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### MATERIALS

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

- A: 2103-24 Ice Blue 1 ball
- B: 2103-42 Black 1 ball
- C: 2103-01 White 1 ball
- D: 2103-27 Teal 1 ball

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

**Notions:** Tapestry needle, removable stitch markers, stuffing

### 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).

### **PATTERN NOTES**

Join with slip stitch to first stitch unless otherwise indicated. When working in continuous rounds, place a marker in first stitch to indicate beginning of the round. Move marker up as each round begins.

### WHALE

#### Head

With A, 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. Rnd 7: \*Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 42 sc. Rnds 8-12: Sc in each st around. Rnd 13: \*Sc in next 5 sts, inv-dec; rep from \* around – 36 sc. Rnd 14: Sc in each st around. Rnd 15: \*Sc in next 4 sts, inv-dec; rep from \* around – 30 sc. Rnd 16: Sc in each st around. Rnd 17: \*Sc in next 3 sts, inv-dec; rep from \* around – 24 sc. Rnd 18: Sc in each st around. Stuff firmly. Rnd 19: \*Sc in next 2 sts, inv-dec; rep from \* around – 18 sc. Rnd 20: \*Sc in next st, inv-dec; rep from \* around – 12 sc.

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**Rnds 21-24:** Sc in each st around. Stuff firmly. Do not fasten off.

### **Tail Fins**

### Side 1

**Rnd 1:** Sc in next 6 sts, leaving rem sts unworked, do not join, work in continuous rnds.

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

**Rnd 3:** \*Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 12 sc.

Rnds 4-6: Sc in each st around.

**Rnd 7:** \*Sc in next st, **inv-dec**; rep from \* around – 8 sc.

**Rnd 8: Inv-dec** 4 times – 4 sc. Fasten off leaving a long tail. Do not stuff.

### Side 2

**Rnd 1:** Join A in next unworked st on Rnd 24, ch 1, sc in next 6 sts, do not join. Rep Rnds 2-8 same as Side 1.

### Eyes (make 2)

With B, create a **Magic Ring**. **Rnd 1:** 3 sc in ring, join. Fasten off leaving a long tail. Split C and thread 2 plies of yarn in tapestry needle. Add running stitch on Eye for detail.

### Spout

With A, create a **Magic Ring**. **Rnd 1:** 5 sc in ring, join – 5 sc.

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Rnd 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in each st a around, join – 10 sc.Rnd 3: Ch 1, working in the blo, sc in each st around, join.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Cut 4 - 4" lengths in D. Holding the 4 lengths together as one, fold in half, pull the center of the group through Rnds 1 and 2 of Spout, then pull ends of group through center lp and pull tight. Trim evenly.

### FINISHING

Using photo as a guide, sew on Eyes and Spout. Weave in ends.

### Abbreviations

beg	begin(ning)
blo	back loop only
ch	chain
dec'd	decreased
hk	hook
lp(s)	loop(s)
rem	remaining
rep	repeat
SC	single crochet
sl st	slip stitch
st(s)	stitch(es)

yo yarn over



