

## CUDDLEFISH

### You will need:

DK yarn in two colours (sport #3, 8 ply)  
Scraps of DK yarn in white, black and pink (or red)  
4.5 mm crochet hook  
Toy filling  
Yarn needle  
Stitch markers (or scraps of contrasting yarn)



### Abbreviations:

rnd = round  
ch = chain  
dc = double crochet (UK dc = US sc)  
sl st = slip stitch  
Rep = repeat  
tr = treble (UK tr = US dc)  
sp = space  
htr – half treble (UK htr = US hdc)

### Special stitch:

dc dec = double crochet decrease. Insert hook into next stitch, yarn over and draw through (2 loops on hook), insert hook into next stitch, yarn over and draw through (3 loops on hook), yarn over and draw through all three loops.

### Translations:

UK Terminology		US Terminology
dc	=	sc
htr	=	hdc
tr	=	dc
dc dec	=	sc dec

### Instructions are written in UK terminology

**Gauge:** Gauge is not important in this pattern

Pattern is worked in rounds without joining unless otherwise instructed.

Yarn is used double throughout

### Head and Body:

Make a magic ring

1<sup>st</sup> rnd: 8 dc into ring [8 dc]. Draw ring closed

2<sup>nd</sup> rnd: 2 dc in each dc around [16 dc]

3<sup>rd</sup> rnd: (dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc) 8 times [24 dc]

4<sup>th</sup> rnd: (dc in each of next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc) 8 times [32 dc]

5<sup>th</sup> rnd: dc in each dc around [32 dc]

6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> rnds: Rep. rnd 5 [32 dc]

Change to second colour on the last stitch of round 8

9<sup>th</sup> rnd: Rep. rnd 5 [32 dc]

10<sup>th</sup> rnd : (dc in each of next 7 dc, 2 dc in next dec) 4 times [36 dc]

11<sup>th</sup> rnd: Rep rnd 5 [36 dc]

12<sup>th</sup> rnd: (dc in each of next 4 dc, dc dec over next 2 dc) 6 times [30 dc]

13<sup>th</sup> rnd: Rep. rnd 5 [30 dc]

14<sup>th</sup> rnd: (dc in each of next 3 dc, dc dec over next 2 dc) 6 times [24 dc]

15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> rnds: Rep. rnd 5 [24 dc]

18<sup>th</sup> rnd: (dc in each of next 2 dc, dc dec over next 2 dc) 6 times [18 dc]

19<sup>th</sup> rnd: Rep. rnd 5 [18 dc]

20<sup>th</sup> rnd: (dc in each of next 7 dc, dc dec over next 2 dc) twice [16 dc]

Begin stuffing the head and body

21<sup>st</sup> rnd: (dc in each of next 2 dc, dc dec over next 2 dc) 4 times [12 dc]

22<sup>nd</sup> rnd: Rep. rnd 5 [12 dc]

23<sup>rd</sup> rnd: (dc in next dc, dc dec over next 2 dc) 4 times [8 dc]

Sl st into next dc and fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

## **Pectoral (side) Fins – make 2 the same**

Leaving a long tail for sewing:

Ch 3, turn

1<sup>st</sup> row: 3 tr in 3<sup>rd</sup> ch from hook. Ch 2, turn

2<sup>nd</sup> row: Tr in each of next 3 tr, (tr, 2 ch, sl st) all in top of turning ch.

Fasten off and weave in end

## **Tail Fin**

Ch 3, turn

1<sup>st</sup> row: 2 tr in 3<sup>rd</sup> ch from hook. Ch 2, turn (skipped 2 ch at beginning of row = 2 ch sp.)

2<sup>nd</sup> row: 2 tr in first tr, (sl st, 2 ch, 2 tr) all in 2 ch sp. Ch 2, turn

3<sup>rd</sup> row: 2 tr in first tr, 2 ch, sl st in next sl st, ch 2, (2 tr, 2 ch, sl st) all in 2 ch sp

Fasten off and weave in both ends

## **Dorsal Fin**

Leaving a long tail for sewing:

Ch 10, turn

1<sup>st</sup> row: dc in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook, \*htr in next ch, 3 tr in next ch, htr in next ch, dc in next ch. Rep from \* once more.

Ch 1, turn

2<sup>nd</sup> row: Sl st in dc, htr in htr, skip next tr, 3 tr in next tr, skip next tr, htr in next htr, dc in next dc, htr in next htr, skip next tr, 3 tr in next tr, skip next tr, htr in next htr, sl st in last dc.

Fasten off and weave in end.

## **Eyes: (make 2 the same)**

With white, make a magic ring.

Work 6 dc into ring and draw ring closed [6 dc]

Next rnd: 2 dc in each dc [12 dc]

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing

For the pupils: with black, ch 4, join into a circle with a sl st and fasten off.

## **Finishing**

Finish stuffing the body, then push the pointed end of the tail fin into the open end of the body. Flatten the end of the body, sandwiching the tail fin and sew through all thicknesses securely.

Sew the pectoral fins either side of the head where it joins the body.

Sew the dorsal fin to the top of the body, starting where the head joins the body.

Sew the pupils to the centre of the eyes and sew the eyes to the head as shown in the photo

Finally, embroider a V shape for the mouth to make your Cuddlefish smile!