

# Miniature Mermaid

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*This pattern uses small amounts of each yarn, so it's a great way to use up leftover odds and ends from other projects. I use Knit Picks Palette yarns for most of my amigurumi creations because I can be sure of uniformity in my stitches and with 150 colors available, I can always find the right color for any project.*



## Yarn:

Knit Picks Palette, small amounts in your choice of skin tone color, tail color and bandeau top color. The project shown uses #24560 Almond, #24565 Fairy Tale and 24569 Cotton Candy

## Tools and materials:

Size 1 (2.75mm) steel crochet hook, tapestry needle, small amount of glue, 1 pair of 2mm plastic eyes and a small amount of fiberfill stuffing.

## Gauge:

Precise gauge is not important as long as stitches are uniform, with no gaps showing between stitches.

## Body:

Using skin tone color, begin with a 6-stitch magic loop. Work 2 SC into each SC around (12 sts).

Join bandeau color. Work (SC, 2 SC in next SC) 6x around (18 sts).

Work (SC 2, 2 SC in next SC) 6x around (24 sts).

SC around next 2 rds.

Join skin color again. SC around next 4 rds.

Join tail color. SC around 4 rds.

Next rd, (SC 2, dec) 6x around.

SC around next 2 rds.

Next rd, (2 SC in next SC) 3x, SC 6, dec 3, SC 3. (18 sts)

Next rd, SC around.

Stuff body with fiberfill stuffing.

Next rd, (SC, dec) 6x around (12 sts)

Next rd, (2 SC in next SC) 3x, SC 3, dec 3. (12 sts)

Next rd, SC around

Next rd, dec 6x (6 sts)

### Increase for tail fin:

2 SC in each SC around (12 sts)

Next rd, 2 HDC in each SC around (24 sts)

Next rd, (SC 2, HDC 2, SC 2) 4x around.

Next rd, flatten front and back of tail together with your fingers and secure the edges together by working 11 SC across through both front and back layers. There will be one extra stitch on each end that you do not work into. You are now working flat, turning at the end of each row. Turn.

Next row, ch 2, HDC 4, turn.

Next row, ch 2, work 4 DC decrease, finish off.

Join yarn again at center of fin, ch 2, HDC 4, turn.

Next row, ch 2, work 4 DC decrease, finish off.

### Head:

Using skin tone color, begin with a 6-stitch magic loop. Work 2 SC into each SC around (12 sts).

Next rd, (SC, 2 SC in next SC) 6x around (18 sts).

Next rd, (SC 2, 2 SC in next SC) 6x around (24 sts).

Next rd, (SC 3, 2 SC in next SC) 6x around (30 sts).

Next 4 rds, SC around.

Next rd, (SC 3, dec) 6x around (24 sts).

Next rd, (SC 2, dec) 6x around (18 sts).

Stuff head with fiberfill stuffing.

Next rd, (SC, dec) 6x around (12 sts).

Next rd, dec 6x (6 sts) finish off.

## Arms (make 2):

Using skin tone color, begin with a 6-stitch magic loop. Work 2 SC into each SC around (12 sts).

Next rd, SC around.

Next rd, dec 6x around (6 sts).

Next 8 rds, SC around.

Next row, hold front and back together, fasten together with 2 SC across, finish off leaving a long tail for sewing to body.

## Finishing:

Sew head and arms to body in the appropriate places. Adjust positioning until you are happy with everything before sewing firmly together. Using small piece of yarn in either tail color or bandeau color, embroider mouth. Decide where you want the eyes, then insert tip of glue bottle between stitches, squeeze a little glue and insert eye post. Press eye firmly into place between stitches. Repeat for second eye.

Attach hair by cutting 5-inch lengths of yarn, folding in half, then inserting hook underneath SC stitch and pulling loop through, then catching yarn ends in the loop and pulling taut. Alternately, you can lay yarn segments across head from side to side and sew using backstitch along a straight line from center front to center back, where the hair would naturally part.