



## MATERIALS

### Bernat® Handicrafter® Cotton Big Ball

(Ombres: 12 oz/340 g; 608 yds/556 m)

Fruit Punch Ombre (33319) **1 ball or 590 yds/540 m**

Size U.S. H/8 (5 mm) crochet hook **or size needed to obtain gauge.**

## ABBREVIATIONS:

**Approx** = Approximate(ly)

**Beg** = Begin(ning)

**Ch** = Chain(s)

**Cont** = Continue(ing)

**Dc** = Double crochet

**Dec** = Decrease(ing)

**Hdc** = Half double crochet

**Hdcbl** = Half double crochet in back loop only

**Hdc2tog** = Yoh and draw up a loop in each of next 2 indicated spaces. Yoh and draw through all loops on hook

**Pat** = Pattern

**Rem** = Remaining

**Rep** = Repeat

**Rnd(s)** = Round(s)

**RS** = Right side

**Sc** = Single crochet

**Scbl** = Single crochet in back loop only

**Scfl** = Single crochet in front loop only

**Sl st** = Slip stitch

**Sp(s)** = Space(s)

**St(s)** = Stitch(es)

**WS** = Wrong side

**Yoh** = Yarn over hook

 CROCHET | SKILL LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

## INSTRUCTIONS

### Mermaid Sack

**Note:** Mermaid Sack is worked in one piece from waist edge down.

## ONE SIZE TO FIT

### CHEST MEASUREMENT

**12-18 mos** 18-19" [45.5-48 cm]

**Mermaid Sack** 21" [53 cm] long (excluding Tailfin)

## GAUGE

13 sc and 14 rows = 4" [10 cm]

Ch 90. Join with sl st to first ch, taking care not to twist ch.

**1st rnd:** Ch 1. 1 sc in same sp as last sl st. \*Skip next 2 ch. 5 dc in next ch. Skip next 2 ch.\*\* 1 sc in next ch. Rep from \* around, ending last rep at \*\*. Join with sl st to first sc. (Center back).

**2nd rnd (ridge rnd):** Ch 1. 1 sc in same sp as last sl st. 1 scfl in each st around. Join with sl st to first sc.

**3rd rnd:** Ch 3 (counts as dc). *Working into rem back loop of each st from 2 rnds below*, work 2 dc in first sc. \*Skip next 2 sts. 1 sc in next st. Skip next 2 sts.\*\* 5 dc in next st. Rep from \* around, ending last rep at \*\*. Work 2 dc in same sp as first 2 dc. Join with sl st to top of ch 3.

**4th rnd (ridge rnd):** Ch 1. 1 sc in same sp as last sl st. 1 scfl in each of next 2 dc. \*Insert hook into back loop only of next st of last ridge rnd AT SAME TIME working 1 scfl into next st.\*\* 1 scfl in each of next 5 dc. Rep from \* around, ending last rep at \*\*. 1 scfl in each of last 2 dc. Join with sl st to first sc.

**5th rnd:** Ch 1. 1 sc in same sp as last sl st. *Working into rem back loop of each st from 2 rnds below*, \*Skip next 2 sts. 5 dc in next st. Skip next 2 sts.\*\* 1 sc in next st. Rep from \* around, ending last rep at \*\*. Join with sl st to first sc.

**6th rnd (ridge rnd):** Ch 1. 1 sc in same sp as last sl st. \*1 scfl in each of next 5 dc.\*\* Insert hook into back loop only of next st of last

ridge rnd AT SAME TIME working 1 scfl into next st. Rep from \* around, ending last rep at \*\*. Join with sl st to first sc.

Rep 3rd to 6th rnds for pat until work from beg measures approx 9½" [24.5 cm], ending on a 6th rnd of pat.

**Note:** Ch 2 at beg of rnd does not count as st.

**Beg Shaping Tail: 1st rnd:** Ch 2. Skip first st. *Working into rem back loop of each st from 2 rnds below*, \*1 hdc in each of next 5 sts. Skip next st. Rep from \* around. Join with sl st to first hdc. 75 hdc.

**2nd and 3rd rnds:** Ch 2. \*1 hdc in sp between next 2 hdc. Rep from \* around. Join with sl st to first hdc.

**4th rnd:** Ch 2. \*(1 hdc in sp between next 2 hdc) 13 times. Hdc2tog over next 2 sps. Rep from \* around. Join with sl st to first hdc. 70 sts.

**5th and 6th rnds:** As 2nd and 3rd rnds.

**7th rnd:** Ch 2. \*(1 hdc in sp between next 2 hdc) 12 times. Hdc2tog over next 2 sps. Rep from \* around. Join with sl st to first hdc. 65 sts.

**8th and 9th rnds:** As 2nd and 3rd rnds.

**10th rnd:** Ch 2. \*(1 hdc in sp between next 2 hdc) 11 times. Hdc2tog over next 2 sps. Rep from \* around. Join with sl st to first hdc. 60 sts.

**11th and 12th rnds:** As 2nd and 3rd rnds.

Cont in this manner, dec 5 sts evenly around next rnd and following 3rd rnds until 25 sts rem.

**Next 2 rnds:** Ch 2. \*1 hdc in sp between next 2 hdc. Rep from \* around. Join with sl st to first hdc. Fasten off at end of 2nd rnd. Sew end of Tail closed.

**Tailfin:** Ch 27.

**1st row:** (RS). 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 sc in each ch to end of chain. Turn. 26 sc.

**2nd row:** Ch 1. 1 scbl in each sc to end of row. Turn.

**3rd row:** Ch 1. 1 scbl in each st to last 2 sts. **Turn.** Leave rem 2 sts unworked.

**4th to 15th rows:** Rep 2nd and 3rd rows 6 times more. 12 sts rem at end of 15th row.

**16th row:** Ch 3. 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 sc in next ch. 1 scbl in each sc to end of row. Turn.

**17th row:** Ch 1. 1 scbl in each sc to end of row. Turn.

**18th to 27th rows:** Rep 16th and 17th rows 5 times more.

**28th row:** Ch 3. 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 sc in next ch. 1 scbl in each sc to end of row. 26 sts. Fasten off. Gather straight edge of Tailfin to fit end of Tail. Sew Tailfin in position.

## Bra Top

**Shells** (make 2)

Ch 12.

**1st row:** (RS). Working into horizontal 'bump' at back of chain, sl st in 2nd ch from hook. 1 sc in each of next 3 ch. 1 hdc in each of next 7 ch. Turn. 11 sts.

**2nd row:** Ch 2 (does not count as st). 1 hdcbl in each of first 7 sts. 1 scbl in each of next 3 sts. Sl st in last st. Turn.

**3rd row:** Ch 1. Sl st in first st. 1 scbl in each of next 3 sts. 1 hdcbl in each of last 7 sts. Turn.

Rep last 2 rows 3 times more, then 2nd row once. **Do not** fasten off.

**Edging:** Working across base of Shell with WS facing, ch 2. 2 hdc in same sp as last sl st. Work 5 hdc to opposite corner. 2 hdc in corner. Fasten off (first Shell only).

**Join Shells: Do not** fasten off 2nd Shell. Ch 2. Join with sl st to corner of Edging of first Shell. Sl st back in each of 2 ch. Fasten off. Stitch top corners or Shells tog at center front.

**Neck Ties:** With RS facing, join yarn at side edge of Shell Edging. Work a chain 17" [43 cm] long. Sl st back into each ch to end of chain. Fasten off.

**Side Ties:** With WS of Shell facing, join yarn with sl st in 4th st down from top edge and 2 rows in from outer edge. Work chain as for Neck Ties.

