free
MOOD TURTLE
pattern

HELLO!

Hey there! I'm Nook! Welcome to one of my patterns. I really hope you enjoy making your own mood turtle. If you have any questions or remarks about this pattern, please don't hesitate to contact me either on Instagram (@nooks_hooks), on Etsy (nookshooksshop) or via e-mail (nookshooksshop@gmail.com). I'd love to see your creations, so please tag me if you post your mood turtle online!

Happy crocheting!

SCHEEPJES LITTLE DARLING

This pattern was created to celebrate the launch of the new Scheepjes Little Darling yarn - the softly sprinkled gradient edition. I had the absolute joy of designing all six sprinkled shades in this collection, and I truly hope you'll love them as much as I do! Designing them was no easy task: anyone who knows me knows that if it were up to me, every colourway would have had a touch of pink!

To complement these new shades, I'm also releasing three free mood-changing patterns! These fun designs can be turned inside out, showing an angry face on one side and a happy face on the other.

The mood turtle in this pattern was made using the *puddle* play colour pack! Specifically using: lakeside, beach day and bluefish

INTRODUCTION

ABBREVIATIONS

- **MR** - Magic ring
- **Sc** - Single crochet
- **Inc -** Increase
- **Dec -** Decrease

This pattern is written in US terms!

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MATERIALS

- Yarn
  - Little Darling Beach Day- yellow and blue speckled (15g)
  - Little Darling Lakeside - green and blue speckled (15g)
  - Little Darling Bluefish - light blue (15g)
  - A thin black yarn to embroider the face
- Small amount of stuffing (for the head)
- 3.5 mm hook
- Darning needle
- Scissors
- Stitch marker
- 8 mm safety eyes

TESTER APPRECIATION

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PATTERN

FRONT FINS

Make two front fins in blue:

1. 6 sc in a MR

2. 6 inc = 12

3. (1 sc, 1 inc) x 6 = 18

4. (2 sc, 1 inc) x 6 = 24

5. Fold the circle in to so that both sides align and crochet 12 sc through both sides at the same time. Fasten off. You do not need to leave a tail for sowing.

BACK FINS

Make two back fins in blue:

1. 6 sc in a MR

2. 6 inc = 12

3. (1 sc, 1 inc) x 6 = 18

4. Fold the circle in to so that both sides align and crochet 9 sc through both sides at the same time. Fasten off. You do not need to leave a tail for sewing.
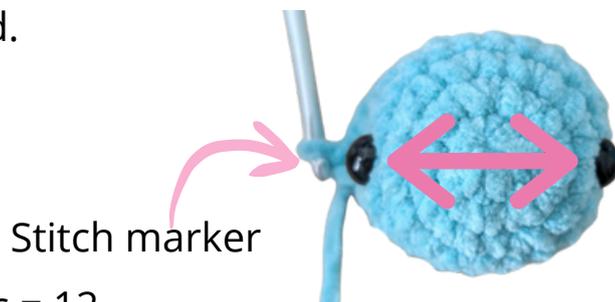
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HEAD

Make one head in blue:

Head

1. 8 sc in a MR

2. 8 inc = 16
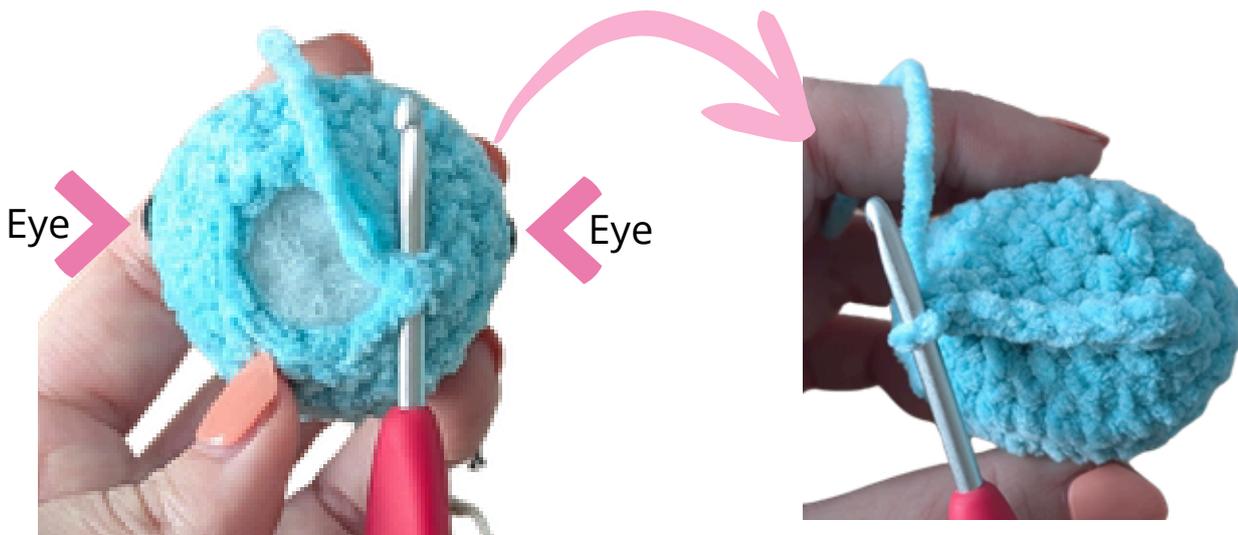
3. (1 sc, 1 inc) x 8 = 24

4.-7. 24 sc (4 rows!)

Add the eyes between row 3 and 4. One eye should be right in front of your stitch marker and the other should be on the opposite side of the head.

Stitch marker

8. 12 dec = 12

Stuff the head. In the next round, you will pinch the neck flat and crochet both sides together, creating a line. The line should be pointing from one eye to the other. If it is not feel free to add some more stitches to have them align.

9. Pinch the end flat and crochet 6 sc through both sides at the same time.

Eye

Eye

Fasten off. You do not need to leave a tail for sewing.

BODY

Start in one of the gradient colours (I chose lakeside)

1. 8 sc
2. 8 inc = 16
3. (1 sc, 1 inc) x 8 = 24
4. (2 sc, 1 inc) x 8 = 32
5. (3 sc, 1 inc) x 8 = 40
6.-7. 40 sc (2 rows)
8. (8 sc, 1 dec) x 4 = 36
9. (7 sc, 1 dec) x 4 = 32
Color change to blue.
10.-11. 32 sc (2 rounds)
In the next round, you will crochet the head and fins into the body.
12. 1 sc, 6 sc through the head and body together,

2 sc, 3sc through the first front fin and the body together, you should start at the first stitch of the fin,

2 sc, 3sc through the first back fin and the body together, you should start at the first stitch of the fin,

6 sc, 3sc through the second back fin and the body together, you should start at the **third** stitch of the fin,

2 sc, 3sc through the second front fin and the body together, you should start at the **third** stitch of the fin, 1 sc = 32

BODY

Your turtle should look like this now

13. 32 sc
Colour change to the second gradient colour (I went with Beach Day)
14. (7 sc, 1 inc) x 4 = 36
15. (8 sc, 1 inc) x 4 = 40
16.-18. 40 sc (3 rows!)
17. (3 sc, 1 dec) x 8 = 32
18. (2 sc, 1 dec) x 8 = 24
19. (1 sc, 1 dec) x 8 = 16
Note: you do NOT stuff the body.
20. 8 dec = 8
Close hole and weave in ends

SHELL BORDER
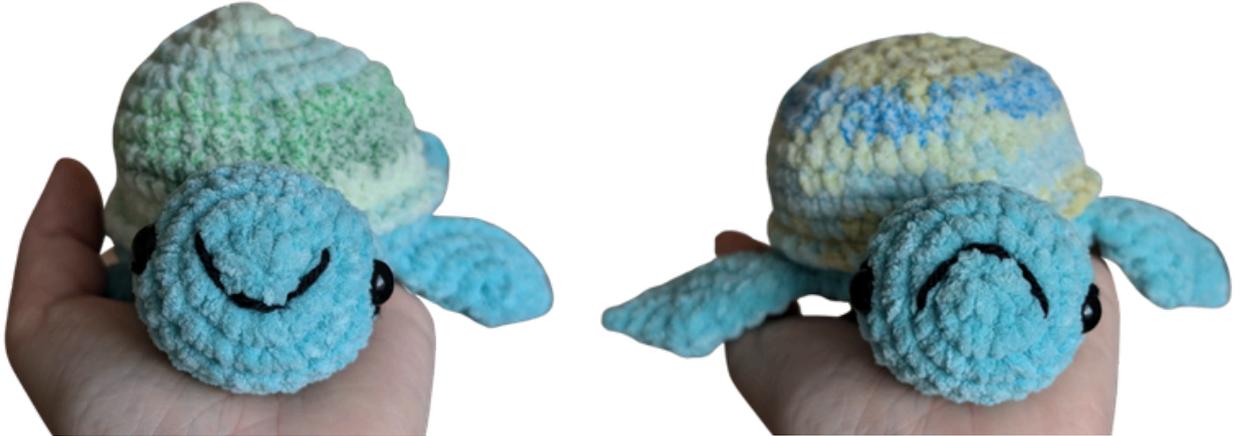
Do this once for each of the two shells:

Slip knot the shell colour to your hook. Insert your hook through a stitch along the border of the body and shell colour making sure your hook is pointing from the body to the top of the shell. **32 sc along this border**. When you have gone all the way around, slip stitch into the first stitch of the border, fasten off and weave in the ends.

FACE

You will now embroider a face that looks happy on one side, and angry when you flip it upside down. Embroider a smile over the magic ring of the head, centred in between the eyes. When you flip the turtle upside down, it'll turn into a frown:

Optionally add some angry eye brows to the frowning side, these will look like cheek accents when you flip it to the happy side!

ALL DONE!

By flipping the shell inside out, you can switch your turtle from happy, to angry and back!