# AXOLOTL
## CROCHET PATTERN



STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

# ABBREVIATIONS

Gubolay patterns adhere to US crochet terminology.

SC: Single Crochet

INC: Increase

DEC: Decrease

ST: Slip Stitch

CH: Chain Stitch

HDC: Half Double Crochet

TR: Triple Crochet

DC: Double Crochet

FLO: front loop only

BLO: back loop only

This project is crocheted in a continuous rounds, and we use 《row》 and 《round》 interchangeably.

# READING THE PATTERN

Rnd2:(2sc,inc)*6,(24sts)

| Rnd2 | (2sc,inc)*6 | (24 sts) |
|---|---|---|
| Row or round number | What stitches to do in this round,and how many times | Total number of stitches in the round or row |

For round 2, repeat the pattern in the brackets for 6 times. The pattern is: single crochet in each of the first 2 stitches, then increase stitch in the next stitch.Because an increase is actually 2 single crochet stitches in the same stitch of the previous round, the total number of stitches in this round is 24.

# FINISHING CROCHET PIECES

Depending on the piece you're working on, youwill need to use one of these methods tofinish it off:

## INVISIBLE FASTEN-OFF:

Pull the yarn tail through the last stitch.Use a tapestry needle to thread the tail, then pass it under the stitch after the next one. Guide the needle between the ""of the stitch you just came from, from top to bottom,and out the other side. Pull the tail so the new stitch matches the others in size. Lastly, weave the needleunder the nearby horizontal bar for added security.

## FASTEN-OFF:

Slide the needle under the front loop of each of stitches, one by one, from the inside to the outside,then pull on the yarn tail to tighten the hole in the middle. Hide the yarn tail and cut off the excess yarn.

## CROCHET EDGES TOGETHER:

Join the sides together. Align the first and last stitches of the round.insert your hook through both stitches and make a single crochet stitch. Continue crocheting through both sides of the round.If it's easier, start with the first and second-to-last stitches instead.

# Pattern - Crawling Axolotl

**With / Change the color of the yarn:**

Pink  Magenta  Black

**Top Tips:** *Start with a magic ring, working in rounds which are joined together at the end of each round.*

## 1.Head

***Working into a MR***

**Rnd 1:** ch, 6sc, ss *(6sts)*
**Rnd 2:** ch, 6inc, ss *(12sts)*
**Rnd 3:** ch, (sc, inc)*6, ss *(18sts)*
**Rnd 4:** ch, (sc, inc, sc)*6, ss *(24sts)*
**Rnd 5:** ch, (3sc, inc)*6, ss *(30sts)*
**Rnd 6:** ch, 30sc, ss *(30sts)*



**Rnd 7:** ch, (2sc, inc, 2sc)*6, ss *(36sts)*
**Rnd 8:** ch, 36sc, ss *(36sts)*
**Rnd 9:** ch, (5sc, inc)*6, ss *(42sts)*
**Rnd 10:** ch, 42sc, ss *(42sts)*
**Rnd 11:** ch, (3sc, inc, 3sc)*6, ss *(48sts)*
**Rnd 12-13:** ch, 48sc, ss *(48sts) (2 Rnds)*
**Rnd 14:** ch, (3sc, dec, 3sc)*6, ss *(42sts)*



*Add safety eyes between R10-R11, 11 stitches apart.*

**Rnd 15:** ch, (5sc, dec)*6, ss *(36sts)*
**Rnd 16:** ch, (2sc, dec, 2sc)*6, ss *(30sts)*
**Rnd 17:** ch, (3sc, dec)*6, ss *(24sts)*
**Rnd 18:** ch, (sc, dec, sc)*6, ss *(18sts)*
*Stuff with fiberfill.*
**Rnd 19:** ch, (sc, dec)*6, ss *(12sts)*
**Rnd 20:** ch, 6dec, ss *(6sts)*
*Fasten off.*



# 2.Gills

*Working into a MR*

**① Large Gills (Make 2)**

**Rnd 1:** ch, 6sc, ss *(6sts)*

**Rnd 2:** ch, (sc, inc)*3, ss *(9sts)*

**Rnd 3:** ch, 9sc, ss *(9sts)*

**Rnd 4:** ch, (sc, dec)*3, ss *(6sts)*

**Rnd 5-8:** ch, 6sc, ss *(6sts) (4 Rnds)*

*Fold the piece and sew two rows lengthwise with pink yarn.*





**② Small Gills (Make 4)**

**Rnd 1:** ch, 5sc, ss *(5sts)*

**Rnd 2:** ch, 2sc, inc, 2sc, ss *(6sts)*

**Rnd 3:** ch, 6sc, ss *(6sts)*

**Rnd 4:** ch, 2sc, dec, 2sc, ss *(5sts)*

**Rnd 5:** ch, 5sc, ss *(5sts)*

*Fold the piece and sew two rows lengthwise with pink yarn.*





# 3.Body

***Working into a Chain***

**Rnd 1:** 4ch, starting in the 2nd ch from the hook: 6sc, ss *(6sts)*
**Rnd 2:** ch, (sc, inc)*2, ss *(8sts)*
**Rnd 3:** ch, 8sc, ss *(8sts)*
**Rnd 4:** ch, (3sc, inc)*2, ss *(10sts)*
**Rnd 5:** ch, 10sc, ss *(10sts)*
**Rnd 6:** ch, sc, inc, 8sc, ss *(11sts)*
**Rnd 7-9:** ch, 11sc, ss *(11sts) (3 Rnds)*
**Rnd 10:** ch, 2sc, inc, 8sc, ss *(12sts)*
**Rnd 11:** ch, 12sc, ss *(12sts)*
**Rnd 12:** ch, 3sc, inc, 8sc, ss *(13sts)*
**Rnd 13:** ch, 13sc, ss *(13sts)*
**Rnd 14:** ch, 11sc, inc, sc, ss *(14sts)*
**Rnd 15:** ch, 14sc, ss *(14sts)*
**Rnd 16:** ch, 11sc, inc, 2sc, ss *(15sts)*
**Rnd 17:** ch, 15sc, ss *(15sts)*
**Rnd 18:** ch, 11sc, inc, 3sc, ss *(16sts)*
**Rnd 19:** ch, 16sc, ss *(16sts)*
**Rnd 20:** ch, 12sc, inc, 3sc, ss *(17sts)*
**Rnd 21:** ch, 12sc, inc, 4sc, ss *(18sts)*
**Rnd 22:** ch, (sc, inc, sc)*6, ss *(24sts)*
*Stuff with fiberfill and insert a wire.*
**Rnd 23:** ch, (5sc, inc)*4, ss *(28sts)*
**Rnd 24-35:** ch, 28sc, ss *(28sts) (12 Rnds)*
*Leave a long end for sewing and stuff with fiberfill.*





## 4.Arms&Legs (Make 4)

*Working into a MR*

**Rnd 1-2:** ch, 6sc, ss *(6sts) (2 Rnds)*

**Rnd 3-6:** ch, 6sc, ss *(6sts) (4 Rnds)*

*Leave a long end for sewing*

*and stuff with fiberfill.*



## 5.Back Fin

*Working into a MR*

*Insert the hook in the center of R35 of the body and work:*

ch, picot, sc, (picot, 2sc)*11, picot, sc, ss



# 6.Sew Up

- Sew the first pair of small gills on the head across R5-R7, 14 stitches apart.
- Sew the large gills on the head across R7-R9, 16 stitches apart.
- Sew the second pair of small gills on the head across R10-R11, 18 stitches apart.





- Sew the head with the body across R10-R18 of the head.





- Sew the arms on the head across R13-R15.





- Sew the legs on the body across R21-R23, 4 stitches apart.





- With 1-ply black yarn, embroider the mouth on R13 of the head, taking 8 stitches.

