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5 Fin-tastic Betta Fish Crochet Patterns from Beginner to Advanced
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Welcome to Hooked on Bettas!

Hey there, fellow yarn lover!

I'm a total betta fish addict. Like, seriously - I've got tanks all over my place, and every time I walk past a pet store, I somehow end up "just looking" at the betta section.

My friends have learned to physically drag me away before I come home with another fish.

But here's the thing about being obsessed with bettas - you start seeing their incredible fins and colors everywhere, especially when you're holding a crochet hook.

Those flowing tails? Perfect for yarn. Those vibrant reds and blues? Made for cotton thread.

And unlike my real bettas (who have very strong opinions about water temperature and feeding schedules), crocheted ones are way more chill.

How This All Started

After spending way too much time watching my bettas swim around looking fabulous, I decided to try recreating that magic in yarn.

The first one turned out so cute that I made another. Then another. Pretty soon I had a whole school of yarn fish, and people started asking for patterns.

Turns out lots of people want the beauty of bettas without the 2 AM "oh no, is my heater working?" panic moments.

What You're Getting Into

These 5 patterns are like a betta breeding program, but for your crochet skills.

We start with a simple, beginner-friendly fish (think of it as your starter betta) and work up to the elaborate, show-stopping beauties that would make any betta enthusiast jealous.

Each pattern captures something different about what makes bettas so amazing - their graceful bodies, those dramatic fins, and colors that seem almost too vibrant to be real.

Before We Dive In

Whether you're brand new to crochet or you've been hooking for years, I've packed this book with photos and tips to help you along the way.

Because let's be honest, we've all had that moment where we're staring at pattern instructions wondering if we accidentally picked up a manual for rocket science.

Ready to build your yarn aquarium? Let's get started!

P.S. - Fair warning: making these is almost as addictive as collecting real bettas. Don't say I didn't warn you.

Getting Started

Essential Tools & Materials

What You'll Need for All Patterns

Crochet Hooks • 2.5mm hook (for Purple Betta) • 3.0mm hook (for all other patterns)

Yarns • 4-ply milk cotton yarn in various colors • 3-ply milk cotton yarn for accents • Colors needed: Red, White, Purple, Orange, Yellow, Pink, Multi-color, Sky Blue, Multi-shade Blue

Notions & Supplies • 5mm safety eyes (or small black beads) • Fiberfill stuffing • Tapestry needle • Scissors • Stitch markers (optional but helpful)

Yarn Notes

Don't stress if you can't find the exact yarns mentioned. Cotton yarn works great because it holds its shape well and comes in brilliant colors perfect for bettas. Just make sure to stay consistent within each project for the best results.

Skill Levels Explained

Beginner (Red & Purple): You know basic stitches and can work in the round. Perfect if you've made a few simple projects before.

Intermediate (Yellow & Pink): You're comfortable with multiple components and basic sewing. Ready to try new techniques like working in back/front loops only.

Advanced (Blue): You've got solid crochet skills and don't mind complex construction. This one's got some fancy decreases that'll make you feel like a crochet wizard.

Reading the Patterns

Stitch Counts: Numbers in brackets [12] show how many stitches you should have at the end of that round.

Round Markers: Use a stitch marker or different colored yarn to mark the beginning of each round. Trust me on this one.

Gauge: Not super critical for these patterns, but consistent tension will give you better results.

Safety Eyes vs. Beads

Safety eyes are easier and more secure, especially if kids will be playing with your fish. If you prefer beads, make sure they're sewn on really well. No one wants a betta with a missing eye!

Before You Start

- Read through the entire pattern first
- Check that you have all materials
- Practice any new techniques on a swatch if needed
- Find good lighting - your eyes will thank you

Ready to make some fish? Pick your pattern and let's get hooking!

Pattern Collection Overview

Your Betta Fish Journey

Here's your roadmap through all 5 patterns! Each one builds on the skills from the previous, so if you're new to crochet, I'd recommend starting with the Red Betta and working your way through.

Quick Reference Guide

Red Betta Fish

Skill Level: Beginner

Size: 3 inches (8 cm)

Time: 2-3 hours

Special Features: No sewing required, perfect starter fish

What You'll Learn: Magic ring, basic increases/decreases, color changes

Best For: Your very first betta or when you want something quick and satisfying

Purple Betta Fish

Skill Level: Beginner+

Size: 4.5 inches (11.5 cm)

Time: 3-4 hours

Special Features: No sewing, flowing tail design

What You'll Learn: More complex tail construction, edging techniques

Best For: When you're ready for slightly more challenge but still want the no-sew ease

Yellow Betta Fish

Skill Level: Intermediate

Size: 4 inches (10 cm)

Time: 4-5 hours

Special Features: Multi-part assembly, color striping

What You'll Learn: Working in back loops only (BLO), sewing components

together

Best For: Ready to try assembly and want those gorgeous orange/yellow stripes

Pink Betta Fish

Skill Level: Intermediate+

Size: 5 inches (13 cm)

Time: 5-6 hours

Special Features: Advanced shaping, front loop only technique

What You'll Learn: FLO technique, strategic increases for body shaping

Best For: When you want a larger fish with more sophisticated construction

Blue Betta Fish

Skill Level: Advanced

Size: 6 inches (15 cm)

Time: 6-7 hours

Special Features: Multiple fin components, complex decreases

What You'll Learn: Double crochet decreases (2 dc tog), professional assembly

Best For: The ultimate challenge - this is your show-stopping masterpiece

Choosing Your Starting Point

New to Crochet? Start with Red - it's designed to be totally beginner-friendly.

Some Crochet Experience? Jump in with Purple or Yellow depending on whether you want to avoid sewing (Purple) or try it (Yellow).

Confident Crocheter? Pick whichever fish catches your eye! Though I'd still recommend reading through the simpler patterns for technique tips.

Want a Quick Project? Red or Purple will give you the fastest satisfaction.

Ready for a Challenge? Blue Betta is waiting to test your skills!

Pro Tips

- Make the Red Betta first as a gauge swatch - it'll help you get familiar with the yarn and hook combination
- Each pattern includes the techniques you'll need, so don't worry about memorizing everything upfront
- Having trouble with a technique? Check the Tips & Troubleshooting section at the end
- These make great gifts, so consider making multiples in different color combinations!

Ready to pick your fish? Let's dive into the patterns!

Red Betta Fish (No Sew)

Pattern difficulty: Beginner | Estimated time: 2-3 hours

Pattern Overview

Skill Level: Beginner Friendly

Technique: No sewing required - perfect for beginners!

Finished Size: Approximately 3 inches (8 cm) from nose to tail

Size may vary depending on yarn weight, hook size, and individual tension

What You'll Learn

- Working in magic ring
- Basic increases and decreases
- Color changes
- Working in continuous rounds
- Attaching safety eyes



Materials Needed

Yarn

4-ply milk cotton yarn in:

- Red (main body color)
- White (tail and fin details)

Tools & Notions

- 3mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors
- 5mm safety eyes (or small black beads as alternative)
- Fiberfill stuffing

Gauge

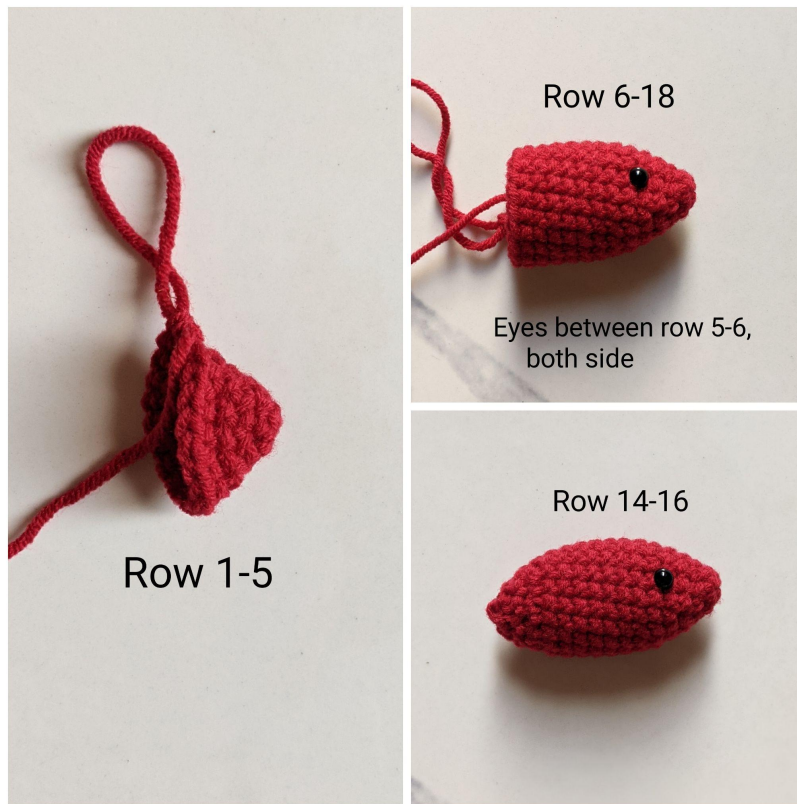
Gauge is not critical for this project, but consistent tension will give you the best results.

Essential Abbreviations

- MR = Magic Ring
- ch = Chain
- sc = Single Crochet
- inc = Increase
- dc inc = Double crochet increase
- dec = Decrease
- sl st = Slip Stitch
- R = Round/Row

Important Note: Work in continuous rounds without joining (no sl st and ch1 at the end of each round unless specified).

Pattern Instructions



Body Section

Use red yarn throughout

R1: 6 sc in MR [6]

R2: 6 sc [6]

R3: 6 inc [12]

R4: 12 sc around [12]

R5: (1 sc, 1 inc) × 6 [18]

R6-13: 18 sc around [18] (*8 rounds total*)

Eye Placement: Attach safety eyes between rounds 5-6 on both sides of the head.

Stuffing Time: Stuff firmly with fiberfill before continuing.

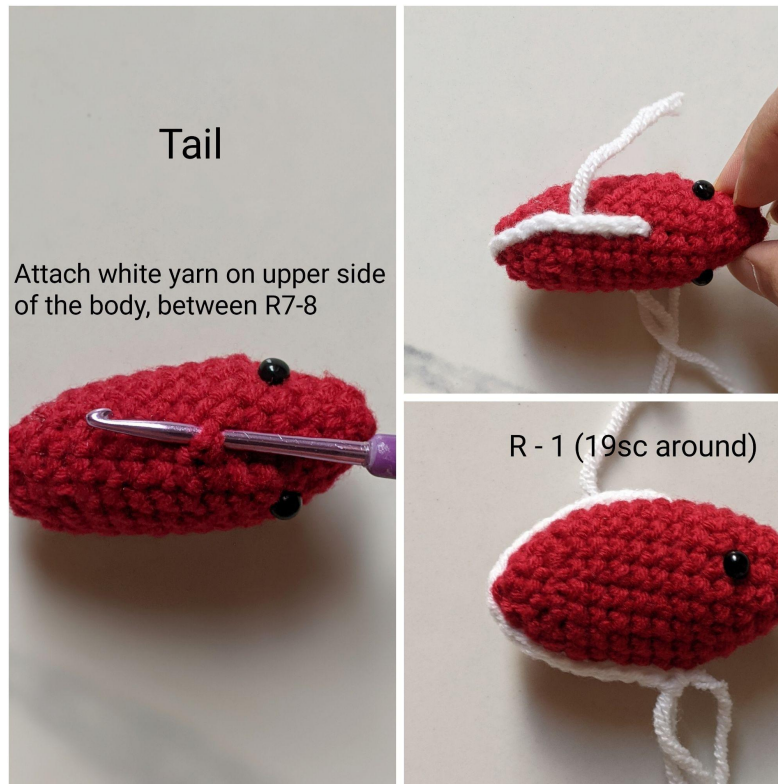
R14: (1 sc, 1 dec) × 6 [12]

R15: 12 sc around [12]

R16: 6 dec [6]

Finishing: Cut yarn leaving a 6-inch tail. Close the opening and weave in ends.

Tail Section



Switch to white yarn

R1: Attach white yarn to one side of the body and work 19 sc around the body (8 sc on each side + 3 sc on the tail end, ch1 and turn) [19]

R2: 1 sc, 1 hdc, 15 dc inc in next 15 stitches, 1 hdc, 1 sc [34]

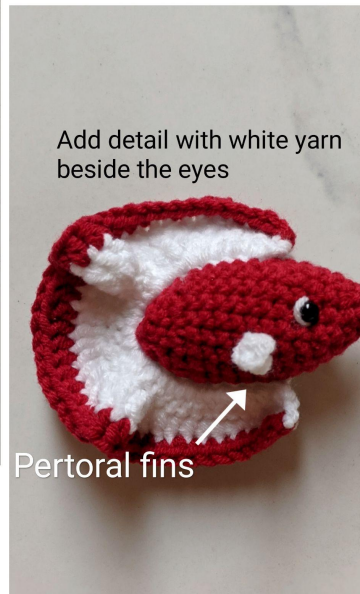
R3: 5 sc, 5 hdc, 14 dc inc, 5 hdc, 5 sc [48]

Cut white yarn.



Switch to red yarn

R4: 10 sc, 10 hdc, 8 dc, 10 hdc, 10 sc
Cut yarn and weave in all ends.



Side Fins / Pectoral Fins

Make 2 pieces using white yarn

R1: 1 sc, 1 hdc, 1 sc in MR, sl st to first stitch
Cut yarn leaving a tail for attachment.

Attachment: Position fins under the eyes and attach using fabric glue or by sewing with matching thread.

Finishing Touches

1. **Eye Details:** Add small white yarn accents beside the eyes for a more realistic look
2. **Final Check:** Ensure all yarn tails are securely woven in and trimmed
3. **Shape:** Gently shape the tail and fins for the desired look

Tips for Success

- **Consistent Tension:** Keep your stitches even for a professional finish
- **Safety Eyes:** Insert eyes before stuffing becomes too thick
- **Color Changes:** When switching colors, pull the new color through on the last yarn over of the previous stitch
- **No-Sew Advantage:** This pattern is designed to minimize sewing, making it perfect for beginners

Troubleshooting

- **If your fish is too small:** Try using a larger hook or bulkier yarn
- **If your fish is too large:** Use a smaller hook or finer yarn
- **If stitches are too tight:** Relax your tension slightly
- **If stitches are too loose:** Tighten your tension or use a smaller hook

Purple Betta Fish (No Sew)

Pattern difficulty: Beginner | Estimated time: 3-4 hours

Pattern Overview

Skill Level: Beginner Friendly

Technique: No sewing required - perfect for beginners!

Finished Size: Approximately 4.5 inches (11.5 cm) from nose to tail

Size may vary depending on yarn weight, hook size, and individual tension

What You'll Learn

- Working in magic ring
- Basic increases and decreases
- Color changes
- Working in continuous rounds
- Attaching safety eyes
- Creating flowing tail fins

Materials Needed



Yarn

4-ply milk cotton yarn in:

- Purple (main body color)
- White (tail and fin details)

Tools & Notions

- 2.5mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors
- 5mm safety eyes (or small black beads as alternative)
- Fiberfill stuffing

Gauge

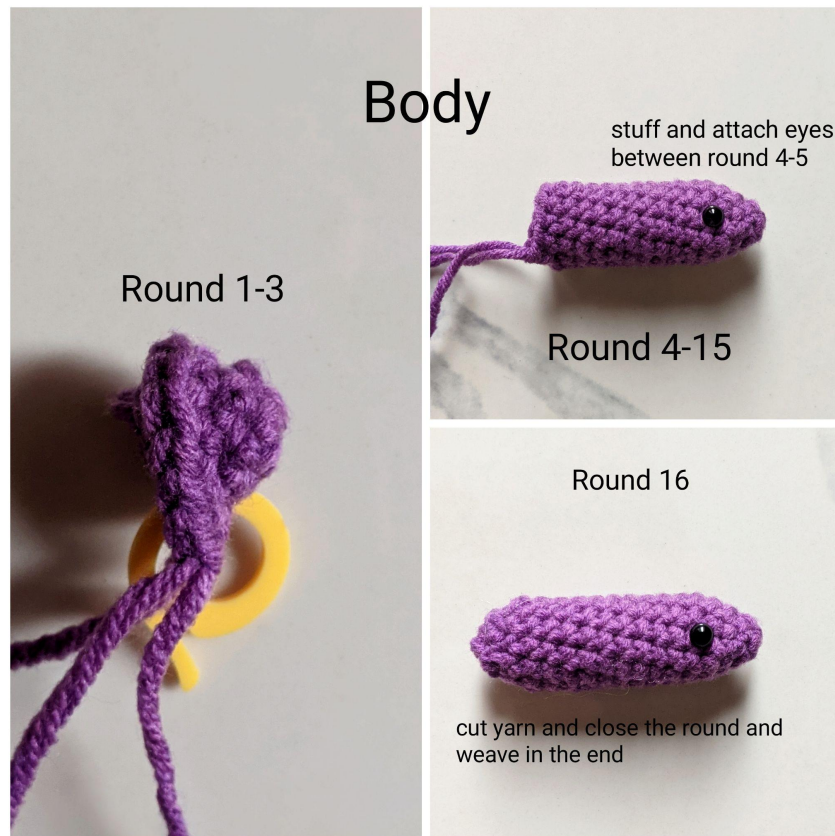
Gauge is not critical for this project, but consistent tension will give you the best results.

Essential Abbreviations

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- sc = Single Crochet
- hdc = Half Double Crochet
- dc = Double Crochet
- inc = Increase (2 sc in same stitch)
- dec = Decrease (sc2tog)
- sl st = Slip Stitch
- R = Round/Row

Important Note: Work in continuous rounds without joining unless specified.

Pattern Instructions



Body Section

Use purple yarn throughout

R1: 6 sc in MR [6]

R2: 6 sc [6]

R3: 6 inc [12]

R4-15: 12 sc around [12] (*12 rounds total*)

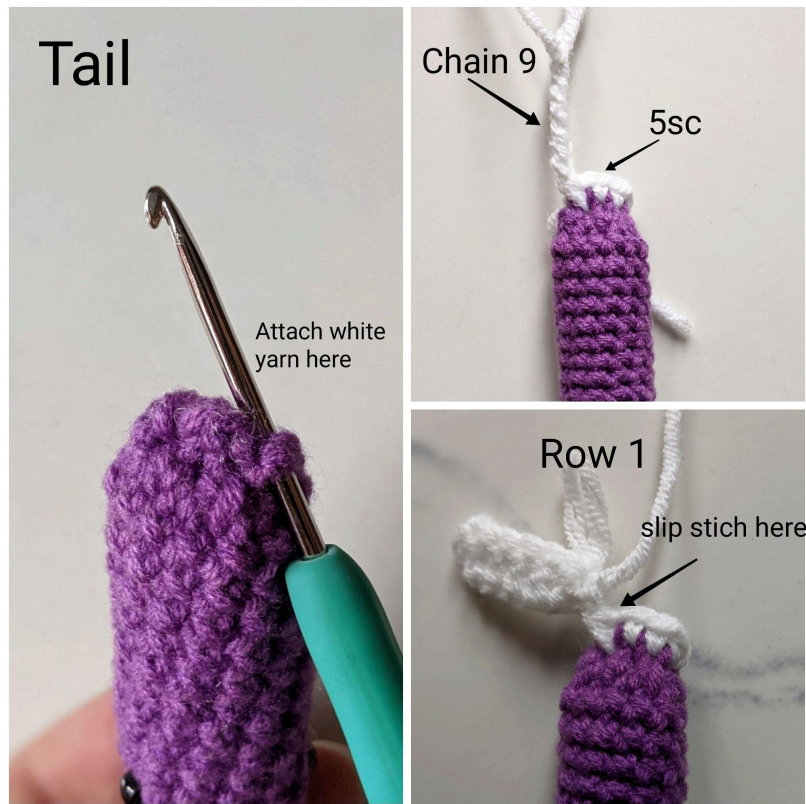
Eye Placement: After round 6, attach safety eyes between rounds 4-5 on both sides of the head.

Stuffing Time: Stuff firmly with fiberfill before continuing.

R16: 6 dec [6]

Finishing: Cut yarn leaving a 6-inch tail. Close the opening and weave in ends.

Tail Section

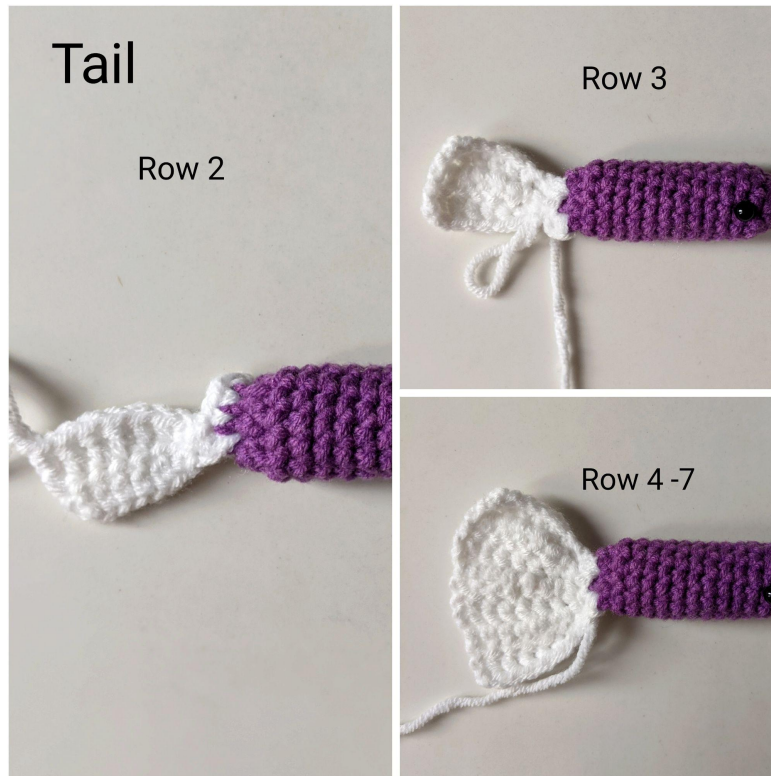


Switch to white yarn

Creating Tail Base: Attach white yarn where the tail will begin and work 5 sc at the end of the body to create tail base.

Setup: ch 9

R1: (From 2nd chain from hook) 5 dc, 1 hdc, 1 sc, sl st in 2nd sc of tail base [7]



R2: 1 sc, 1 hdc, 5 dc, ch 2 and turn [7]

R3: 5 dc, 1 hdc, 1 sc, sl st in 3rd sc of tail base [7]

R4: 1 sc, 1 hdc, 5 dc, ch 2 and turn [7]

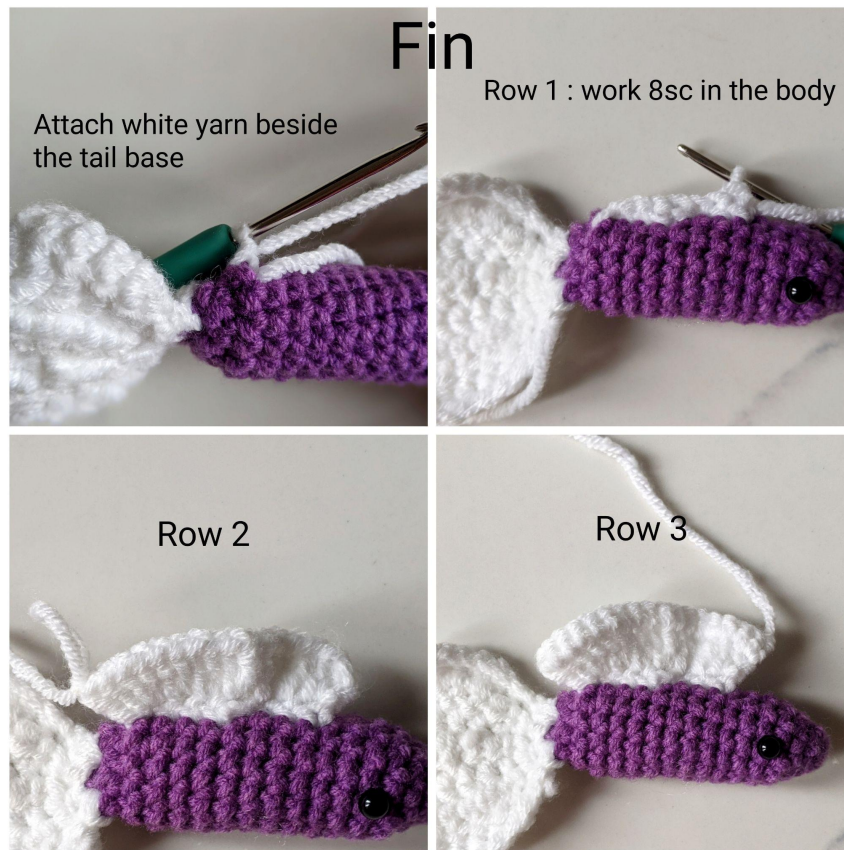
R5: 5 dc, 1 hdc, 1 sc, sl st in 4th sc of tail base [7]

R6: 1 sc, 1 hdc, 5 dc, ch 2 and turn [7]

R7: 5 dc, 1 hdc, 1 sc, sl st in 5th sc of tail base [7]

Finishing: Cut yarn, fasten off and weave in ends.

Upper and Lower Fins



Use white yarn for both fins

Upper Fin: Attach white yarn at the top of the body beside the tail base.

R1: 8 sc in the body

R2: 8 dc inc [16]

R3: sc inc, 14 sc, sc inc [18]

Cut yarn and weave in ends.

Lower Fin: Make underneath using same pattern as upper fin.



Make lower fin using same pattern

Sc around the edges of tail and fins with purple yarn

Add detail with white yarn beside the eye



Final Edging

Tail Edging: Join purple yarn on one corner of the tail. Single crochet evenly around the edge of the tail. Fasten off and weave in ends.

Fin Edging: Work the same way around both upper and lower fins.

Finishing Touches

1. **Final Check:** Ensure all yarn tails are securely woven in and trimmed
2. **Shape:** Gently shape the tail and fins for the desired flowing look
3. **Edging:** The purple edging adds definition and a professional finish

Tips for Success

- **Consistent Tension:** Keep your stitches even for a professional finish
- **Safety Eyes:** Insert eyes before stuffing becomes too thick
- **Color Changes:** When switching colors, pull the new color through on the last yarn over of the previous stitch
- **Tail Shaping:** The multiple rows create a beautiful flowing effect
- **No-Sew Advantage:** This pattern is designed to minimize sewing, making it perfect for beginners

Troubleshooting

- **If your fish is too small:** Try using a larger hook or bulkier yarn
- **If your fish is too large:** Use a smaller hook or finer yarn
- **If stitches are too tight:** Relax your tension slightly
- **If stitches are too loose:** Tighten your tension or use a smaller hook
- **If tail looks uneven:** Check that you're working into the correct base stitches

Yellow Betta Fish

Pattern difficulty: Intermediate | Estimated time: 4-5 hours

Pattern Overview

Skill Level: Intermediate

Technique: Requires sewing multiple parts together

Finished Size: Approximately 10 cm (4 inches) from nose to tail

Size may vary depending on yarn thickness, hook size, and individual tension

What You'll Learn

- Working in magic ring
- Basic increases and decreases
- Color changes and striping
- Working in back loop only (BLO)
- Sewing multiple components together
- Creating varied fin shapes

Materials Needed



Yarn

3-ply milk cotton yarn in:

- Orange (main color)
- Yellow (accent color)

Tools & Notions

- 3.0mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors
- 5mm safety eyes (or black beads as alternative)
- Fiberfill stuffing

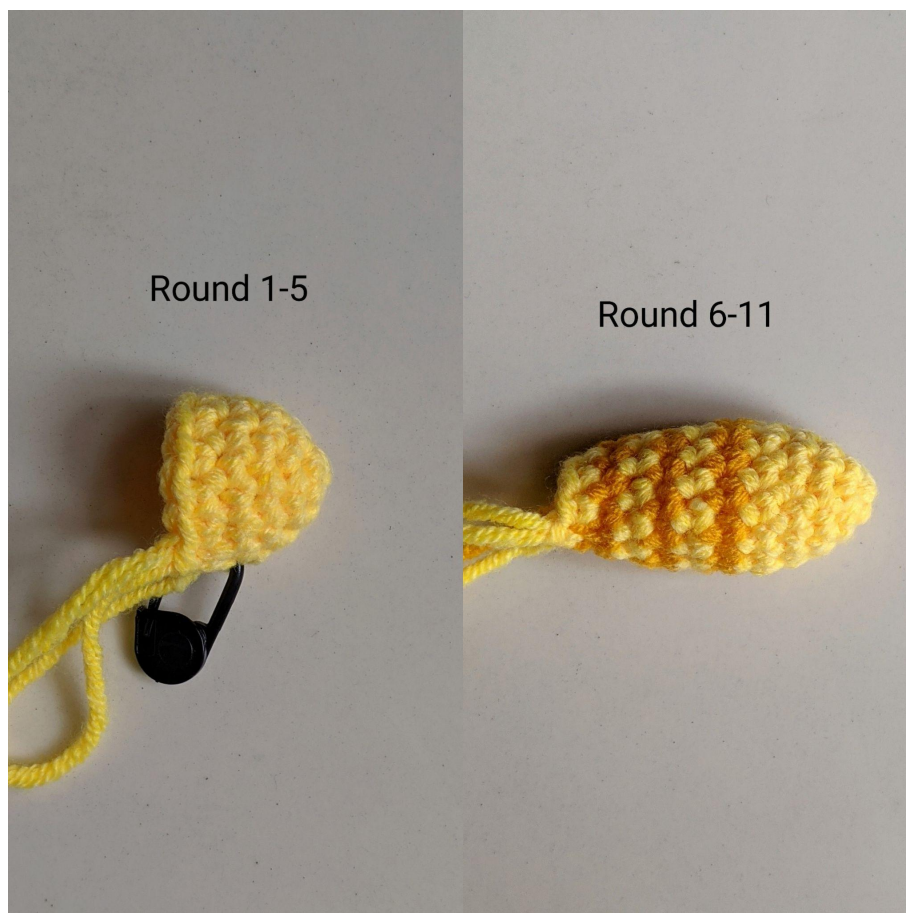
Gauge

Gauge is not critical for this project, but consistent tension will give you the best results.

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- dc = Double Crochet
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Pattern Instructions



Head + Body Section (Make 1)

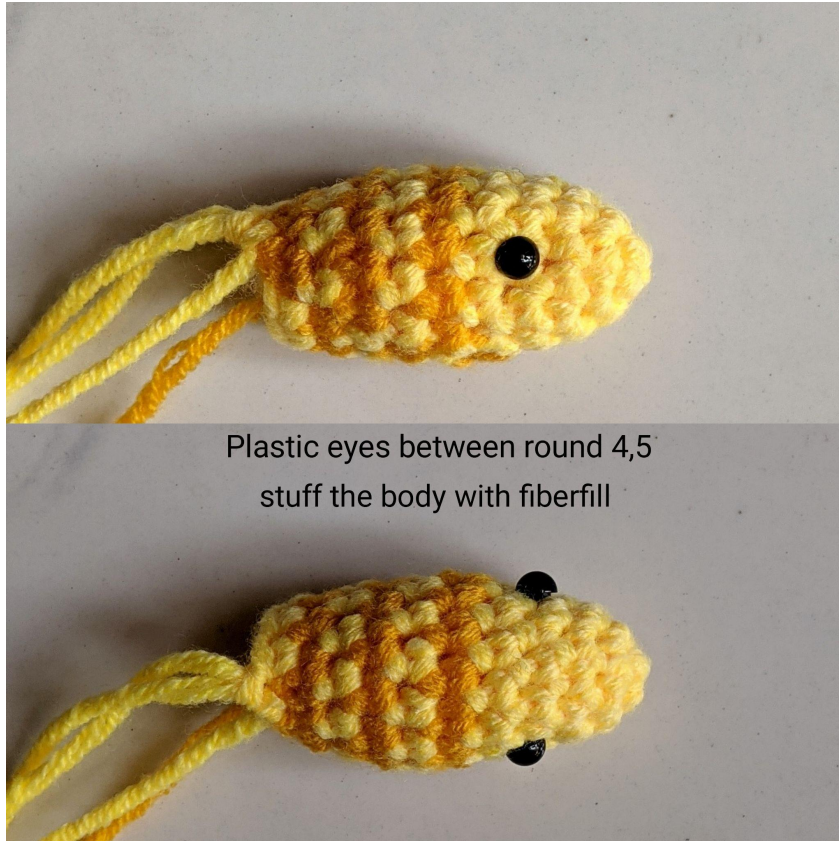
Start with yellow yarn

R1: MR, 4 sc into MR [4]

R2: (inc) × 4 [8]

R3: (sc, inc) × 4 [12]

R4-5: 12 sc around [12]



Change to orange yarn. From rounds 6-13, alternate yarn colors (yellow/orange) after finishing every round

R6-8: 12 sc around [12]

Eye Placement: Attach safety eyes between rounds 4-5 on both sides of the head.

Stuffing Time: Stuff with fiberfill before continuing.

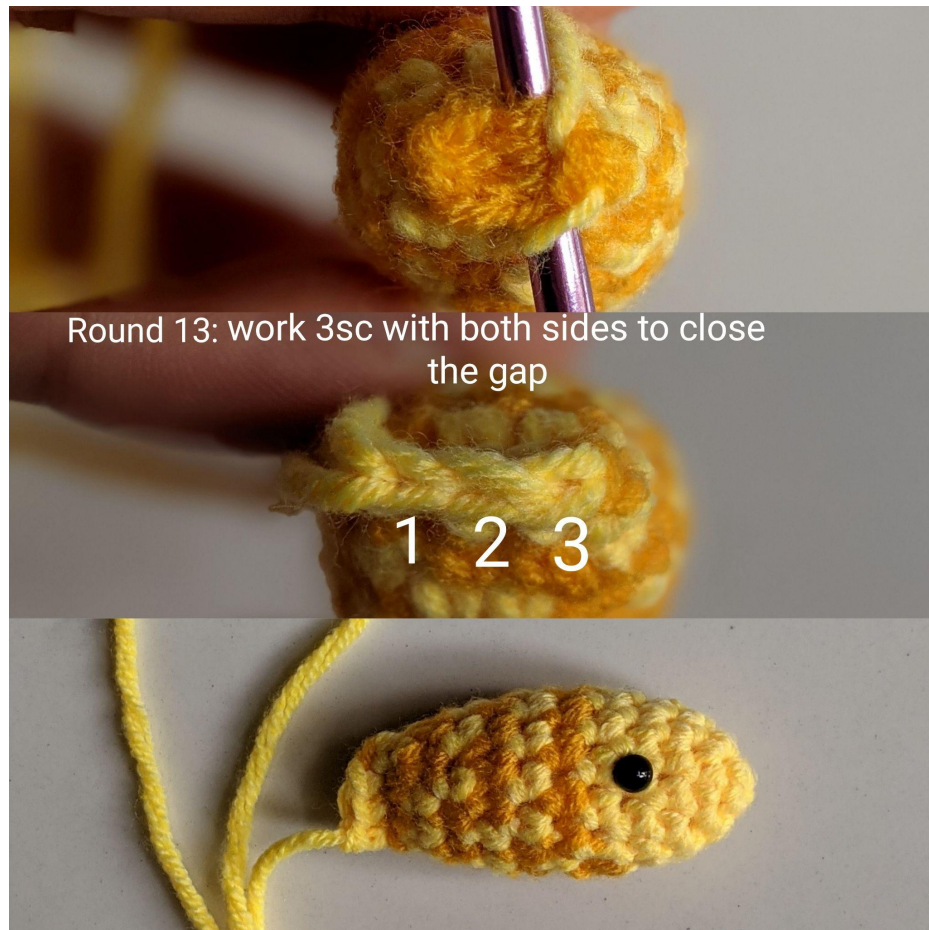
R9: (4 sc, dec) × 2 [10]

R10: 10 sc around [10]

R11: (3 sc, dec) × 2 [8]



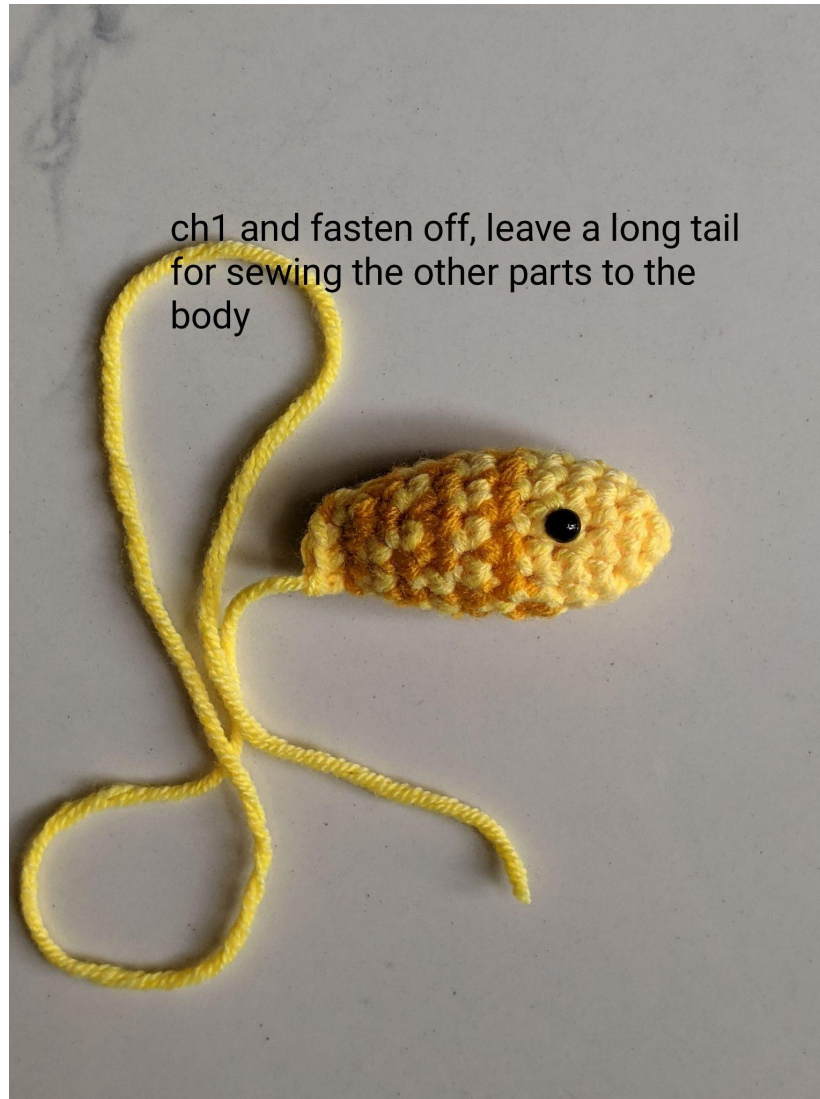
R12: (2 sc, dec) × 2 [6]



Round 13: work 3sc with both sides to close the gap

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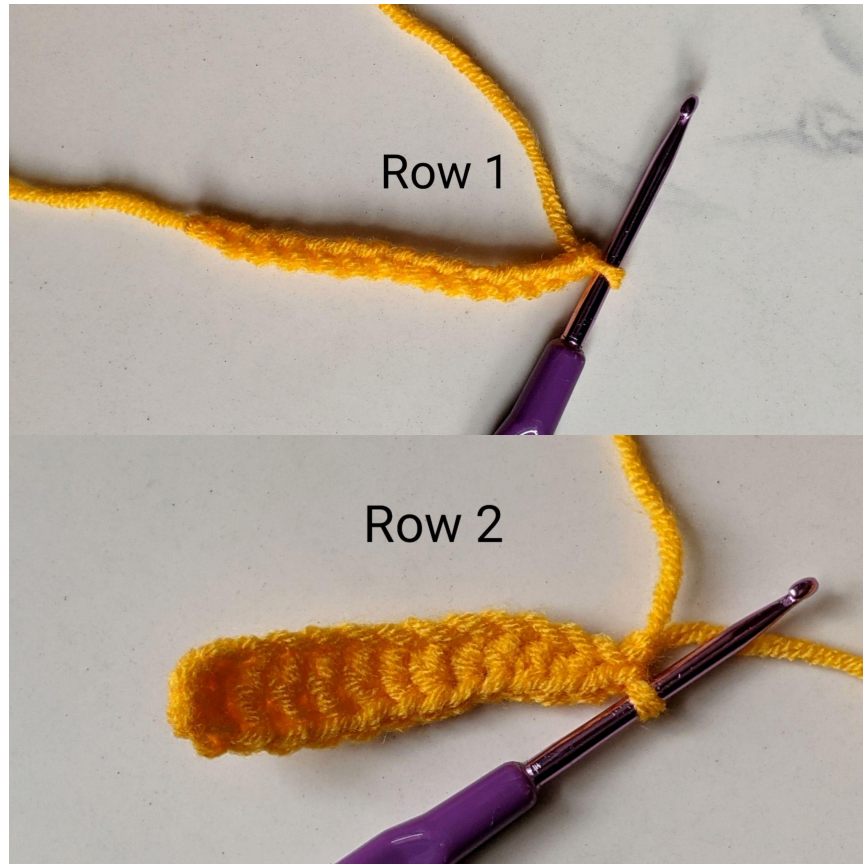
R13: 3 sc (work both sides together to close the gap) [3]



ch1 and fasten off, leave a long tail
for sewing the other parts to the
body

Finishing: Ch 1 and fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing other parts to the body.

Tail Section (Make 1)

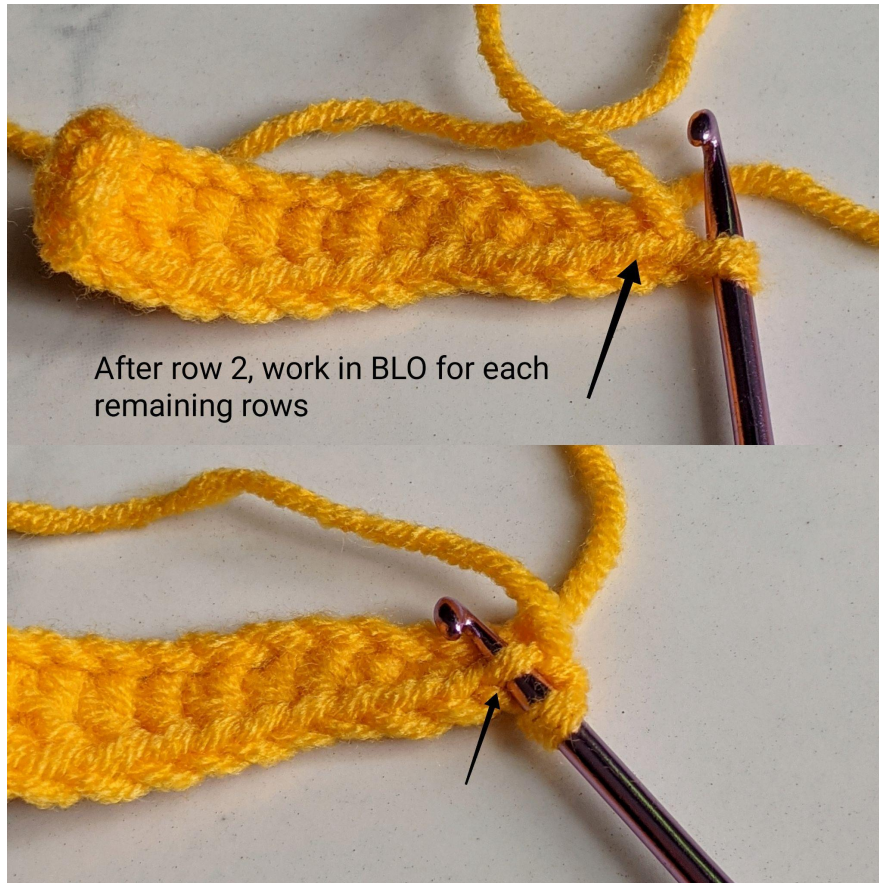


Use orange yarn

R1: ch 15 [15]

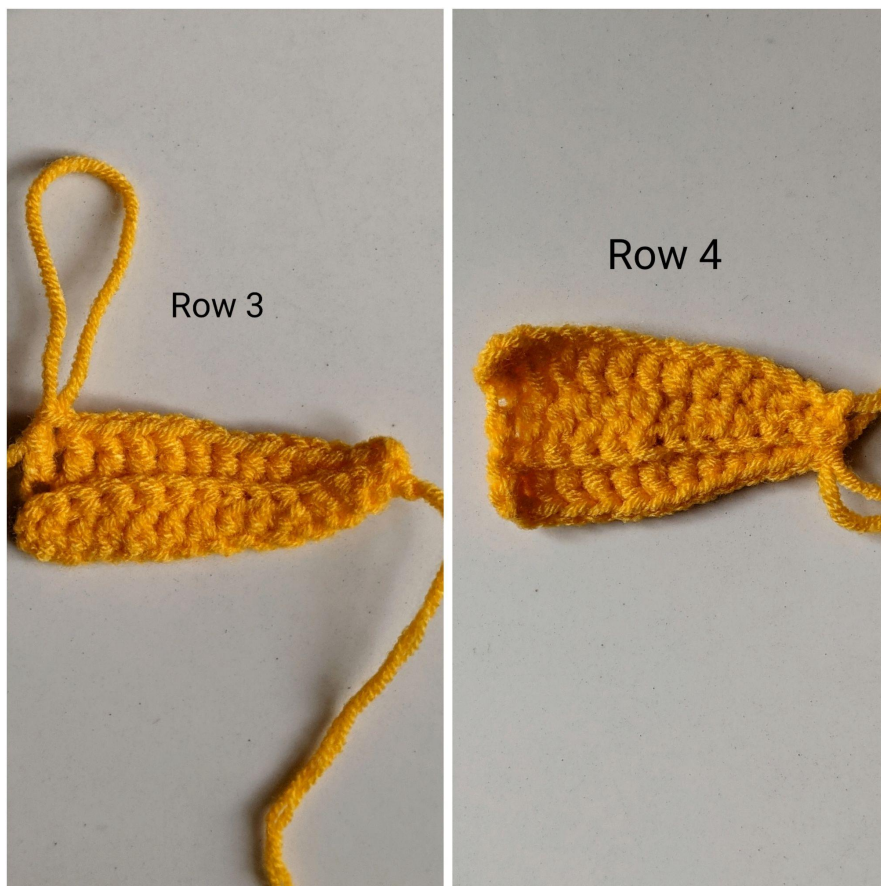
R2: (Start from 3rd ch) 6 dc, 3 hdc, 2 sc, 2 sl st [13]

Ch 1 and turn work.



R3: (Work in BLO for all remaining rows) 2 sl st, 2 sc, 3 hdc, 6 dc [13]
Ch 2 and turn work.

R4: (Start from 3rd ch, BLO) 6 dc, 3 hdc, 2 sc, 2 sl st [13]
Ch 1 and turn work.



R5-10: Repeat rows 3 and 4 alternately until you have 10 rows total.

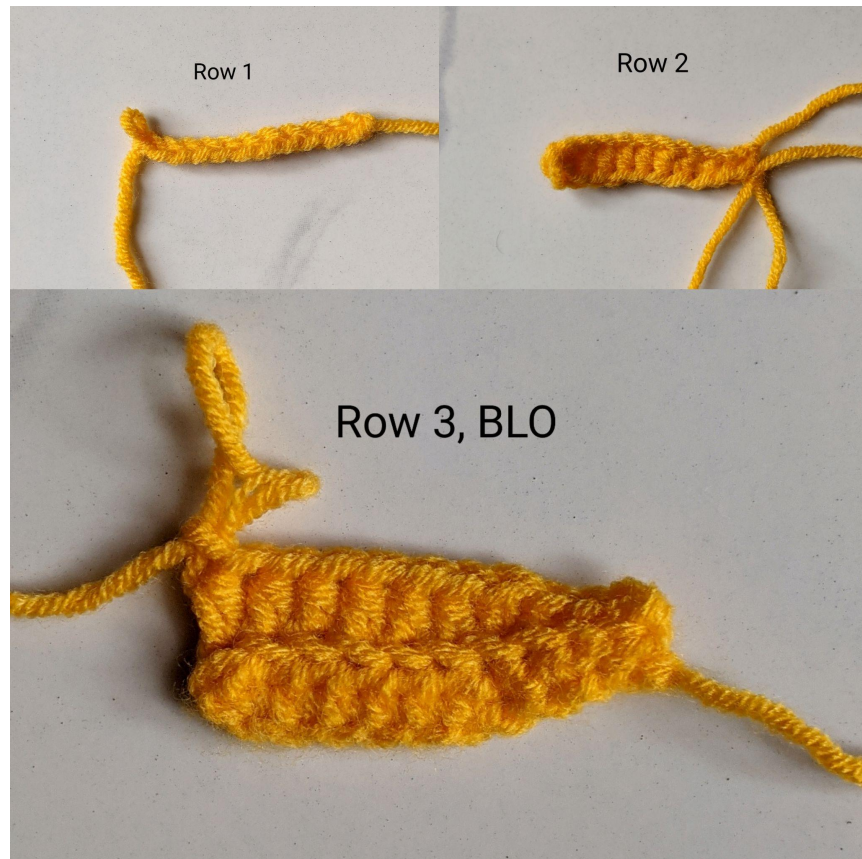
Repeat row 3,4 alternatively until
you have 10 rows in total

cut the yarn and fasten off



Finishing: Ch 1 and fasten off, cut yarn and weave in ends.

Fin 1 - Upper Dorsal Fin (Make 1)



Use orange yarn

R1: ch 11

R2: 6 hdc, 2 sc, 2 sl st [10]

Ch 1, turn work.

R3: BLO, 2 sl st, 2 sc, 6 hdc [10]

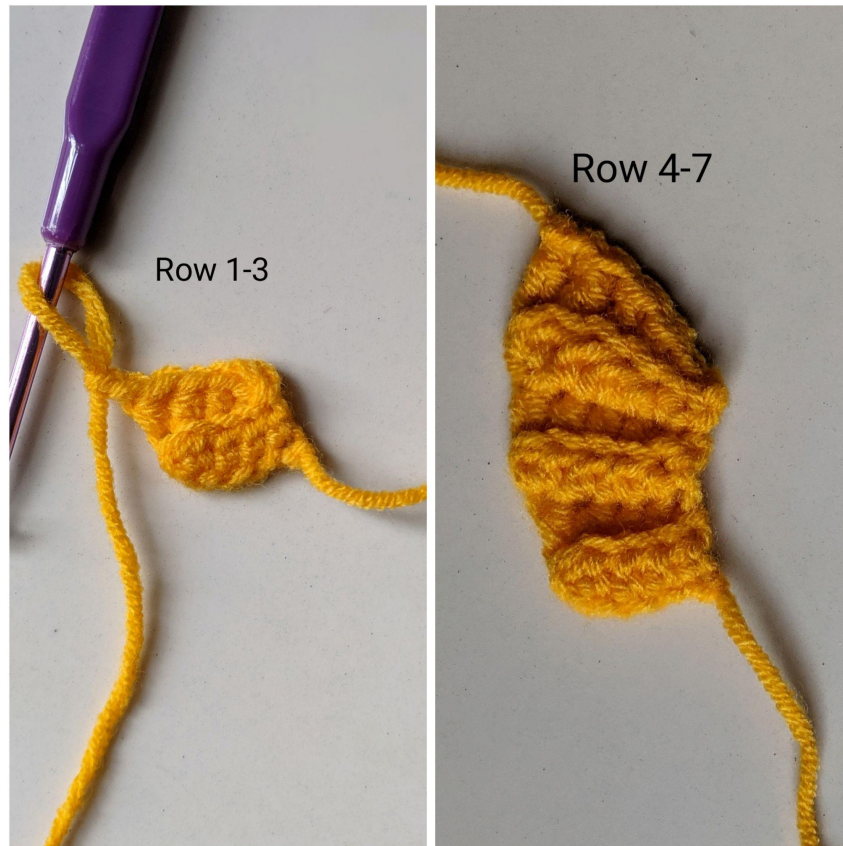
Ch 1, turn work.



R4-7: Repeat rows 2 and 3 alternately until you have 7 rows total, working in BLO for every row.

Finishing: Ch 1, cut yarn and weave in ends.

Fin 2 - Lower Anal Fin (Make 1)



Use orange yarn

R1: ch 5

R2: 4 hdc from 2nd chain from hook [4]

Ch 1 and turn work.

R3: BLO, 4 hdc, ch 2, turn work.

R4: BLO, from 2nd chain from hook, 4 hdc, 1 sc [5], ch 1 and turn work.

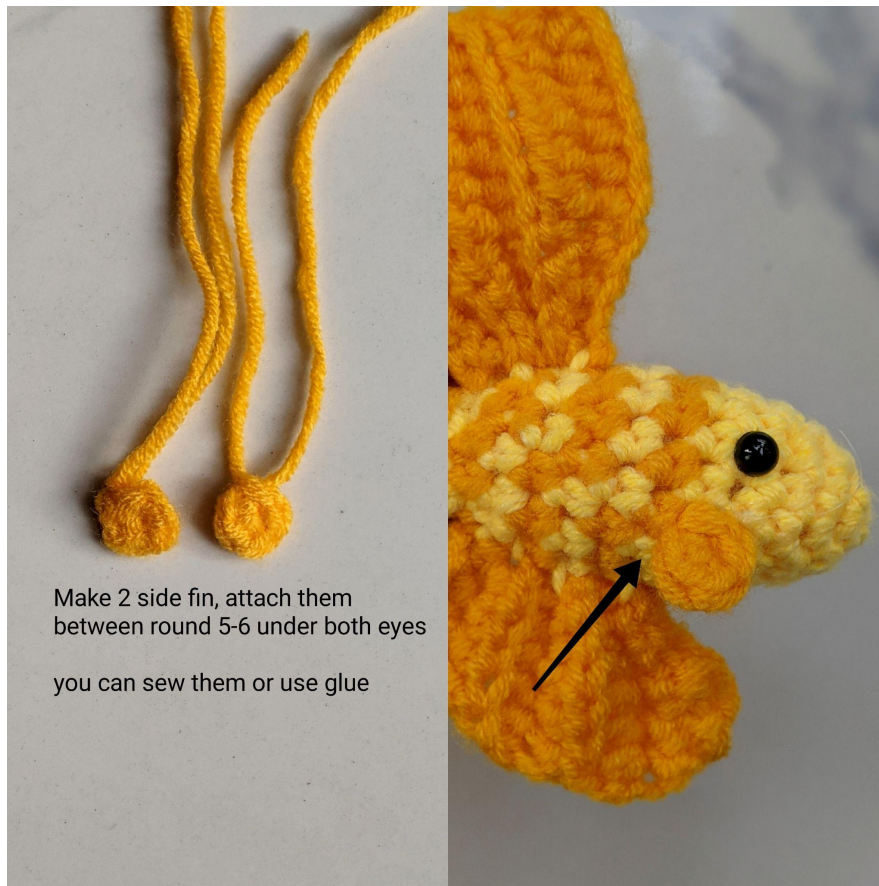
R5: BLO, 2 sc, 3 hdc [5], ch 2, turn work.

R6: BLO, start from 2nd chain from hook, 4 hdc, 1 sc, 1 sl st [6], ch 1 and turn work.

R7: BLO, 1 sl st, 1 sc, 4 dc [6]

Finishing: Ch 1, cut yarn and weave in ends.

Side Fins - Pectoral Fins (Make 2)

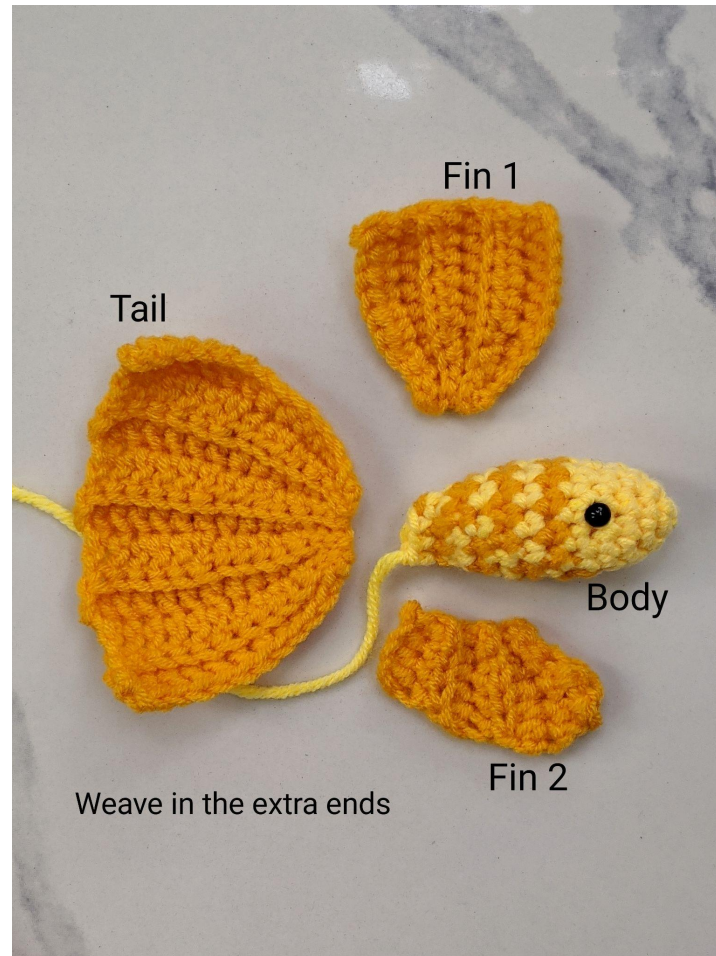


Use orange yarn

R1: MR, 4 sc into MR [4]

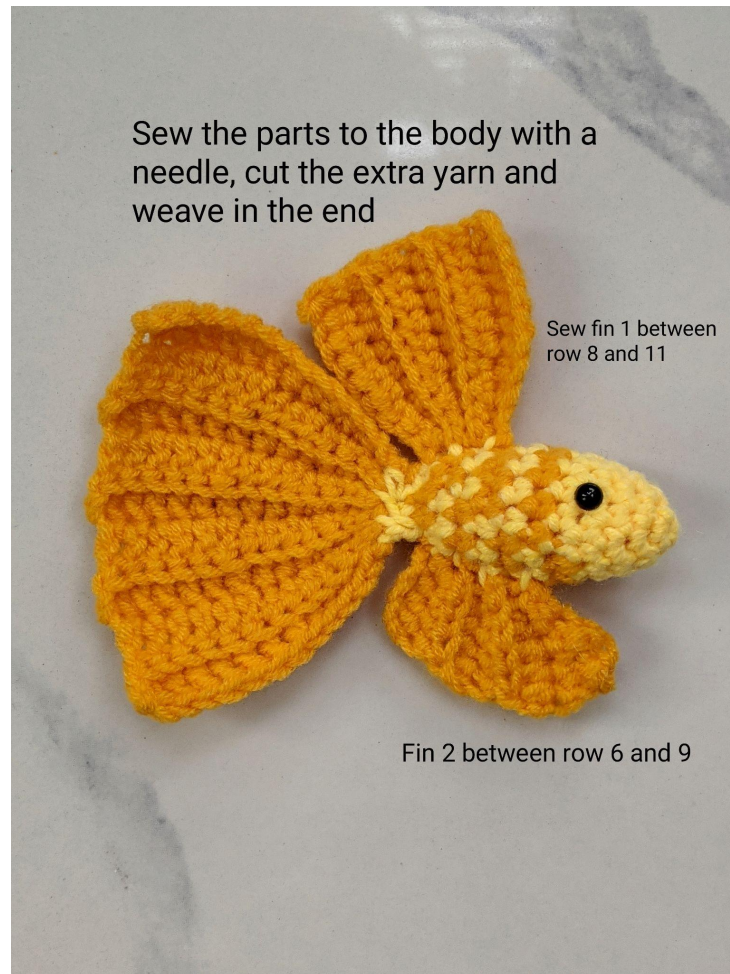
Finishing: Sl st into first sc, fasten off and cut yarn, leaving a long tail for sewing or attachment with glue.

Assembly Instructions



Sewing Order: Use tapestry needle and long yellow yarn tail for assembly.

1. **Attach Tail:** Sew the large tail to the back of the body
2. **Upper Fin:** Sew Fin 1 on top of the body between rounds 8-11
3. **Lower Fin:** Sew Fin 2 under the body between rounds 6-9



4. **Side Fins:** Attach the side fins on both sides between rounds 5-6. You can sew them or use fabric glue for attachment
5. **Final Check:** Weave in all ends securely

Finishing Touches

1. **Color Pattern:** The alternating yellow and orange stripes create a vibrant, realistic betta appearance
2. **Fin Positioning:** Proper fin placement is crucial for the fish's proportions
3. **Secure Assembly:** Ensure all parts are firmly attached, especially the tail which bears stress

Tips for Success

- **Color Changes:** When alternating colors, carry the unused yarn along the inside to avoid multiple ends
- **BLO Technique:** Working in back loops only creates the ridged texture that gives fins their realistic appearance
- **Sewing:** Use small, tight stitches when attaching parts for durability
- **Fin Shaping:** Gently shape fins after assembly for the most realistic look

Troubleshooting

- **If fins look flat:** Gently stretch and shape them after completion
- **If color changes are messy:** Practice carrying yarn neatly along the inside of work
- **If parts don't align:** Check stitch counts and ensure consistent tension
- **If assembly is difficult:** Use stitch markers to mark attachment points before sewing

Pink Betta Fish

Pattern difficulty: Intermediate | Estimated time: 5-6 hours

Pattern Overview

Skill Level: Intermediate

Technique: Multi-part assembly with color changes and shaping

Finished Size: Approximately 13 cm (5 inches) from nose to tail

Size may vary depending on yarn thickness, hook size, and individual tension

What You'll Learn

- Working in magic ring
- Increases and decreases for shaping
- Working in front loop only (FLO)
- Color changes within components
- Advanced fin construction
- Multi-part assembly and sewing

Materials Needed



Yarn

Milk cotton yarn:

- Pink (4-ply) - main body color
- Multi-color (3-ply) - accent details
- White - fin highlights

Tools & Notions

- 3.0mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors
- 5mm safety eyes (or black beads as alternative)
- Fiberfill stuffing

Gauge

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Essential Abbreviations

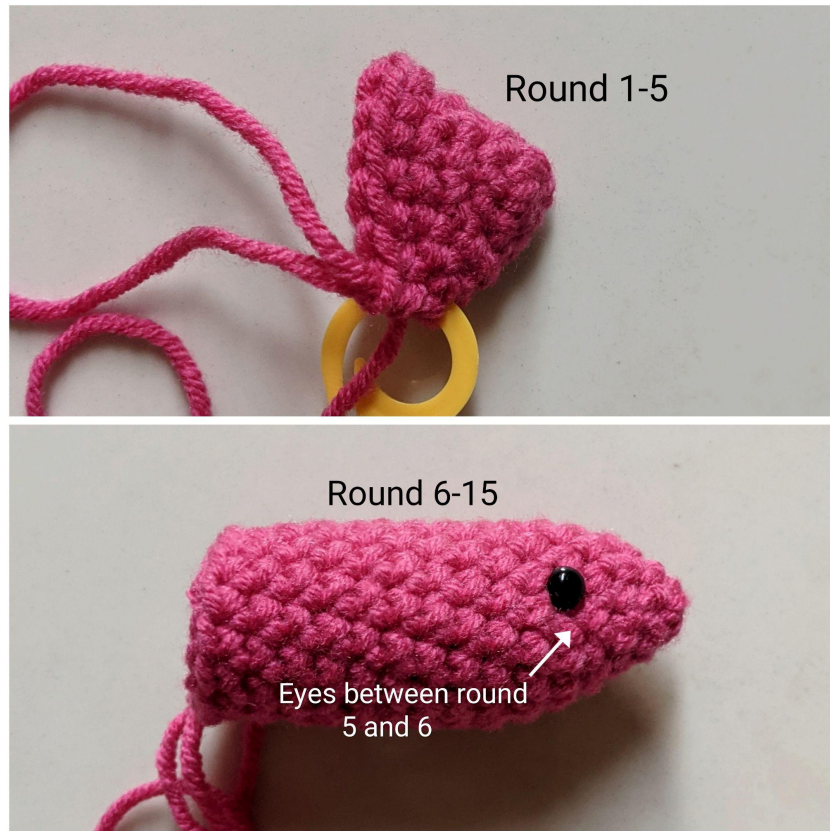
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- st(s) = Stitch(es)
- FLO = Front Loop Only
- R = Round/Row

Important Note: Do not slip stitch and chain 1 at the end of rounds unless specified.

Pattern Instructions

Body Section

Use pink yarn throughout



R1: 6 sc in MR [6]

R2: 6 sc [6]

R3: 6 inc [12]

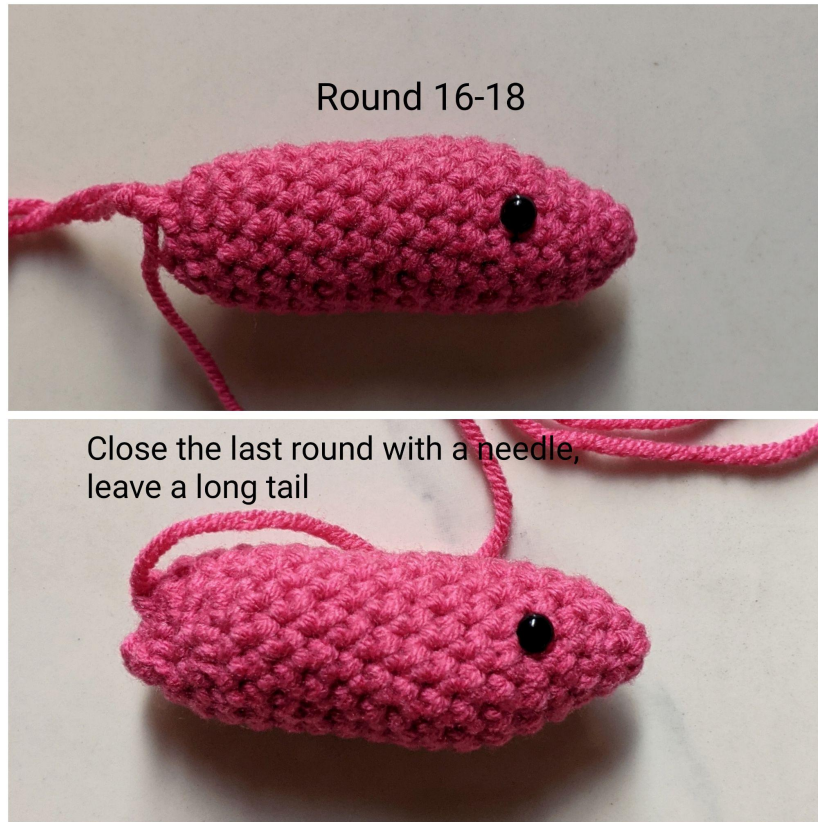
R4: 12 sc [12]

R5: 5 sc, 3 inc, 4 sc [15]

(Note: Increases will be at the bottom side for proper shaping)

R6-15: 15 sc around [15] *(10 rounds total)*

Eye Placement: Attach safety eyes between rounds 5-6 on both sides of the head.



R16: 5 sc, 3 dec, 4 sc [12]

R17: 12 sc around [12]

Stuffing Time: Stuff firmly with fiberfill before continuing.

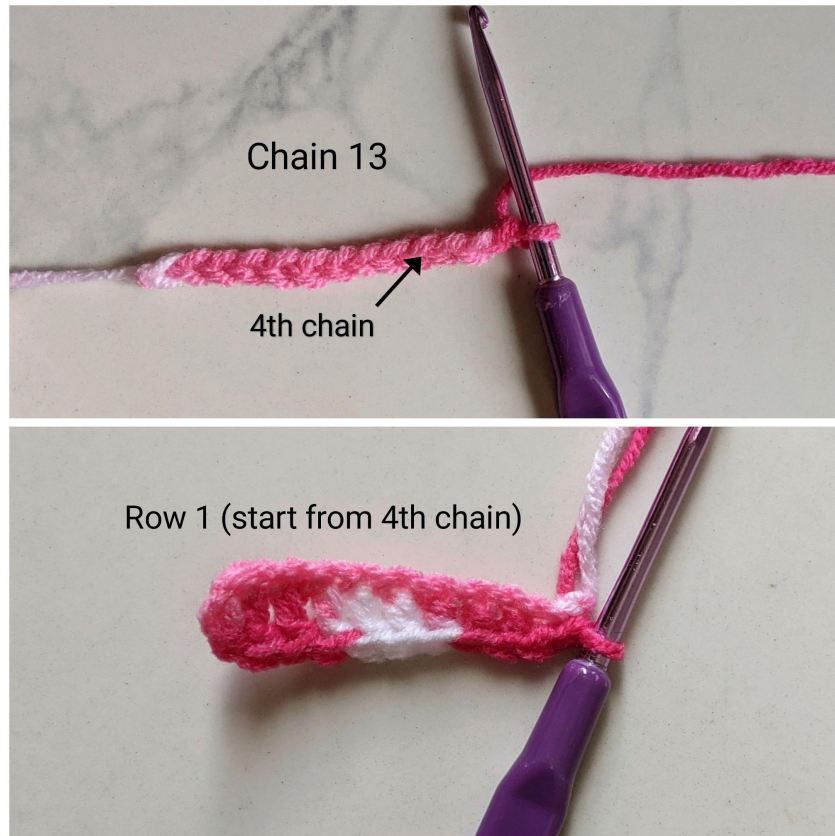
R18: 6 dec [6]

Finishing: Cut yarn, close the last round by sewing and leave a long tail.

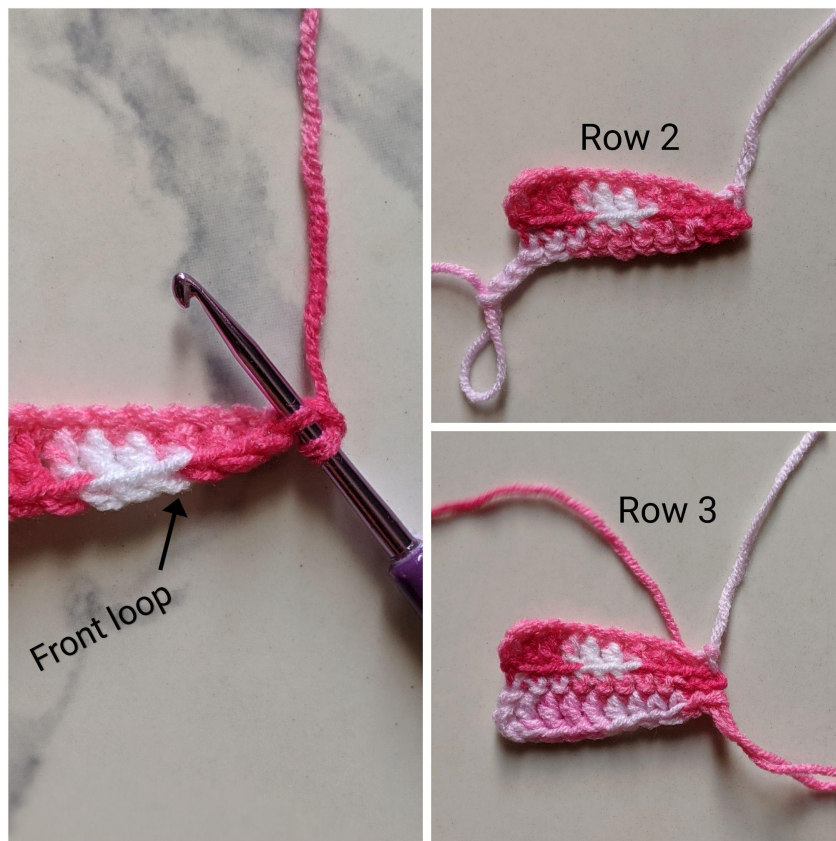
Tail Section

Use multi-color yarn

Setup: ch 13

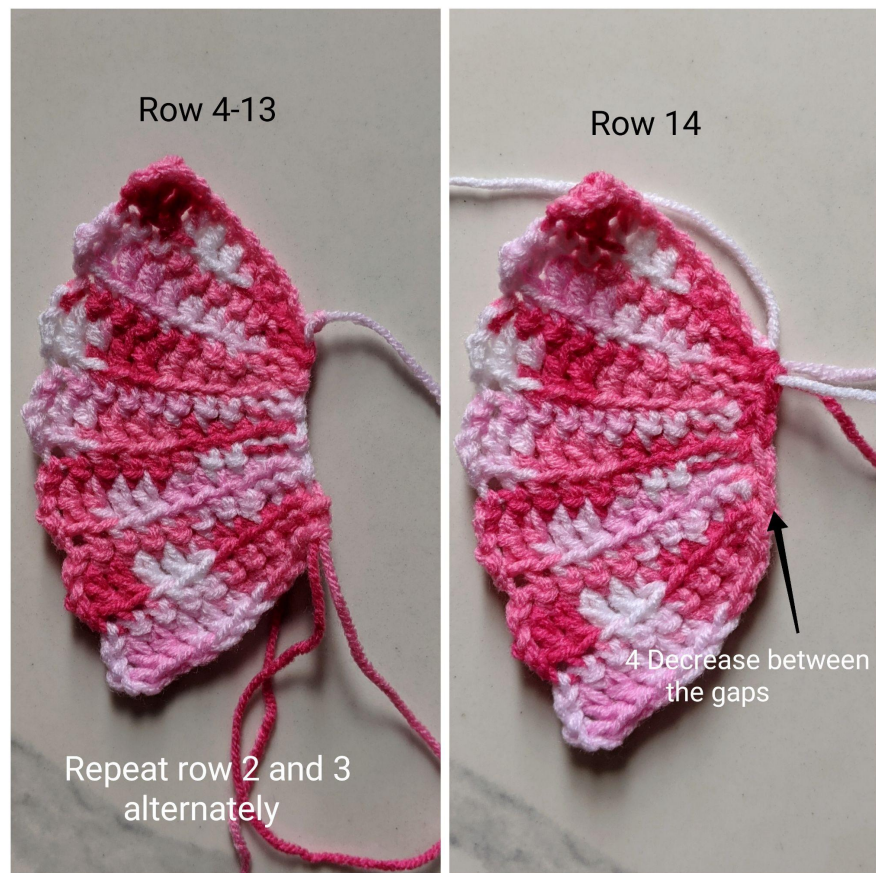


R1: (Start from 4th ch) 4 dc, 2 hdc, 2 sc, 2 sl st, ch 1 and turn [10]



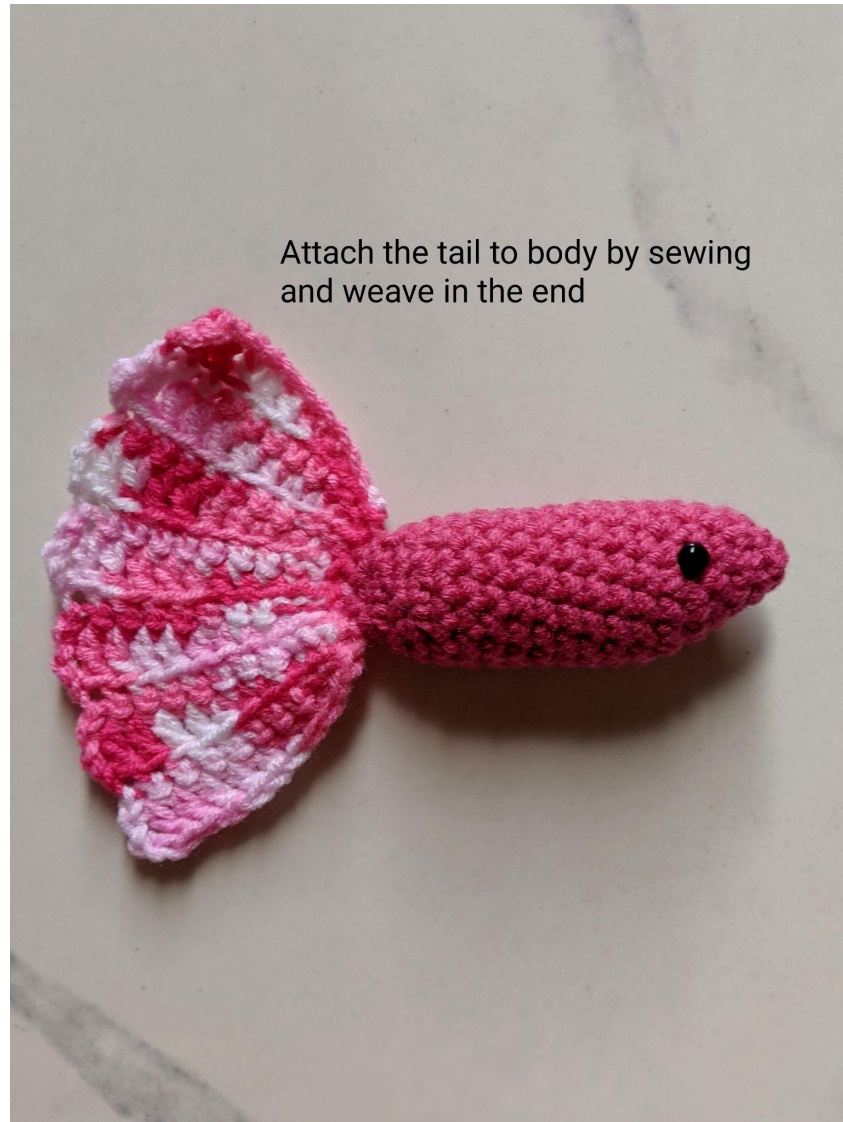
R2: 2 sl st, 8 sc, ch 3 and turn (Work in FLO) [10]

R3: 4 dc, 2 hdc, 2 sc, 2 sl st, ch 1 and turn (Work in both loops) [10]



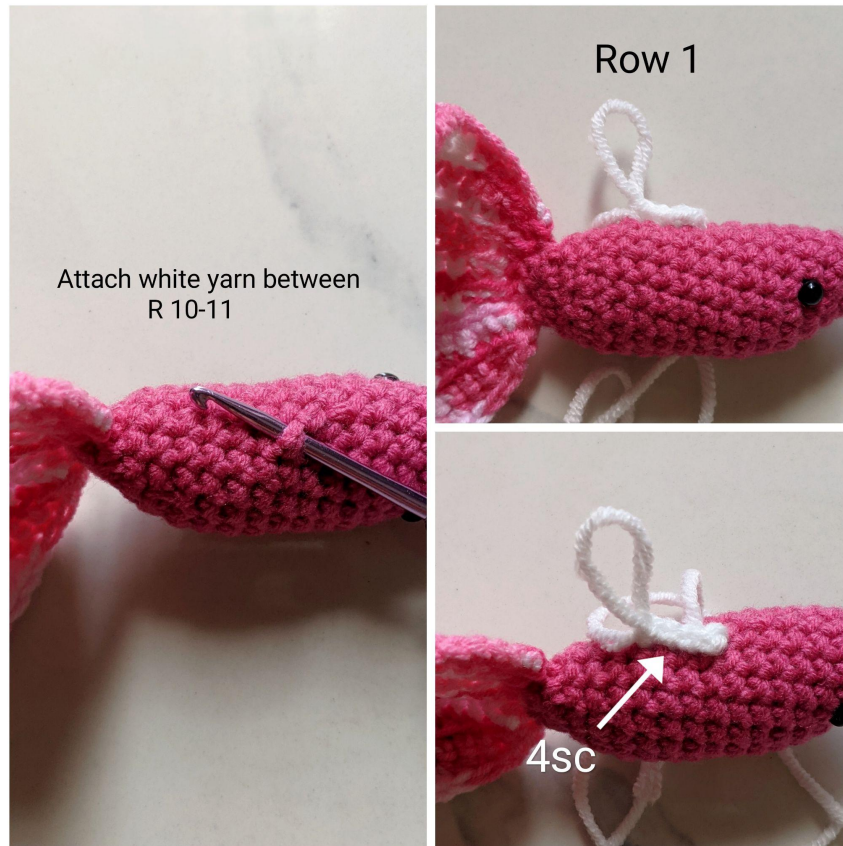
R4-13: Repeat rows 2 and 3 alternately until you have 13 rows total

R14: 4 sc dec at the bottom side of the tail to reduce the size



Assembly: Attach the tail to body by sewing securely.

Upper Fin



Start with white yarn

R1: Attach yarn on upper side of the body and work 4 sc from rounds 11-14, ch 1 and turn [4]

R2: 1 hdc inc, 2 hdc, 1 hdc inc, ch 1 and turn [6]



R3: 1 hdc inc, 4 hdc, 1 hdc inc, ch 1 and turn [8]

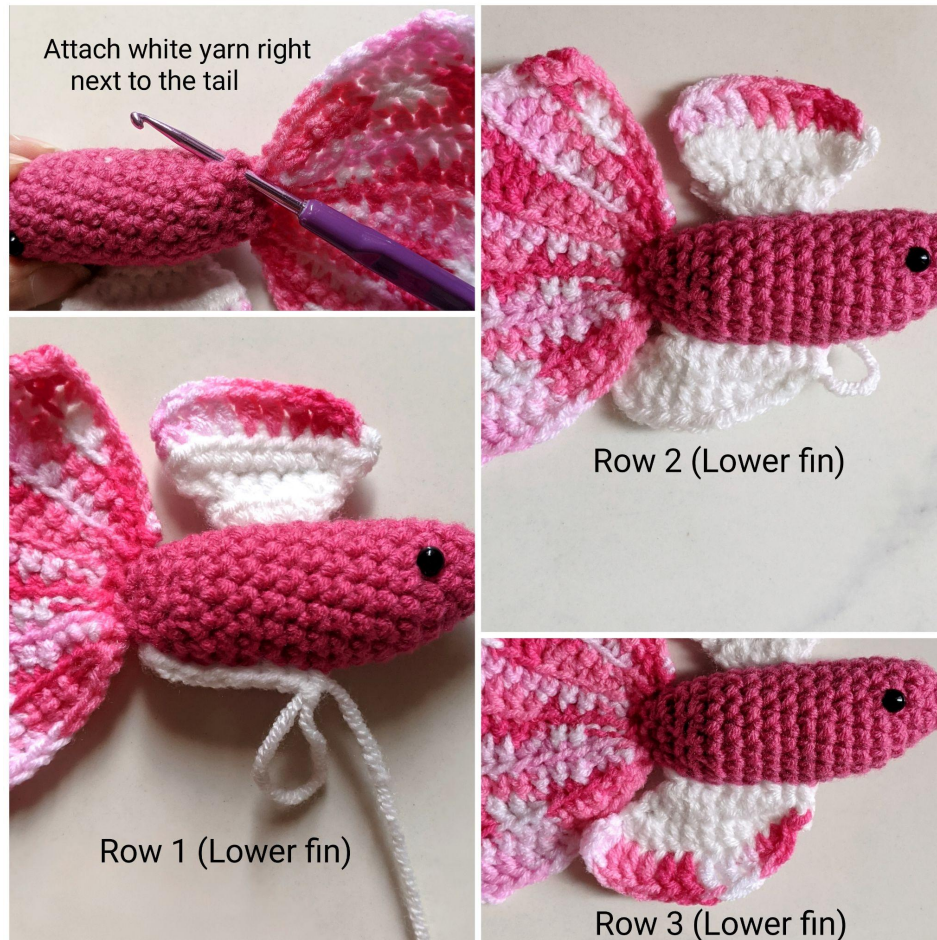
R4: 1 hdc inc, 6 hdc, 1 hdc inc, ch 1 and turn [10]

Switch to multi-color yarn

R5: 1 sc, 1 hdc, 6 dc, 1 hdc, 1 sc [10]

Finishing: Cut yarn and weave in ends.

Lower Fin



Start with white yarn

R1: Attach yarn on lower side (right next to the tail) of the body and work 8 sc, ch 1 and turn [8]

R2: 2 sl st, 3 hdc, 2 dc, 3 dc in last st, ch 2 and turn [10]

R3: 3 dc in 1st st, 4 dc, 3 hdc, 2 sl st, ch 1 and cut yarn [12]

Switch to multi-color yarn

R4: 3 dc in 1st st, 6 dc, 3 hdc, 2 sl st [14]

Finishing: Cut yarn and weave in ends.

Pectoral Fins (Make 2)



Use white yarn

R1: 1 sc, 1 hdc, 1 sc, sl st to the first st and cut yarn

Assembly: Attach under the eyes on both sides of the body.

Assembly Instructions

1. **Body Preparation:** Ensure body is properly stuffed and closed
2. **Tail Attachment:** Sew tail securely to the back of the body
3. **Upper Fin:** Already attached during construction
4. **Lower Fin:** Already attached during construction
5. **Pectoral Fins:** Attach small fins under the eyes on both sides
6. **Final Details:** Add white yarn accents beside the eyes for highlights

Finishing Touches

1. **Eye Details:** Add small white yarn accents beside the eyes for a more realistic look
2. **Tail Shaping:** Gently shape the multi-colored tail for flowing movement
3. **Final Check:** Ensure all yarn tails are securely woven in and trimmed
4. **Color Blending:** The multi-color yarn creates beautiful gradient effects in the fins

Tips for Success

- **FLO Technique:** Working in front loops only creates texture and allows the tail to flow naturally
- **Color Transitions:** When switching from white to multi-color, secure ends well for durability
- **Shaping:** The strategic increases and decreases create the fish's natural body curve
- **Assembly:** Attach fins while slightly stretching them for better positioning
- **Multi-color Effects:** Let the variegated yarn create natural color variations

Troubleshooting

- **If tail doesn't flow properly:** Check that FLO rows are worked correctly
- **If fins look too stiff:** Gently stretch and shape after completion
- **If body shape is uneven:** Count stitches carefully, especially during shaping rounds
- **If color changes are messy:** Secure ends well and trim closely after weaving

Blue Betta Fish

Pattern difficulty: Advanced | Estimated time: 6-7 hours

Pattern Overview

Skill Level: Advanced

Technique: Advanced multi-part assembly with complex shaping

Finished Size: Approximately 15 cm (6 inches) from nose to tail

Size may vary depending on yarn thickness, hook size, and individual tension

What You'll Learn

- Working in magic ring
- Advanced increases and decreases for complex shaping
- Working in back loop only (BLO)
- Double crochet decreases (2 dc tog)
- Multi-component fin construction
- Professional assembly techniques

Materials Needed



Yarn

Milk cotton yarn:

- Sky blue (4-ply) - main body color
- Multi-shade blue (3-ply) - fins and tail

Tools & Notions

- 3mm crochet hook

- Tapestry needle
- Scissors
- 5mm safety eyes (or small black beads as alternative)
- Fiberfill stuffing

Gauge

Gauge is not critical for this project, but consistent tension will give you the best results.

Essential Abbreviations

- MR = Magic Ring
- ch = Chain
- sc = Single Crochet
- hdc = Half Double Crochet
- dc = Double Crochet
- inc = Increase (2 sc in same stitch)
- dec = Decrease (sc2tog)
- sc dec = Single crochet decrease
- sl st = Slip Stitch
- R = Round/Row
- BLO = Back Loop Only
- 2 dc tog / 2 dc dec = Double crochet two stitches together

Special Technique: 2 dc tog (Double Crochet Decrease)

Yarn over, insert hook into next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop (3 loops on hook). Yarn over, pull through 2 loops (2 loops remain).

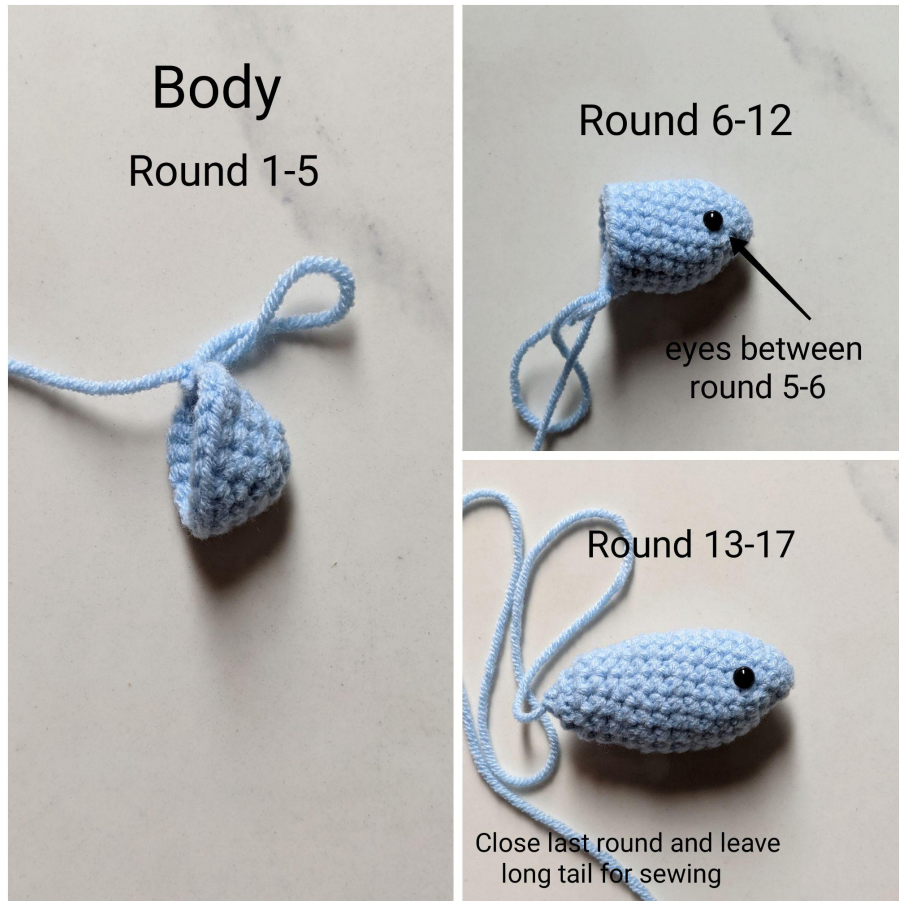
Yarn over, insert hook into next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop (4 loops on hook).

Yarn over, pull through 2 loops (3 loops remain). Yarn over, pull through all 3 loops on hook.

Important Note: Slip stitch and chain 1 after finishing each round for the body. For fins: work sc in both loops, all other stitches in BLO.

Pattern Instructions

Body Section



Use sky blue yarn throughout

R1: 6 sc in MR [6]

R2: (1 inc, 1 sc) × 3 [9]

R3: 1 inc, 7 sc, 1 inc [11]

R4: 5 sc, 1 inc, 5 sc [12]

R5: 3 inc, 6 sc, 3 inc [18]

R6-12: 18 sc around [18] (*7 rounds total*)

Eye Placement: Attach safety eyes between rounds 5-6 on both sides of the head.

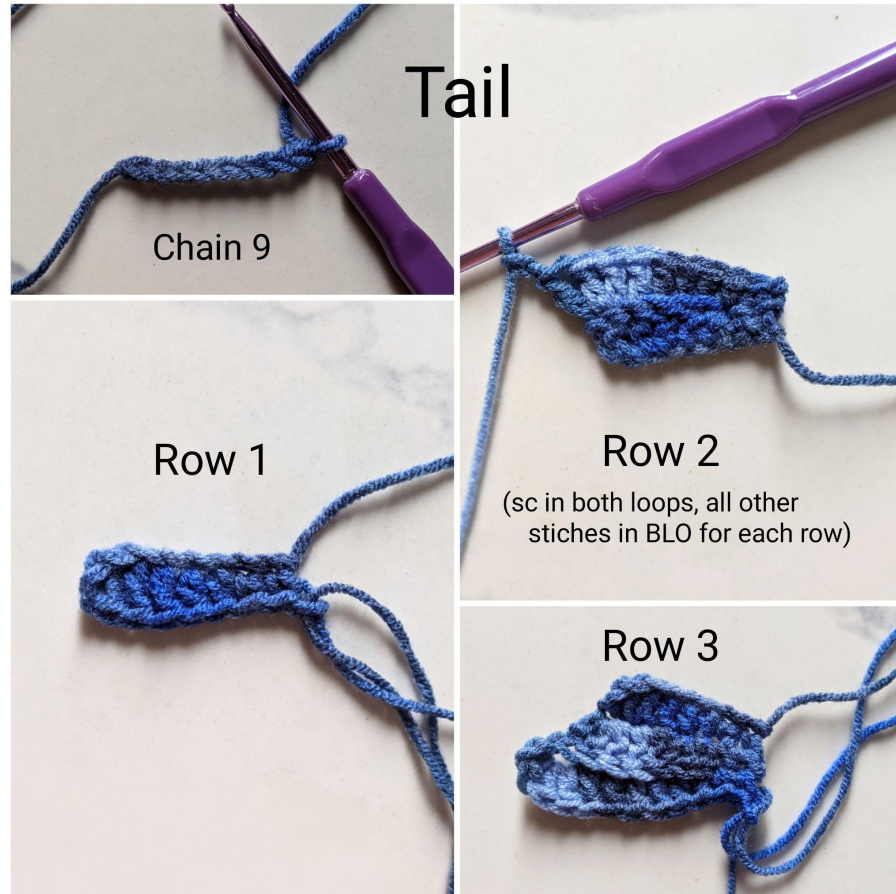
R13: (1 sc, 1 dec) × 6 [12]

R14-16: 12 sc around [12] (*3 rounds total*)

R17: 6 dec [6]

Finishing: Cut yarn, close the last round, leave a long tail for assembly.

Tail Section



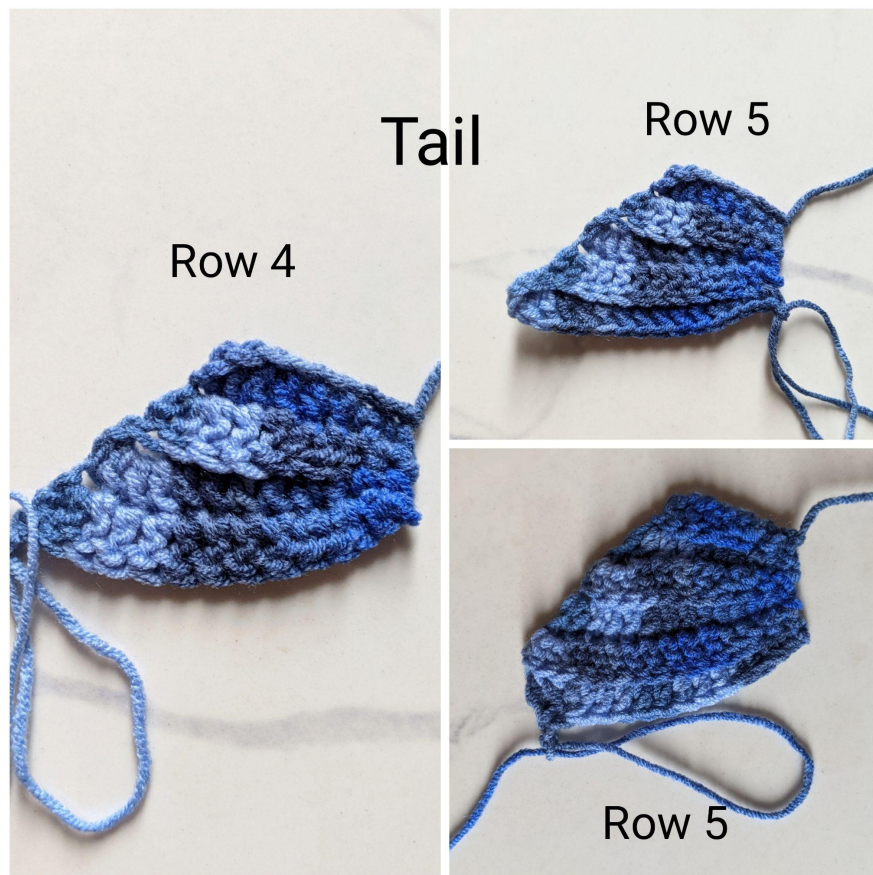
Switch to multi-shade blue yarn

Setup: ch 9

R1: Start from 3rd ch, 3 dc, 2 hdc, 2 sc, ch 1 and turn [7]

R2: 2 sc, 2 hdc, 2 dc, 3 dc in the last stitch, ch 2 and turn [9]

R3: 3 dc in first st, 4 dc, 2 hdc, 2 sc, ch 1 and turn [11]

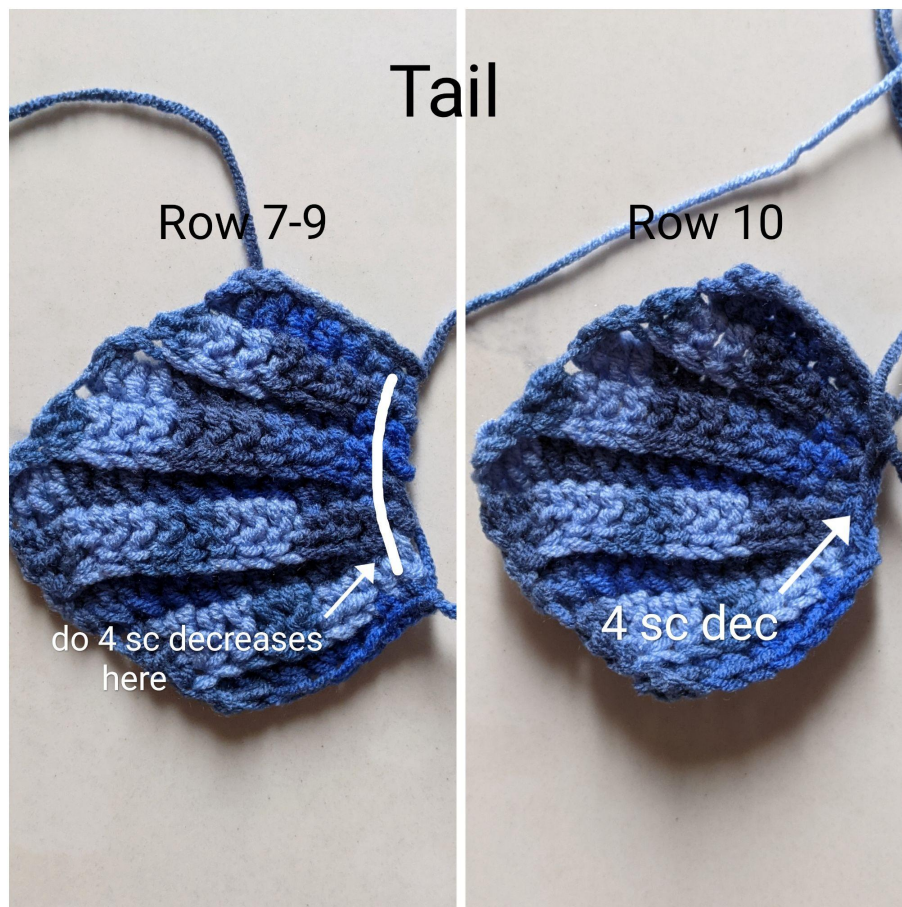


R4: 2 sc, 2 hdc, 6 dc, 3 dc in last st, ch 2 and turn [13]

R5: 3 dc in 1st st, 8 dc, 2 hdc, 2 sc, ch 2 and turn [15]

Begin decreasing for tail shaping

R6: 2 sc, 2 hdc, 7 dc, 2 dc tog (twice) [13]



R7: 2 dc tog (twice), 5 dc, 2 hdc, 2 sc [11]

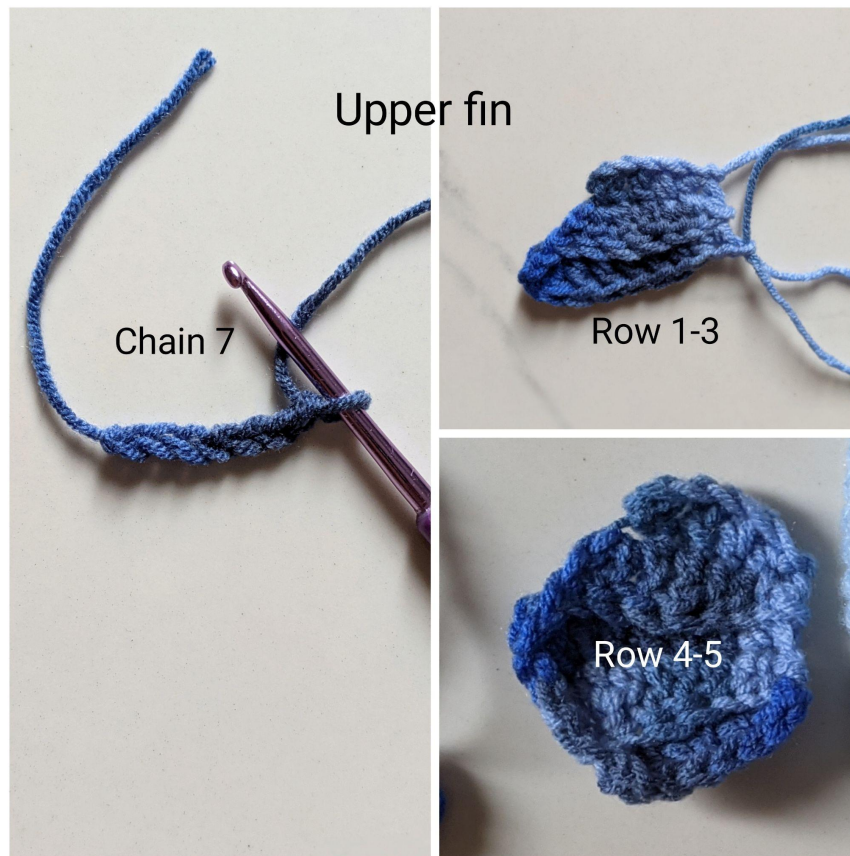
R8: 2 sc, 2 hdc, 3 dc, 2 dc dec [9]

R9: 2 dc tog (twice), 1 dc, 2 hdc, 2 sc [7]

R10: 4 sc dec in the bottom edge

Finishing: Cut yarn and weave in ends.

Upper Fin



Use multi-shade blue yarn

Setup: ch 7

R1: From 3rd ch, 2 dc, 2 hdc, 1 sc, ch 1 and turn [5]

R2: 1 sc, 2 hdc, 1 dc, 3 dc in last st, ch 2 and turn [7]

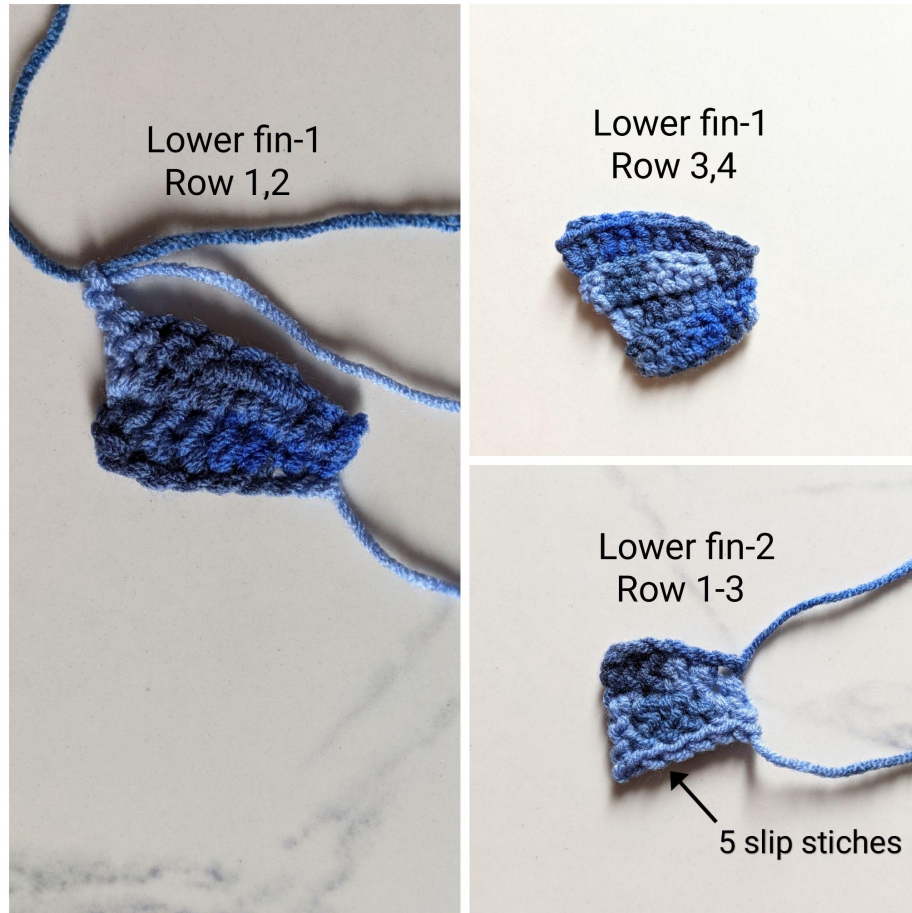
R3: 3 dc in 1st st, 3 dc, 2 hdc, 1 sc, ch 1 and turn [9]

R4: 1 sc, 2 hdc, 2 dc, 2 dc tog (twice), ch 2 and turn [7]

R5: 2 dc tog (twice), 2 hdc, 1 sc [5]

Finishing: Cut yarn and weave in ends.

Lower Fin 1



Use multi-shade blue yarn

Setup: ch 9

R1: From 3rd ch, 3 dc, 2 hdc, 2 sc, ch 1 and turn [7]

R2: 2 sc, 2 hdc, 2 dc, 2 dc in last st [8]

R3: 2 dc in 1st st, 3 dc, 2 hdc, 2 sc [9]

R4: 2 sc, 2 hdc, 4 dc, 2 dc in last st [10]

Finishing: Cut yarn and weave in ends.

Lower Fin 2

Use multi-shade blue yarn

Setup: ch 7

R1: 3 dc, 1 hdc, 1 sc, ch 1 and turn [5]

R2: 2 sc, 3 dc, ch 2 and turn [5]

R3: 5 sl st [5]

Finishing: Cut yarn and weave in ends.

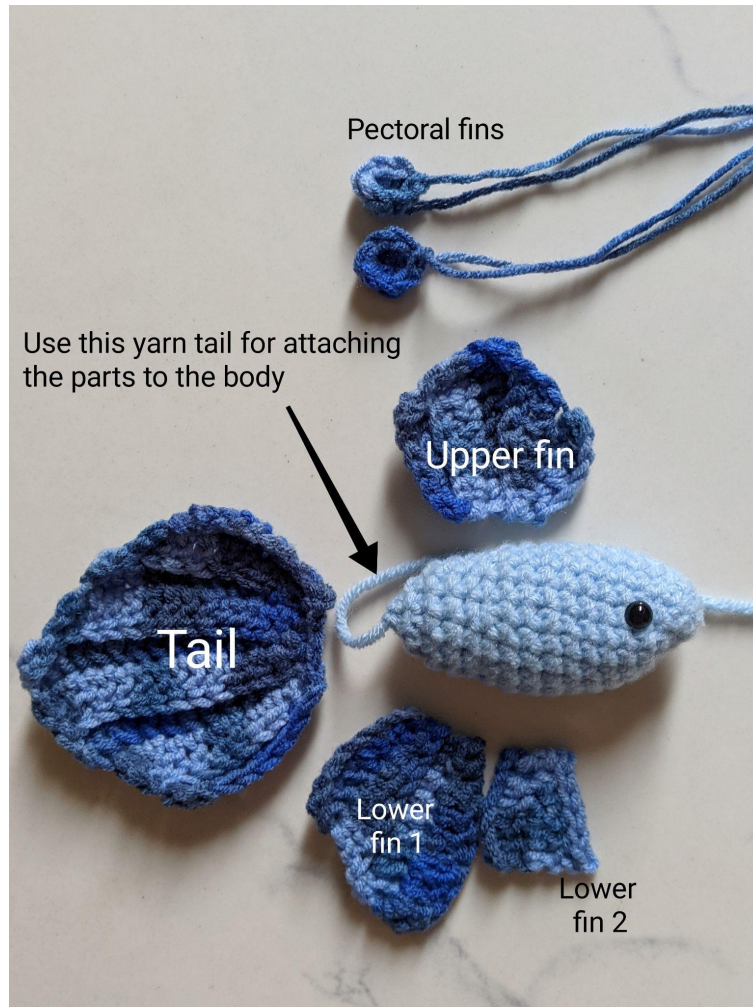
Pectoral Fins (Make 2)

Use multi-shade blue yarn

R1: 1 sc, 2 hdc, 1 dc, 2 hdc, 1 sc in MR [7]

Finishing: Close the ring and cut yarn, leaving tail for attachment.

Assembly Instructions



Assembly Order: Use the long yarn tail left on the body to sew all parts together.

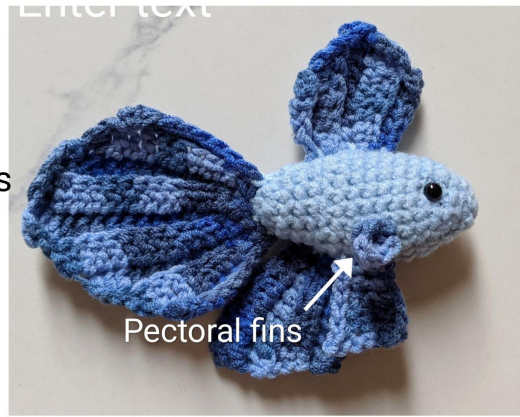
1. **Tail Attachment:** Sew the large tail securely to the back of the body
2. **Upper Fin:** Attach to the top of the body where it looks most natural
3. **Lower Fins:** Attach Lower Fin 1 and Lower Fin 2 beneath the body for layered effect



Sew tail and fins to the body
using the long yarn tail

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Attach pectoral fins
below the eyes



Pectoral fins

4. **Pectoral Fins:** Attach on both sides below the eyes
5. **Creative Placement:** Feel free to position other fins wherever you think looks best for your design

Finishing Touches

1. **Fin Positioning:** The multiple lower fins create a dramatic, flowing appearance
2. **Color Gradient:** The multi-shade blue yarn creates beautiful natural color variations
3. **Tail Shaping:** The complex tail construction creates realistic movement and flow
4. **Final Check:** Ensure all components are securely attached and all ends are woven in

Tips for Success

- **BLO Technique:** Working in back loops only creates the textured, flowing appearance of real betta fins
- **Double Crochet Decreases:** Practice the 2 dc tog technique before starting - it's crucial for proper shaping
- **Assembly Freedom:** This pattern allows for creative fin placement - trust your artistic instincts
- **Tension Consistency:** Maintain even tension throughout for the best fin drape and movement
- **Color Effects:** Let the variegated yarn create natural color transitions

Troubleshooting

- **If 2 dc tog is too tight:** Practice the technique with larger yarn first
- **If fins don't flow naturally:** Check that BLO rows are worked correctly
- **If tail looks uneven:** Count stitches carefully during the shaping rounds
- **If assembly seems overwhelming:** Attach one component at a time, checking positioning before securing
- **If colors don't blend well:** Ensure consistent yarn weight between sky blue and multi-shade sections

Congratulations!

You've just completed your journey through the Hooked on Bettas collection! Whether you made one fish or all five, you should be pretty proud of yourself right now.

Your Yarn Aquarium

Look at what you've created - beautiful, colorful betta fish that will never need feeding, tank cleaning, or worry about water temperature.

Plus, they're way less dramatic than real bettas (though let's be honest, the drama is part of their charm).

If you worked through all five patterns, you've basically leveled up your crochet skills from beginner techniques all the way to advanced construction. That's no small feat!

What's Next?

- **Experiment with colors** - Try making the same pattern in completely different color combinations
- **Mix and match** - Use techniques from one pattern with colors from another
- **Scale up or down** - Try different hook sizes for bigger or smaller fish
- **Gift them** - These make amazing presents for fish lovers, kids, or anyone who appreciates handmade awesomeness

Share Your Fish!

We'd absolutely love to see your finished bettas! Whether you followed the patterns exactly or went totally rogue with your own color ideas, your fish are unique and amazing.

Email photos to: muntaseer@acuariopets.com

Seriously, seeing people's finished projects is the best part of putting these patterns out there. Don't be shy - show off your work!

Thank You

Thanks for choosing these patterns and supporting small pattern creators. Your purchase helps keep the creative wheels turning and more patterns coming.

Now go enjoy your new yarn fish - they're much easier to care for than the real thing, but just as beautiful to admire!

Happy crocheting!

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