

**Crochet Fish** - to give away at FEED 5000, or for any other use you wish.



**TIME:** 15 mins per fish. **SKILL LEVEL:** Basic - Intermediate

**SIZE:** – approx. 4 inches/10cm but gauge isn't important as long as the stuffing doesn't show through.

**MATERIALS:**

Approximately 15 yards of DK

4.5 mm Crochet Hook

Yarn needle, stuffing

Small amount of black yarn or 3-D paint for eyes

When joining with a slip stitch, pull the stitch tight until it almost disappears.

The first stitch of each round is made in the join.

sc2tog = Insert hook into stitch and draw up a loop. Insert hook into next stitch and draw up a loop. Yarn over, draw through all 3 loops on hook.

## INSTRUCTIONS:

Round 1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second chain from hook. Join with a slip stitch in first sc. Pull slip stitch tight. (6 sc)

Round 2: Ch 1, \*2 sc in next st, sc in next st, repeat from \* around. Join with a slip stitch in first sc. Pull slip stitch tight. (9 sc)

Round 3: Ch 1, \*2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, repeat from \* around. Join with a slip stitch in first sc. Pull slip stitch tight. (12 sc)

Round 4: Ch 1, \*2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, repeat from \* around. Join with a slip stitch in first sc. Pull slip stitch tight. (15 sc)

Round 5: Ch 1, sc in each st around. Join with a slip stitch in first sc. Pull slip stitch tight. (15 sc)

Round 6: Ch 1, \*2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, repeat from \* around. Join with a slip stitch in first sc. Pull slip stitch tight. (18 sc)

Rounds 7-9: Ch 1, sc in each st around. Join with a slip stitch in first sc. Pull slip stitch tight. 18 sc)

Round 10: Ch 1, \*sc2tog, sc next 3 sts, repeat from \* around to last 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in last st. Join with a slip stitch in first sc. Pull slip stitch tight. (14 sc)

Round 11: Ch 1, \*sc2tog, sc next st, repeat from \* around\* to last 2 st, sc2tog. Join with a slip stitch in first sc. Pull slip stitch tight. (9 sc)

Stuff the fish lightly with Polyfil. Remember it's a fish not a turnip, fish are sort of flat.

Round 12: Ch 1, sc2tog around, sc in last st. Join with a slip stitch in first sc. Pull slip stitch tight. (5 sc)

Round 13: Ch 1, 2 sc in ea st. Join with a slip stitch in first sc. Pull slip stitch tight. (10 sc)

Round 14: Ch 1, \*2 sc in next st, sc in next st, repeat from \* around to last 2 sts, 2 sc in last 2 st. Join with a slip stitch in first sc. Pull slip stitch tight. (16 sc)

Round 15: Ch 1, sc in ea st around. Join with a slip stitch in first sc. Pull slip stitch tight. (16 sc)

Round 16: Flatten tail and hold together. Ch 2, sc through both layers (front and back of tail) to close tail. (8 sc)

Fasten off and weave in ends.

If you want to add eyes; use yarn and French knots or a small dot of 3-D paint on each side of fish's head. **DO NOT** add beads or buttons as children could choke on them. The 3-D paint sticks very well, even if a child did pull them off they are too small to cause choking and aren't toxic.