



Crocodile Stitch Mermaid Lap Blanket

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Crochet Hook: 5mm [USA H-8]

Special Stitches: Crocodile Stitch – ch 3, 4 dc around first post of the V st. ch 1, 5 dc around 2nd post of the V st.

Foundation Row:

Adult (Teen/Preteen, Child) – Ch 30 (24, 18).

Making sure not to twist the chain, join into the first ch with a sl st. Ch 2, hdc in each ch around. Join with a sl st in the top of the ch 2. Ch 1 and Turn. (30 [24, 18] hdc made).

Row 1:

Foundation – Ch 3, Dc in between the two posts below the ch 3. Ch 3. *sk 3 posts, 2dc between posts, ch 3*. Rep around. (10 [8, 6] V sts made).

Crocodile Front – Turn to the side and sl st into the first post of the V st. Ch 4 and 4tr around the post. Ch1, turn around to the other side of the V sts, and 5tr around the 2nd post. *Sk next V st, 5tr around first post of next V st, ch 1, 5tr around 2nd post of V st* Rep around and join to the edge of the first scale and in between the posts of the next V st. (5 [4, 3] scales made).

Row 2:

Foundation – Ch3. Dc in V st below. ch 2 *2dc in middle of crocodile st below, ch 2, 2dc in next v St and around the sides of the two crocodile sts below, ch 2* rep around. Join to first V with a sl st. (10 [8, 6] V sts made).

Crocodile Front - Turn to the side and sl st into the first post of the V st. Ch 4 and 4tr around the post. Ch1, turn around to the other side of the V sts, and 5tr around the 2nd post. *Sk next V st, 5tr around first post of next V st, ch 1, 5tr around 2nd post of V st* Rep around and join to the edge of the first scale and in between the posts of the next V st. (5 [4, 3] scales made).

Row 3:

Foundation Increase - Ch3. Dc in V st below. ch 2 *2dc in next horizontal bar, ch 2. 2dc in middle of crocodile st below, ch 2. 2dc in next horizontal bar, ch 2. 2dc in next v St and around the sides of the two crocodile sts below, ch 2. * rep around. Join to first V with a sl st. (20 [16, 12] V sts made).

Crocodile Front - Turn to the side and sl st into the first post of the V st. Ch 3 and 4dc around the post. Ch1, turn around to the other side of the V sts, and 5dc around the 2nd post. *Sk next V st, 5dc around first post of next V st, ch 1, 5dc around 2nd post of V st* Rep around and join to the edge of the first scale and in between the posts of the next V st. (10 [8, 6] scales made).

Row 4: (standard row)

Foundation – Ch3. Dc in V st below. ch 2 *2dc in middle of crocodile st below, ch 2, 2dc in next v St and around the sides of the two crocodile sts below, ch 2* rep around. Join to first V with a sl st. (20 [16, 12] V sts made).

Crocodile Front - Turn to the side and sl st into the first post of the V st. Ch 3 and 4dc around the post. Ch1, turn around to the other side of the V sts, and 5dc around the 2nd post. *Sk next V st, 5dc around first post of next V st, ch 1, 5dc around 2nd post of V st* Rep around and join to the edge of the first scale and in between the posts of the next V st. (10 [8, 6] scales made).

Rows 5-8: Rep row 4.

Row 9:

Foundation – Ch3. Dc in V st below, ch 2. 2dc in middle of crocodile st below, ch 2, 2dc in next v St and around the sides of the two crocodile sts below, ch 2. 2dc in next horizontal bar, ch 2. 2dc in middle of crocodile st below, ch 2. 2dc in next horizontal bar, ch 2. 2dc in next v St and around the sides of the two crocodile sts below, ch 2. *2dc in middle of crocodile st below, ch 2. 2dc in next v St and around the sides of the two crocodile sts below, ch 2.* rep to last two scales. 2dc in next horizontal bar, ch 2. 2dc in middle of crocodile st below, ch 2. 2dc in next horizontal bar, ch 2. 2dc in next v St and around the sides of the two crocodile sts below, ch 2. 2dc in middle of crocodile st below, ch 2. Join to first V with a sl st. (24 [20, 16] V sts made).

Crocodile Front - Turn to the side and sl st into the first post of the V st. Ch 3 and 4dc around the post. Ch1, turn around to the other side of the V sts, and 5dc around the 2nd post. *Sk next V st, 5dc around first post of next V st, ch 1, 5dc around 2nd post of V st* Rep around and join to the edge of the first scale and in between the posts of the next V st. (12 [10, 8] scales made).

Rows 10- 11: Rep row 4 (12 [10, 8] scales made).

Row 12: Rep row 9 (28 [24, 20] V sts made), (14 [12, 10] scales made).

Row 13-15: Rep row 4 (14 [12, 10] scales made). Piece Measures 11.5" tall.

Row 16:

Foundation and Scales - Turn. Work as standard but do not join at the end. Instead, Work two dc in the same space as the original two dc. Then turn and work your scales back the way you came. Until the last two V sts. Skip the next V st as normal, but instead of working a scale in the last V st, just ss into the 2nd to last V st. This leaves a slit between the first and last scales.

Row 17:

Foundation and Scales - Turn. Ch 3 to start the next row. Dc into the same space as the ch 3 you made. Work as standard, doing 2dc in the center of the last scale, and stopping there. Ch 1, and complete your first scale in the previous V st. Continue to the end, doing a scale in the last V st. ch 3, sl st into the center of the scale you just made.

Row 18:

Foundation and Scales - Ch 3 to start the next row. Dc into the same space as the ch 3 you made. Work as standard, doing your last 2dc in the V st to the left and behind the last scale of the previous row. Work your first scale in the V st you just made, and continue back around as standard. When you get to the end, Work your last scale in the 2nd to last V st, then sl st into the last V st.

Row 19-24: Rep rows 17 -18.

Row 25: Rep row 17.

Row 26: Instead of starting your next row in the center of the last scale, just ch 3 and start it at the right corner of the last scale you made. Dc into the same space as the ch 3 you made. Continue making V sts as standard, all the way around, doing your last 2dc in the V st to the left and behind the last scale of the previous row. Work your first scale in the V st you just made, and continue back around as standard. When you get to the end, work your last scale in the first V st you made. That is the increase.

Row 27: Ch 3, ss into the center of the scale you just made. Ch 3 to start the next row. Dc into the same space as the ch 3 you just made. Work as standard, doing 2dc in the center of the last scale. To make the increase, do a last V st in the left corner of the last scale below. Turn. Work your first scale into this V st. Do scales as normal back around, and a scale in the 2nd to last V st. Then sl st into the last V st.

Row 28-31: Rep rows 18 and 17.

Row 32-33: Rep rows 26-27.

Repeat the combination, as many times as you wish. An increase is done after every 4 rows, until it gets to the desired width. Then continue making rows until it is the desired length. For an adult, 42" from bottom to top is enough.

To make the top, do 6 dc sts in the center of each shell, and a sl st in each V st between the shells.

Tail:

FHDC 40-60 sts depending on the size of your blanket.

Row 2: ch1 and turn. Sk the first stitch, sl st into the BLO of the 2nd stitch. SC in the BLO of the 3rd stitch, and HDC into the BLO of the 4th stitch (this will be the last st of the next row). HDC in the BLO to the end.

Row 3: ch 2 and turn. HDC in the BLO across, doing your last st in the 4 th St of the previous row. Ch 1 and turn.

Repeat rows 2-3 until your width is half the size of your length. Make a second panel exactly the same as the first (they are reversible). Leave a tail on the straight edge top of each tail panel.

Using the tail you left, weave it in and out along the top, creating a draw string. Pull it to bunch up the top and create folds. Fasten off and repeat on the other panel.

Place the panels side by side, using the short side of each panel. The points of the panels should point down, on the outside. Bring the two short sides together and use your preferred method to sew them together side by side. Weave in ends.

Insert the finished find into the bottom tube of the tail, and sew it in place.