

# Zoya the Crochet Mermaid Pattern



## Materials Needed & Measurement:

- **Suggested Yarn:** DK yarn in the following colors:
  - Skin color (less than 50g)
  - Mermaid tail color (less than 50g)
  - Hair color (less than 50g)
  - Bikini top and flower colors (small amounts)
- **Hook Size:** 2.75mm crochet hook
- **Needle:** Tapestry needle
- **Other Supplies:**
  - Polyfill stuffing
  - A pair of 10mm safety eyes (or crocheted eyes for children under 3)
  - Embroidery thread: black (eyelashes), light pink (mouth)
  - Stitch marker

- **Finished Size:** Approximately 10.5 inches tall

**Abbreviations (in US terms):**

- **Sl st:** Slip stitch
- **SC:** Single crochet
- **INV DEC:** Invisible decrease
- **INC:** Two SC in the same stitch
- **BLO:** Back loops only
- **HDC:** Half double crochet
- **HDC INC:** Two HDC in the same stitch

**Round by Round Stitching for Zoya the Crochet Mermaid Pattern:**

**Head**

- **Round 1:** SC 6 in a magic ring. (6 sts)
- **Round 2:** INC in each stitch around. (12 sts)
- **Round 3:** SC, INC repeat around. (18 sts)
- **Round 4:** SC 2, INC repeat around. (24 sts)
- **Round 5:** SC 3, INC repeat around. (30 sts)
- **Rounds 6–10:** SC around. (30 sts)
- **Round 11:** SC 3, INV DEC repeat around. (24 sts)
- **Round 12:** SC 2, INV DEC repeat around. (18 sts)
  - Add safety eyes between Rounds 8–9, leaving 5 stitches apart.
- **Round 13:** SC, INV DEC repeat around. (12 sts)
- **Round 14:** INV DEC around. (6 sts)
  - Stuff the head before closing.

**Body**

- **Round 1:** Attach the skin-colored yarn. SC 6 in a magic ring. (6 sts)

- **Round 2:** INC in each stitch around. (12 sts)
- **Rounds 3–5:** SC around. (12 sts)
- **Round 6:** Change to mermaid tail color. SC around. (12 sts)
- **Rounds 7–10:** SC around. (12 sts)
- **Round 11:** SC 2, *INV DEC* repeat around. (9 sts)

### Tail

- **Round 1:** Change to tail color. SC 6 in a magic ring. (6 sts)
- **Round 2:** INC in each stitch around. (12 sts)
- **Rounds 3–8:** SC around. (12 sts)
- **Rounds 9–10:** SC, *INV DEC* repeat around. (6 sts)
  - Stuff tail lightly as you go.
- **Fins:** Chain 6, HDC across, and sl st to attach; repeat for a second fin.

### Arms (Make 2)

- **Round 1:** SC 6 in a magic ring. (6 sts)
- **Rounds 2–6:** SC around. (6 sts)
  - Leave a long tail for sewing.

### Hair

1. Use hair color to create strands or a cap-style hairpiece.
2. For strands: Chain desired length, SC across, and attach to head. Repeat until head is covered.

### Bikini Top

1. Chain 6, SC in the second chain from hook and across. (5 sts)
2. Create 2 cups by chaining and attaching with SC to form triangles.

### Flower

1. Chain 2, work 5 HDC into the first chain, and join with a sl st.
2. Embroider a center with contrasting color and sew onto hair.

## Assembly of Zoya the Crochet Mermaid

- **Attach the Head to the Body:**
  - Use the yarn tail from the body to securely sew the head onto the top of the torso.
  - Stitch around evenly and ensure it is firmly attached.
- **Attach the Arms:**
  - Position the arms symmetrically on either side of the body, slightly below the head.
  - Sew them securely using the tails left from crocheting the arms.
- **Sew the Hair:**
  - If using a hair cap, place it snugly over the head and sew along the edges.
  - For individual strands, position and tie each strand securely to the head, spacing them evenly to create a full hairstyle.
  - Style as desired (braids, loose curls, ponytail, etc.).
- **Add the Bikini Top:**
  - Sew the bikini top onto the chest area, attaching the triangular pieces securely.
  - Adjust placement to fit the body shape properly.
- **Attach the Mermaid Tail and Fins:**
  - Ensure the tail aligns well with the bottom of the torso. Sew around the edge to connect it.
  - Position the fins at the base of the tail and sew them in place, ensuring they are even and symmetrical.
- **Embroider Facial Features:**
  - Use black embroidery thread to add eyelashes around the safety eyes if desired.
  - Embroider a small smile using light pink thread.
- **Stuff and Shape as Needed:**
  - Adjust polyfill stuffing in all parts of the mermaid to ensure a balanced and even shape.
- **Final Touches:**
  - Attach the flower to the hair or the bikini top using a few stitches.

- Check all sewn pieces to ensure they are secure and kid-safe.