# **PREMIER**®



Minikins Mermaids

## **FINISHED MEASUREMENTS**

Height: 8"

#### **MATERIALS**

Premier® Yarns Minikins™ (50% Acrylic, 50% Cotton; 1.75oz/50g, 158yds/145m)

#### Mermaid 1

- A: 2103-27 Teal 1 ball
- B: 2103-02 Custard 1 ball
- C: 2103-11 Grape 1 ball
- D: 2103-06 Sherbet 1 ball
- E: 2013-26 Sky Blue 1 ball
- F: 2103-05 Bisque 1 ball
- G: 2103-42 Black 1 ball (for Eyes only)
  Mermaid 2
- A: 2103-19 Mint 1 ball
- B: 2103-36 Steel Cut Oats 1 ball
- C: 2103-06 Sherbet 1 ball
- D: 2103-20 Lucky 1 ball
- E: 2103-10 Lilac 1 ball
- F: 2103-23 Deep Sea 1 ball
- G: 2103-42 Black 1 ball

#### Mermaid 3

- A: 2103-26 Sky Blue 1 ball
- B: 2103-37 Chestnut 1 ball
- C: 2103-26 Sky Blue –1 ball
- D: 2103-11 Grape 1 ball
- E: 2103-27 Teal 1 ball
- F: 2103-16 Candy Apple 1 ball
- G: 2103-42 Black 1 ball

#### Mermaid 4

- A: 2103-17 Brick 1 ball
- B: 2103-38 Brunette 1 ball
- C: 2103-15 Clementine 1 ball
- D: 2103-13 Banana 1 ball
- E: 2103-16 Candy Apple 1 ball
- F: 2103-14 Marigold 1 ball
- G: 2103-42 Black 1 ball

Note: Even if the same color is listed twice for

a mermaid, only 1 ball total is needed of that color.

**Hook:** US Size B/1 (2.25 mm) or size needed to obtain gauge

**Notions:** Tapestry needle, removable stitch markers, stuffing, blush and brush for cheeks (optional)

#### **GAUGE**

24 sts x 24 rnds = 4" before stuffing Save time, check your gauge.

### Skills/techniques used in this pattern:

- Chain and single crochet stitch.
- Magic ring.
- Invisible single crochet decrease.
- Seaming.

#### STITCH GUIDE

Magic Ring: Wrap yarn around your left middle finger twice, leaving a 6" tail. Insert hk under both strands and pull up a lp. Ch 1 and beg working directly into center of ring. This ring can be tightened later by pulling on the yarn tail.

## Inv-dec (invisible single crochet decrease):

Insert hk in front lp only of each of next 2 sts, yo and draw through both sts, yo and draw through 2 lps on hk (1 st dec'd).

#### **MERMAID**

### Body

With A, create a Magic Ring.

**Rnd 1:** 4 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous rnds – 4 sc.

Rnd 2: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 3: \*Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 6 sc.

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Rnd 4: \*Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 8 sc.

Rnd 5: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 6: \*Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 10 sc.

Rnd 7: \*Sc in each st around.

Rnd 8: \*Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 12 sc.

Rnd 9: \*Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 14 sc.

Rnd 10: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 11: \*Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 16 sc.

Rnd 12: \*Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 18 sc.

Rnd 13: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 14: \*Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 20 sc.

Rnd 15: \*Sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 22 sc.

Rnd 16: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 17: \*Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 24 sc.

Rnd 18: \*Sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 26 sc.

Rnd 19: \*Sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 28 sc.

Rnd 20: \*Sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 30 sc.

Rnd 21: \*Sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 32 sc.

Rnd 22: \*Sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 34 sc.

Rnd 23: \*Sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \*

around – 36 sc.

Rnds 24-26: Sc in each st around. Fasten off.

**Rnd 27:** Join B in any st, ch 1, working in blo, sc in each st around, join.

Rnd 28: \*Sc in next 4 sts, inv-dec; rep from \* around – 30 sc.

Rnds 29-30: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 31: \*Sc in next 3 sts, inv-dec; rep from \* around – 24 sc.

Rnds 32-33: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 34: \*Sc in next 2 sts, inv-dec; rep from \* around – 18 sc.

Rnds 35-36: Sc in each at around.

**Rnd 37:** \*Sc in next st, **inv-dec**; rep from \* around – 12 sc

Rnd 38: Sc in each st around.

Stuff Body firmly.

Head

Rnd 39: 2 sc in each st around – 24 sc.

Rnd 40: \*Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 30 sc.

Rnd 41: \*Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 36 sc.

Rnds 42-46: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 47: \*Sc in next 4 sts, inv-dec; rep from \* around – 30 sc.

Rnd 48: \*Sc in next 3 sts, inv-dec; rep from \* around – 24 sc.

Rnd 49: \*Sc in next 2 sts, inv-dec; rep from \* around – 18 sc.

Stuff Head firmly.

**Rnd 50:** \*Sc in next st, **inv-dec**; rep from \* around – 12 sc.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Thread long tail in tapestry needle and thread through sts of Rnd 50, pull tightly to close. Fasten off.

Fins (make 2)

With A, create a Magic Ring.

Rnd 1: 4 sc in ring, do not join.

Rnd 2: \*Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 6 sc.

Rnd 3: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 4: \*Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 9 sc.

Rnd 5: \*Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 12 sc.

Rnds 6-7: Sc in each st around.

**Rnd 8:** \*Sc in next st, **inv-dec**; rep from \* around – 8 sc.

Rnd 9: Inv-dec 4 times – 4 sc.

Fasten off leaving a long tail.

Do not stuff.

Arms

With B, create a Magic Ring.

Rnd 1: 4 sc in ring, do not join – 4 sc.

**Rnd 2:** 2 sc in each st around – 8 sc.

Rnds 3-4: Sc in each st around.

**Rnd 5:** \*Sc in next 2 sts, **inv-dec**; rep from \* around – 6 sc.

Rnds 6-16: Sc in each st around.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Shell Top (make 2)

With C, create a Magic Ring.

**Rnd 1:** (ch 3, sl st in ring) twice, (ch 1, dc, ch 1, sl st) 3



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times.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Accents for Tail and/or Hair

**Small Flowers** (make 3)

With D, create a Magic Ring.

Rnd 1: (Ch 2, sl st in ring) 5 times.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

**Large Flowers** 

With E, create a Magic Ring.

Rnd 1: (Ch 2, sl st in ring) 6 times.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Butterfly

With D, create a Magic Ring.

**Rnd 1:** Ch 3, (2 dc, sl st in ring) 3 times, (3 dc, sl st in ring) fasten off. Wrap G to create butterfly body and tie in knot at the top leaving  $\frac{1}{2}$ " for antenae.

## **Hair Cap**

With F, create a Magic Ring.

**Rnd 1:** 6 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous rnds – 6 sc.

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around – 12 sc.

Rnd 3: \*Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 18 sc.

Rnd 4: \*Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 24 sc.

Rnd 5: \*Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 30 sc.

Rnd 6: \*Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 36 sc.

Rnds 7-11: Sc in each st around, join.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

#### **FINISHING**

Sew Fins to end of Tail, sew last 2 rows of Fins together on side.

Sew Arms and Shell Top to Body. Use C and sew center of Shell Top pieces together to join in one piece. Sew Large Flower on side of Tail with Small Flower sewn on top and bottom.

Sew Hair Cap on Head at an angle.

#### **Tail Trim and Detail**

**Rnd 1:** Join E in back center exposed lp on Rnd 27 of Body, working in exposed lps, sl st in each st around, join.

Fasten off.

Thread tapestry needle with a long length of E and details and add 'v' stitches on Tail.

## **Adding Fringe**

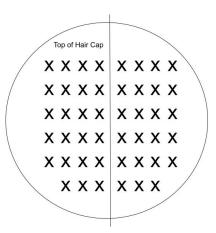
Fold strip in half, pull center of strips through st, pull end of strips through center lp and pull tight.

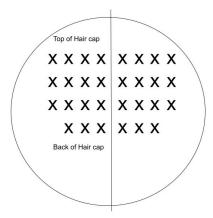
#### Hair

Note: For original hair, use directions below or style to your preference.

Cut 8" lengths of F and add as fringe around edges of Hair Cap.

Use charts and add fringe to create the top and back of Hair. Do not add fringe around the entire Hair Cap.





Split the front center 9 fringe in thirds and braid loosely.

Take 6 strands from one side of center braid, braid. Rep on opposite side of Braid.

Holding all three braids to the front, sweep the remaining hair to one side and secure with a length of yarn tightly.

Pull center braid to the side and secure on top.



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Pull side braids around edges of Hair Cap and wrap around secured section of new ponytail and secure. Sew Small flower over wrapped braid.

Trim Hair evenly.

Thread tapestry needle with G and stitch on Eyes; thread with B and stitch on Nose.

Use small brush and add blush on 'cheeks' (optional).

### **Abbreviations**

begin(ning) beg blo back loop only

ch chain dec'd decreased

front loop only flo

hk hook lp(s) loop(s) remaining rem repeat rep rnd(s) round(s)

single crochet SC

sl st st(s)

yo

slip stitch stitch(es) yarn over









