Whale Plushie Crochet Pattern

Pattern Description:

Looking for an adorable, beginner-friendly amigurumi project? This **free whale plushie crochet pattern** is the perfect weekend make! Soft, squishy, and utterly charming, this little whale works up quickly and makes a delightful handmade gift for kids, friends, or even yourself.

Skill Level: Beginner to Intermediate

Perfect for those who have some experience with single crochet, increases, and decreases in the round.

Materials Needed:

To make this plushie, you'll need the following:

- **Worsted weight yarn** - Light blue (main body), white (belly), and a small amount of black (eyes or embroidery)
- **3.5 mm crochet hook** (or size appropriate for your yarn)

- **Fiberfill stuffing**
- **Yarn needle**
- **Safety eyes (8mm)** - Optional (or use black yarn to embroider)
- **Stitch marker** - To keep track of rounds

Abbreviations (US Terms):

- **MR** - Magic ring
- **sc** - Single crochet
- **inc** - Increase (2 sc in one stitch)
- **dec** - Decrease (sc two together)
- **sl st** - Slip stitch
- **ch** - Chain
- **st(s)** - Stitch(es)

Notes:

- This pattern is worked in continuous rounds unless otherwise stated.
- Use a stitch marker to mark the first stitch of each round.
- Adjust hook size or yarn weight if you'd like a smaller or larger whale.
- Stuff firmly as you go to give your plushie a nice, plump shape.

Instructions for Making the Whale Plushie Crochet Pattern Pattern:

Head and Body (worked as one piece):

- **With light blue yarn:**
  - **Round 1:** MR, 6 sc into the ring (6)
  - **Round 2:** inc in each st around (12)
  - **Round 3:** (1 sc, inc) around (18)
  - **Round 4:** (2 sc, inc) around (24)
  - **Round 5:** (3 sc, inc) around (30)
  - **Rounds 6-12:** sc in each st around (30)
  - Insert safety eyes between Rounds 9 and 10, about 6-8 stitches apart.
  - **Round 13:** (3 sc, dec) around (24)
  - **Round 14:** (2 sc, dec) around (18)
  - **Round 15:** (1 sc, dec) around (12)
  - **Round 16:** dec around (6)
  - Fasten off and weave in the end. Set aside.

Belly Patch (white yarn):

- **Round 1:** MR, 6 sc (6)

- **Round 2:** inc in each st (12)
- **Round 3:** (1 sc, inc) around (18)
- **Round 4:** (2 sc, inc) around (24)
- Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.
- Flatten it slightly and sew it securely to the bottom of the whale body.

Tail (make 2, light blue yarn):

- **Round 1:** MR, 6 sc (6)
- **Round 2:** inc in each st (12)
- **Round 3:** sc in each st (12)
- **Round 4:** (2 sc, dec) around (9)
- **Round 5:** (1 sc, dec) around (6)
- Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.
- Sew both pieces at the back of the whale, slightly angled outward.

Fins (make 2, light blue yarn):

- **Round 1:** MR, 6 sc (6)
- **Round 2:** (1 sc, inc) around (9)
- **Rounds 3-4:** sc around (9)
- **Round 5:** (1 sc, dec) around (6)
- Fasten off and sew one fin on each side of the body.

Blowhole Bubbles (optional):

With blue yarn: Ch 5, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and across (4 sl sts total) Fasten off and attach to the top of the head to look like a water spout!

Finishing Touches:

- Embroider a cute smile just beneath the eyes using black yarn.
- You can also blush the cheeks lightly with fabric paint or colored chalk for added personality.
- Want to turn your plushie into a keychain? Add a key ring loop on the top of the head before closing up.

Tips for Success:

- Keep your stitches tight so the stuffing doesn't show through.
- Always count your stitches, this pattern is easy to follow but depends on consistent stitch counts.
- Customize your whale by using pastel colors, variegated yarn, or even making a rainbow version!

Happy crocheting.