CROCHET PATTERN

Turtle

Easy Plus / Sewn pieces / US crochet terms

Build a domed turtle shell, a flat belly, four small flippers and a lightly stuffed head with a short open neck.

A domed shell and flat belly share a 30-stitch joining edge. Mark the head first, then use stitch offsets to set the front and back flippers in pairs.

Materials

Smooth #4 worsted yarn in the listed colors, a 3.5 mm starting hook, stitch marker, washable stuffing, blunt tapestry needle and scissors. Adjust hook size if stuffing shows through a gently stretched swatch. Use moss green for the shell, sand for the belly and sage for head and flippers.

Colors

moss green, sand, sage green, dark brown

How To Read This Pattern

Use US terms. Sc = single crochet, inc = 2 sc in one stitch, dec = single crochet 2 together across the next two stitches. A number before an operation tells how many times to work it. Brackets or parentheses followed by × repeat the whole sequence. Work in continuous rounds through both loops unless directed otherwise. Place a marker in the first stitch and move it up each round. Make all pieces separately in spirals. Sl st = slip stitch. Use the circular joining seam as a numbered placement guide. At 4 sc per inch a 30-stitch edge has roughly 7½ inches of circumference; transfer that calculation to your own gauge.

Domed Shell / Make 1

	ROUND / STEP	INSTRUCTION	START	END
☐	**R1**	Make a magic ring, work 6 sc into the ring and pull the tail to close. Use moss green.	**0**	**6**
☐	**R2**	(inc) × 6.	**6**	**12**
☐	**R3**	(sc, inc) × 6.	**12**	**18**
☐	**R4**	(2 sc, inc) × 6.	**18**	**24**

Domed Shell (continued)

	ROUND / STEP	INSTRUCTION	START	END
☐	**R5**	(3 sc, inc) × 6.	**24**	**30**
☐	**R6-8**	30 sc.	**30**	**30**

Finish Slip stitch in the next stitch and fasten off. Preserve the 30 marked edge stitches, excluding the finishing slip stitch.

Flat Belly / Make 1

	ROUND / STEP	INSTRUCTION	START	END
☐	**R1**	Make a magic ring, work 6 sc into the ring and pull the tail to close. Use sand.	**0**	**6**
☐	**R2**	(inc) × 6.	**6**	**12**
☐	**R3**	(sc, inc) × 6.	**12**	**18**
☐	**R4**	(2 sc, inc) × 6.	**18**	**24**
☐	**R5**	(3 sc, inc) × 6.	**24**	**30**

Finish Keep the working loop live for the join.

Head And Neck / Make 1

	ROUND / STEP	INSTRUCTION	START	END
☐	**R1**	Make a magic ring, work 6 sc into the ring and pull the tail to close. Use sage.	**0**	**6**
☐	**R2**	(inc) × 6.	**6**	**12**
☐	**R3-4**	12 sc.	**12**	**12**
☐	**R5**	(sc, dec) × 4.	**12**	**8**
☐	**R6**	8 sc.	**8**	**8**

Finish Fasten off with a sewing tail. Add a little stuffing to the head, keeping the open neck flexible.

Flipper / Make 4

	ROUND / STEP	INSTRUCTION	START	END
☐	**R1**	Make a magic ring, work 5 sc into the ring and pull the tail to close. Use sage.	**0**	**5**
☐	**R2**	(inc) × 5.	**5**	**10**
☐	**R3**	10 sc.	**10**	**10**

Finish Fasten off with a sewing tail. Flatten into five pairs and leave unstuffed.

Assembly

1. Place the belly and shell wrong sides together. With the belly yarn, slip stitch through both loops of one belly stitch and the matching shell stitch. Repeat 30 times, adding stuffing through the remaining gap before the last few joins. Keep the belly flat. Mark join 1.
2. Center the eight-stitch neck opening at join 1. Sew the upper half of the neck just above the join and the lower half just below. Embroider two short dark-brown side eyes between head R2 and R3.
3. Mark the centers of the front flippers at joins 6 and 26, and the hind flippers at joins 12 and 20. At each center, lay one flattened flipper under the rim and stitch its five paired edge positions along five neighboring seam stitches. Angle the front pair toward the head.

Checkpoint

Count from join 1 like a clock. Front flipper centers sit five stitches to either side of the head. Hind centers sit eleven stitches to either side. Turn the turtle over to check all four flippers show beyond the belly rim.