been in touch asking for help on this part of the pattern. When I made my original kit I ignored the pattern and made up my own methods! I've written those methods down here in this pattern. Happy stitching shark fans!

You will need:

- double knitting weight yarn in cream, pink and white
- 3 mm crochet hook

Pattern notes:

The main portion of this pattern is worked in rows.

For this pattern you will need to know how to work into the front loops only and the back loops only. You will also know how to crochet around the post. If you are not sure how to do any of these things, watch my tutorial video here:

<https://youtu.be/WtHnk19AI48>

Abbreviations:

dc	double crochet	ch	chain
htr	Half treble crochet	dc 2 tog	double crochet two together
tr	Treble crochet	st	stitch

To begin, use the cream yarn and make 10 chain stitches. Turn your work and start row 1 in the second chain from the hook.

Row 1: dc in each stitch, chain 1, turn (total 9 dc + 1 ch)

Row 2: 4 dc, 2 dc in next stitch, 4 dc, ch 1, turn (total 10 dc + 1 ch)

Row 3: 4 dc, 2 dc in next st twice, 4 dc, ch1, turn (total 12 dc +1 ch)

Row 4: 5 dc, 2 dc in next st twice, 5 dc, ch 1, turn (total 14 dc +1 ch)

Row 5: 6 dc, 2 dc into next st twice, 6 dc, ch 1, turn (total 16 dc + 1 ch)

Row 6: 7 dc, 2 dc into next st twice, 7 dc, ch 1, turn (total 18 dc + 1 ch)

Row 7 - 10: dc in each st to end, ch 1 turn (total 18 dc + 1ch)

Do not tie off. Next we work the mouth, which is continuous with the body.

Row 11: dc 2, switch to pink yarn. In front loops only, work 4 htr, 6 tr, 4 htr. Make sure to crochet over the strand of the cream yarn. Switch back to the cream yarn and dc 2 through the front and back loops of the remaining two stitches. Make sure to crochet over the strand of pink yarn. Ch 1, turn (total: 4 dc + 1 ch in cream, 8 htr in pink, 6 tr in pink. Pink stitches are in front loops only)

Row 12: dc 2, switch to pink, 4 htr, 6 tr, 4 htr, switch to cream, 2 dc, ch 1, turn. Remember to crochet over the cream yarn when working the pink stitches. (total 4 dc +1 ch in cream, 8 htr + 6 tr in pink)

Row 13: dc 2, switch to pink, dc 14 (remember to crochet over the cream yarn when you make the pink dc), switch back to cream, dc 2, ch 1, turn. You have now finished working with the pink yarn.

Cut the pink yarn only, leaving a long tail. Continue working in cream, remembering to crochet over the tail of the pink yarn (total 18 dc and 1 chain, 2 cream dc and 14 pink dc)

Row 14: 8 dc, dc 2 tog, 8dc, ch 1, turn (total 17 dc + 1 ch)

Row 15: 7 dc, dc 2 tog, 8 dc, ch 1, turn (total 16 dc + 1 ch)

Row 16: 7 dc, dc 2 tog, 7 dc, ch 1, turn (total 15 dc + 1 ch)

Row 17: 6 dc, dc 2 tog, 7 dc, ch 1, turn (total 14 dc + 1 ch)

Row 18: 6 dc, dc 2 tog, 6 dc, ch 1, turn (total 13 dc +1 ch)

Row 19: 5 dc, dc 2 tog, 6 dc, ch 1, turn (total 12 dc +1 ch)

Row 20: 5 dc, dc 2 tog, 5 dc, ch 1, turn (total 11 dc +1 ch)

Row 21: 4 dc, dc 2 tog, 5 dc, ch 1, turn (total 10 dc +1 ch)

Row 22: 4 dc, dc 2 tog, 4 dc, ch 1, turn (total 9 dc +1 ch)

Row 23: 3 dc, dc 2 tog, 4 dc, ch 1, turn (total 8 dc +1 ch)

Row 24: 3 dc, dc 2 tog, 3 dc, ch 1, turn (total 7 dc +1 ch)

Row 25: 2 dc, dc 2 tog, 3 dc, ch 1, turn (total 6 dc +1 ch)

Row 26: 2 dc, dc 2 tog, 2 dc, ch 1, turn (total 5 dc +1 ch)

Row 27: 1 dc, dc 2 tog, 2 dc, ch 1, turn (total 4 dc +1 ch)

Row 28 - 29: dc in each stitch, ch 1, turn (total 4 dc + 1 ch)

Row 30: 1 dc, dc 2 tog, 1 dc, ch 1, turn (total 3 dc + 1 ch)

Row 31 - 2: dc in each st, ch 1, turn (total 3 dc + 1 ch)

Row 33: 1 dc, dc 2 tog (total 2 dc)

Secure the yarn and break off. Leave a long tail for sewing to the body of the shark.

Now we are going to use the white yarn to make the teeth, starting with the top row of teeth first. Take the piece that you have just made, find the bottom (row 33) and the top (chain 10). Find the first row of pink stitches (made into the front loops only). The teeth will sit in front of the pink stitches, so the front loops now become the back loops and you will work the teeth into the new front loops.



Make the top row of teeth into the loops as shown in the photo above. The crochet hook has passed through one of the loops.

Join the white yarn into the first front loop (top right) of the mouth with a slip stitch.

Row 1: Make a slip stitch across all the front loops (14 slip stitches)

Row 2: ch 3, make a slip stitch between third ch and the base of the chain. *Slip stitch into next two stitches, skip next st, ch 3, join first and third chains with slip stitch. Repeat from * until you have 5 groups of three chain stitches, if there are any remaining stitches make a slip stitch in each one.

Secure the yarn and break off. Weave in the ends.

To make the bottom row of teeth, join the white yarn into the bottom right corner of the mouth.

Row 1: make a slip stitch around the post of each of the 14 pink stitches.

Row 2: repeat row 2 from the top set of teeth.

Secure the yarn, break off and weave in the ends.