

# Bernat My Mermaid Crochet Snuggle Sack Pattern



## Materials Needed & Measurements:

- **Yarn:** Bernat Blanket Yarn (~6–8 skeins).
- **Hook:** Size L/8mm crochet hook.
- **Extras:** Yarn needle, scissors, stitch markers (optional).

## Measurements:

- **Circumference:** 46" (117 cm).
- **Length:** 45" (114.5 cm) (excluding tail).

## Stitching Instructions for Making the Bernat My Mermaid Crochet Snuggle Sack Pattern:

### Body of the Snuggle Sack

- **Create the Base:**
  - **Chain (Ch) 82:** This will serve as the foundation chain for the sack.
  - **Row 1 (Right Side - RS):**
    - Skip the first 2 chains (these do not count as a stitch).
    - Work 1 **half double crochet (hdc)** into the 3rd chain from the hook.
    - Continue working 1 hdc into each chain across the entire row.
    - Turn your work to prepare for the next row. You should have **80 hdc** at the end of this row.
  - **Row 2:**
    - Chain 2 (Ch 2). This step is to provide height for the new row but does not count as a stitch.
    - Work 1 hdc in each hdc from the previous row across to the end.
    - Turn your work.
  - **Repeat Row 2** until the piece measures approximately **24 inches [61 cm]**, ending on a **Wrong Side (WS) row**.
- **Shaping the Sack – Begin Decreases (Decs):** The sack will now be tapered by reducing stitches in certain rows.
  - **First Decrease Row (Row 1):**
    - Ch 2.
    - Work 1 hdc in each of the next 8 stitches, then work 1 **hdc2tog** (half double crochet two together) to decrease by one stitch.
    - Repeat from \* to the end of the row.

- Turn. The total stitch count should now be **72 stitches**.
- **Row 2 (No Decreases):**
  - Ch 2. Work 1 hdc in each stitch across. Turn.
- **Repeat Row 2 for 4 more rows**, maintaining the same stitch count.

### **Continue Decreases:**

- **Next Decrease Row:**
  - Ch 2. Work 1 hdc in each of the next 7 stitches, then hdc2tog. Repeat across. Turn. (**64 stitches**)
- **Work 5 Rows Without Decreases:**
  - Ch 2. Work 1 hdc in each stitch across. Turn.

### **Repeat the Pattern:**

- For each subsequent decrease row:
  - Decrease the number of hdc between hdc2tog by 1 (e.g., next row will have 6 hdc between decreases, then 5, and so on).
  - After each decrease row, work **5 rows of no decreases** to stabilize the shape.
- Continue until **40 stitches** remain.

### **Finish the Sack Body:**

- Fasten off the yarn.
- Use a yarn needle to sew the **center back seam** (lengthwise) to close the sack.
- Sew the **bottom seam** securely to form the closed end of the sack.

### **Tail Fin (Make 2 Pieces Alike)**

- **Create the Tail Base:**
  - **Ch 38:** This will be the foundation chain for the tail.
  - **Row 1 (RS):**
    - Work 1 hdc into the 4th chain from the hook (counts as 2 hdc).
    - Continue working 1 hdc in each chain across to the end. Turn. You should have **36 hdc** at the end of this row.
- **Add Texture to the Tail:**
  - **Row 2:**
    - Ch 2 (counts as hdc).
    - Work 1 hdc into the **horizontal bar** below each stitch in the previous row (this creates a ribbed texture).
    - Continue to the last 3 hdc and leave these stitches unworked. Turn.
  - **Row 3:**
    - Ch 2. Work 1 hdc into the horizontal bar below each stitch in the previous row. Turn.
  - **Repeat Rows 2 and 3** until only **21 stitches remain**.
- **Finish and Attach the Tail:**
  - Fasten off the yarn.
  - Repeat the instructions to create a second tail piece.
  - Sew the two tail pieces together along the edges, leaving the top edge open.
  - Position the tail at the bottom of the snuggle sack and sew it securely in place using the yarn needle.

## Gauge Check

- To ensure the sack is the correct size, confirm that **7 hdc and 6 rows = 4 inches [10 cm]**. Adjust your hook size if necessary.

This completes your Mermaid Crochet Snuggle Sack shape, cozy body, and decorative tail! Enjoy your project!