



Bead and dowel doll mermaid outfit

Materials:

- Size 10 crochet cotton, preferably a metallic
- Size 8 perle cotton for beaded embellishment
- Size 6 steel crochet hook
- glass beads for embellishment. Size 8 seed beads for bead crochet, and slightly larger accent beads for the crown.
- Silk ribbon to attach the crown to the doll's head
- Three ¼ inch pearl buttons.

This outfit it worked from the basic camisole pattern, then the mermaids tail is crocheted to the waistline of this.

Gauge: 9sc = 1 inch

Stitches:

BLO = back loops only

Rib = two rows of BLO sc

Link Stitch = (Ch4, trc in the fourth ch from the hook) first link made. *Ch4, trc in the top of the last trc made.* Work ** for as many links as required.

Bodice: worked side to side BLO unless otherwise specified

1: Ch10, sc in the second ch from the hook and each ch across, ch1, turn.

2-22: Sc in each sc across, ch1, turn. 9 sc

Turn the work so you are working across the bottom edge of the bodice. Work three sc in each rib across, ch1, turn the work so you are working up the side of the bodice. 33 sc

Sl st loosely in each st up the side, ch1, turn the work so you are working across the top of the bodice. Work 2sc in each rib across, ch1, turn to work back across the bodice top. 22 sc

Back loop only, sc in each sc across the top. Turn the work so you are working down the side of the bodice. Make three ch4 buttonhole loops equally spaced down the side. Ch1, turn and work across the bottom edge of the bodice.

Mermaid's tail:

1: In BLO, [(sc, 2dc) in the first st, skip next two sts] around. Make one more (sc, 2dc) and join to the first sc, ch1, turn. You should have 12 (sc, 2dc) shells made.

2: Sc in each sc around, join, ch1, turn. 36Sc

3: [(Sc, 2dc) in the first st, skip next two sts] around. Join, ch1, turn. 12 shells

4: (Sc in the first 10 sts, sc next two sts tog) around. Join, ch1, turn. 33 sc

5: [(Sc, 2dc) in the first st, skip next two sts] around. Join, ch1, turn. 11 shells

6: Sc in each sc around, join, ch1, turn. 33Sc

7: [(Sc, 2dc) in the first st, skip next two sts] around. Join, ch1, turn. 11 shells

8: (Sc in the first nine sts, sc next two sts tog) around. Join, ch1, turn. 30 sc

9: [(Sc, 2dc) in the first st, skip next two sts] around. Join, ch1, turn. 10 shells

10: Sc in each sc around, join, ch1, turn. 30Sc

11: [(Sc, 2dc) in the first st, skip next two sts] around. Join, ch1, turn. 10 shells

12: (Sc in the first eight sts, sc next two sts tog) around. Join, ch1, turn. 27 sc

13: [(Sc, 2dc) in the first st, skip next two sts] around. Join, ch1, turn. 9 shells

14: (Sc in the first seven sts, sc next two sts tog) around. Join, ch1, turn. 24 sc

15: [(Sc, 2dc) in the first st, skip next two sts] around. Join, ch1, turn. 8 shells

16: (Sc in the first six sts, sc next two sts tog) around. Join, ch1, turn. 21 sc

17: [(Sc, 2dc) in the first st, skip next two sts] around. Join, ch1, turn. 7 shells

18: (Sc in the first five sts, sc next two sts tog) around. Join, ch1, turn. 18 sc

19: [(Sc, 2dc) in the first st, skip next two sts] around. Join, ch1, turn. 6 shells
20: Sc in each sc around, join, ch1, turn. 18Sc
21: [(Sc, 2dc) in the first st, skip next two sts] around. Join, ch1, turn. 6 shells
22: Sc in each sc around, join, ch1, turn. 18Sc
23: [(Sc, 2dc) in the first st, skip next two sts] around. Join, ch1, turn. 6 shells
24: (Sc in the first four sts, sc next two sts tog) around. Join, ch1, turn. 15 sc
25: [(Sc, 2dc) in the first st, skip next two sts] around. Join, ch1, turn. 5 shells
26: Sc in each sc around, join, ch1, turn. 15Sc
27: [(Sc, 2dc) in the first st, skip next two sts] around. Join, ch1, turn. 5 shells
28: Sc in each sc around, join, ch1, turn. 15Sc
29: [(Sc, 2dc) in the first st, skip next two sts] around. Join, ch1, turn. 5 shells
30: (Sc in the first three sts, sc next two sts tog) around. Join, ch1, turn. 12 sc
31: [(Sc, 2dc) in the first st, skip next two sts] around. Join, ch1, turn. 4 shells
32: Sc in each sc around, join, ch1, turn. 12Sc
33: [(Sc, 2dc) in the first st, skip next two sts] around. Join, ch1, turn. 4 shells

Tail Flukes

34: (Sc in the first three sts, sc the next two sts tog) around, join, turn. 10 sc
35: Two sc in the next five sc, ch1, turn. Leave the remaining 5 sc unworked for now.
36: Two sc in the next 10 sc, ch1, turn. 20 sc
37: Two sc in the next 20 sc, ch1, turn. 40 sc
38-40: Sc in the next 40 sc, ch1, turn. 40 sc
41 (Sc, dc) in the next 40 sc, Finish off. 80 sts.

Join thread in the first unworked sc of round 35 and work the second tail fluke as the first.

Neck edging and shoulder trim: Thread size 8 seed beads onto size 8 perle cotton in a compatible color to your mermaid outfit. I used a pale blue cotton and pearl colored seed beads. Beads will show up better on the wrong side of your crochet work.

Join perle cotton with beads with a slip stitch to the neck edge, with the wrong side of the bodice facing you, (Pull up two beads, sl st in the next st) three times; (Pull up two beads ch1) six times for the shoulder strap, skip next three sts, (sl st in the next st, pull up two beads) eight times; (ch1, pull up two beads) six times for the second shoulder strap, skip next three sts, (sl st, pull up two beads) three times, sl st in the last st. Finish off.

Using the same technique you can add a belt trim to the unworked stitches at the waistline.

Beaded Crown: Leave a long tail at the beginning

Thread size 8 seed beads onto size 8 perle cotton. Make six links. Ch1, turn and work (four beaded sc) around the trc leg of each link, ch1, turn and work (five beaded sc) around the ch4 leg of each link. Fasten off.

Thread the long tail into a slender needle, one that will fit through your accent beads. I used a variety of size 6 dark blue beads. Thread the needle into the middle of the first link, thread on one or two accent beads, thread into the middle of the next link, thread on one or two beads, and carry on in this

manner to the end. Tie off the thread ends, then tie the crown to the dolls hair with silk ribbon.

Sew three pearl buttons opposite the buttonhole loops and you are done.