Seaside yarn bombing – crochet patterns

Abbreviations (UK terms)
ch   chain
dc   double crochet
htr   half treble
tr   treble
hdtr   half double treble crochet
dtr   double treble
ttr   triple treble
slst   slip stitch

Double knitting yarn and 4mm hook were used for the examples, but any yarn available can be used if the size of the hook is adjusted.

Eyes can be glued in place using a hot glue gun, sewed on or embroidered on.
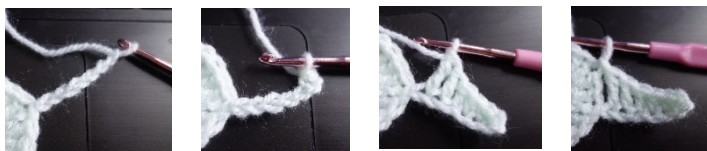
Make 2 bodies for each and sew or crochet them together, stuffing them slightly so that they are firmer when displayed.

This is not exact crochet, so adapt and use the patterns as you wish and don't worry about the number of stitches you use at any point

Fish

Body make 2
- **Foundation** Chain 2, dc 6 in first chain
  (or dc 6 in magic circle), slst into first dc to join
- **Row 1** ch2, tr into same stitch, 2tr into each dc of foundation slst to join
- **Row 2** ch 2, (2tr in next stitch, tr in following stitch) round row 1, slst to join
- **Row 3** ch2, tr in same stitch, 2tr into each stitch of row 2, slst to join
- **Row 4** ch1, dc into next st.
- **Tail** Chain 7, and work back along the chain. Dc in second chain from hook, then work along chain 2 htr, 2tr, dtr
- Join to 3rd st along circle

- Repeat for other half of tail
- Dc round rest of circle, sl st to join
  Join bodies together

- **Top fin** join yarn approx. 3 st from tail fin. Work away from tail along stitches tr, tr, 2ttr in same stitch 2 dtr in same st, 2 hdtr in same stitch, tr, tr

Octopus

- Work as body of fish row 1 and 2
- **Row 4** Ch1, dc into next st
  Legs Ch 6. Dc in second chain from hook. Work dc
  back along the chain; join to next st along circle.
  Ch 7 and dc back
  Ch 8 and dc back
  Ch 9 and dc back
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  Ch 8 and dc back
  Ch 7 and dc back
  Ch 6 and dc back
  Continue dc in each stitch round rest of body

Make second body but without legs and join bodies together, stuffing slightly.

Jellyfish

- Work as body of fish row 1 to 3 BUT **do not** slst to join
  in foundation or any other row so it forms a semi-circle

- **Tentacles**. Start in the centre of the straight side and
  working outwards,
  Ch10 and dc back
  Ch 9 and dc back
  Ch 8 and dc back
  Ch 7 and dc back
  Join yarn and cut
  Starting in the centre of the straight side and working the other way
  outwards,
  Ch10 and dc back
  Ch 9 and dc back
  Ch 8 and dc back
  Ch 7 and dc back
  Continue dc in each stitch round rest of body

Make second body but without tentacles and join bodies together, stuffing slightly.

Crab

- Work as body of fish row 1 to 3
- Row 4 ch1, dc into next st
  Legs
  Ch 4 and dc back
  ch 5 and dc back
  ch 6 and dc back
  Dc in next 3 stitches
  Claw
  Ch 9, dc back 4
  Ch 4, dc back to body
  Join to next st
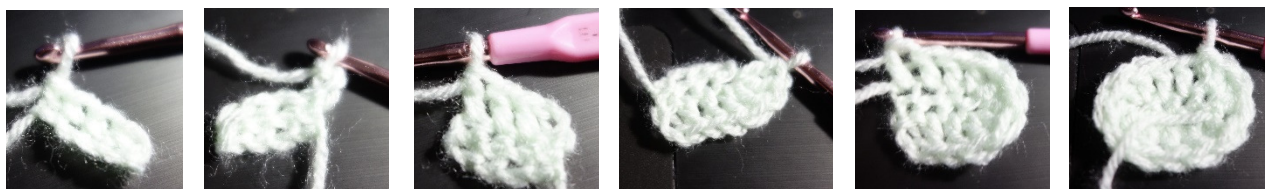 Dc round to where you want the other claw and legs and repeat

Continue dc in each stitch round rest of body

Make second body with claws and join bodies together, stuffing slightly. Join the claws by using a running stitch along the centre

Crab 2

If you want a more oval crab, start with a different foundation

- **Foundation** ch 5, dc back along chain
- **Row 1** ch 2, tr each dc of foundation with 3 tr in each end to form an oval, slst into first dc to join

Work rows 2 and 3 as for the round crab but continue the oval shaping by using (2tr, 3tr, 2tr) in the 3 stitches at each end,
Work row 4 and finish as for the round crab.

Seahorse

Head make 2
- Work as for body of fish row 1 and 2
- **Row 3** Ch1, dc into next st
  snout Ch 5 and dc back

Continue dc in each stitch round rest of body

Join together

Body make 2

- Work as body of fish row 1 to 3
- **Row 4** Ch1, dc into next st
  tail Ch 20 and dc back

Continue dc in each stitch round rest of body

Join together and stitch tail into a circle

Join head and body

H**ead fin**. Join yarn opposite the snout and work up the head.

Dc, dc, htr, 2tr in same stitch

Back fin. Join yarn and work up the body.

Dc, 5 dtr in same stitch, dc

Starfish

Body make 2
- **Foundation** Chain 2, dc 10 in first chain
(or dc 10 in magic circle) slst into first dc to join
- **Row 1** ch 2, tr into same stitch, 2 tr into each dc of foundation, slst to join

Row 2 Legs

- Ch 9 and work back dc x 2, htr x 2, tr x 2, dtr x 2
- Join to 4th stitch on along body
- Make 4 more legs in the same way

Row 3
- Dc round the legs, 3dc in same stitch at end of each leg

Join bodies together, stuffing slightly.

Shell make 2

- **Foundation** Chain 2, 3dc, 3htr in first chain
  (or 3dc, 3htr in magic circle)

slst into first dc to join

- **Row 1** ch2, htr into same stitch, 2htr into next 2 stitches, 2 tr into next 3 stitches do not join but carry on working in the same direction to make a spiral

2 tr into next 3 stitches
2 hdtr into next 6 stitches
2 dtr into next 6 stiches

- **Row 2** dc in each stitch around shell, join with slst
- **Row 3** ch1, dc in next stitch, 2 dc in following stitch, around the shell

Sew shells together, stuffing slightly.

Mermaid

Body and tail make 2

- **Foundation** Chain 2, dc 6 in first chain
  (or dc 6 in magic circle), slst into first sc to
   join
- **Row 1** ch 1, 2 dc in each stitch round, slst to join
- **Row 2** ch 2, (2tr in next stitch, tr in following stitch)
  round row 1, slst to join
- **Row 3** ch 1, 2 dc in each stitch round row 2, slst to
  join
- **Row 4** dc, chain 11 and work back
  dc x 2, htr x 2, tr x 2, dtr x 2, ttr x 2
  Join to 6th stitch along
  Dc round rest of circle, slst to join

Tail fins make 2

- Ch 7 and work back dc x 2, htr, tr, htr, dc x 2
- Join to end of tail

Bodice make 2
Find the stitch in the top of the circle opposite the tail and join yarn 2
stitches to one side of it
Row 1 Dc 5
Row 2 and 3 dc
Run the thread along the top and pull to make it narrower for the neck

Join bodies and tails

Arms make 2

- Ch 12 and work dc back
- Fold in half lengthways and join to bodice

Head make 2

- **Foundation** Chain 2, dc 6 in first chain
  (or dc 6 in magic circle), slst into first dc to
   join
- **Row 1** ch 1, 2 dc in each stitch round, sl st to join
- **Row 2 and 3** ch 1, (2dc in next stitch, tr in following stitch) round row 1, slst
  to join
- **Row 4** dc in each stitch round, sl st to join
- Join together and join to the body
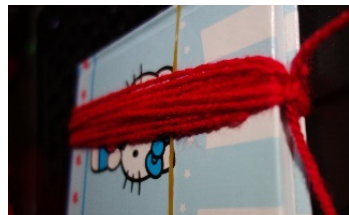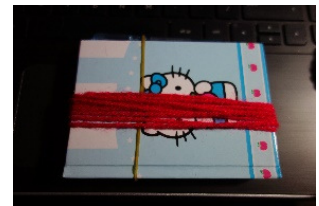
Sew features and add hair

Nose Use a round headed pin to decide where you want the nose. Push the needle up to one side of where you want the nose the nose. Pull the yarn through. Go to where you want the other side of the nose. Push the needle down and pull the yarn through. Repeat 3 or 4 times until you have the size nose you want. Then push the needle through to the back of the head to finish it.

Eyes Do as for the nose but use a finer yarn or embroidery floss. Use 2 round headed pins to decided where you want the eyes.

Hair Decide how long you want your mermaid's hair. Find a heavy piece of card or book twice the length you want the hair. Wrap your yarn loosely around it about 20 times.

Either cut the yarn at one end and sew each strand to the head individually

Or tie the strands together before you cut the yarn, cut it and sew it on as a 'wig'

Arrange and sew it in place like a pony tail to cover the back of the head