



Beach Bear Rita

Children (and adults too) will fall in love with this cute little bear in her beachy attire. Have fun crocheting Rita and her toys—ducky inner tube, pail and fish.

Designed by Michele Wilcox.

Doll measures 12" tall.

RED HEART® Super Saver®: 1 skein each of 360 Café Latte **A**, 312 Black **B**, 512 Turqua **C**, 385 Royal **D**, 254 Pumpkin **E**, 324 Bright Yellow **F**, and 319 Cherry Red **G**.

Crochet Hook: 3.75 mm [US F-5].
Yarn needle, stitch marker, stuffing.

GAUGE: 12 sts = 3"; 14 rows = 3" in single crochet.
CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

Special Stitch

sc2tog = [Draw up a loop in next st] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

NOTES

1. Gauge is not critical for this project. Work tightly so stuffing will not show between stitches.
2. To change color, work last stitch of old color to last yarn over. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete stitch. Proceed with new color. Fasten off old color.
3. Use photograph as a guide for placement of pieces to be sewn together.

BEAR

Head

Beginning at nose with **A**, ch 2.

Round 1 (Right Side): Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook—6 sc. Do not join, work in continuous rounds (spirals). Place a marker for beginning of round. Move marker up as each round is completed.

Round 2: Work 2 sc in each sc around—12 sc.

Round 3: [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—18 sc.

Rounds 4–7: Sc in each sc around.

Round 8: [Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—24 sc.

Round 9: Sc in each sc around.

Round 10: Sc in next 9 sc, 2 sc in each of next 6 sc, sc in last 9 sc—30 sc.

Rounds 11 and 12: Sc in each sc around.

Round 13: [Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—36 sc.

Rounds 14 and 15: Sc in each sc around.

Round 16: [Sc in next 4 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—30 sc.

Round 17: Sc in each sc around.

Round 18: [Sc in next 3 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—24 sc.

Round 19: [Sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—18 sc.

Round 20: [Sc in next sc, sc2tog] 6 times—12 sc.

Stuff head.

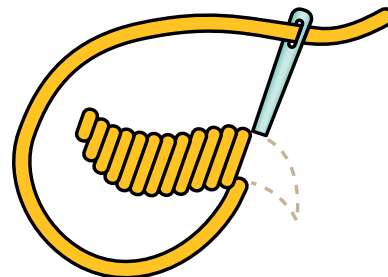
Round 21: Sc in each sc around.

Round 22: [Sc2tog] 6 times—6 sc.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Thread tail through the stitches of last round and pull to gather. Weave in end securely.

Facial Features

With **B**, embroider satin stitch eyes and nose, and straight stitch mouth.





Ear (Make 2)

With **A**, ch 2.

Rounds 1 and 2: Work same as Rounds 1 and 2 of head—12 sc.

Round 3: Sc in each sc around.

Round 4: [Sc in next sc, sc2tog] 4 times—8 sc.

Fasten off. Do not stuff ear. Flatten and sew ears to head.

Headband

With **C**, ch 31.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across, turn—30 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc across.

Fasten off. Sew headband around head, in front of ears.

Bow

With **C**, ch 2.

Rounds 1 and 2: Work same as Rounds 1 and 2 of head; change to **D** in last st of Round 2—12 sc.

Round 3: With **D**, sc in each sc around; change to **C** in last st.

Round 4: With **C**, sc in each sc around; change to **D** in last st.

Round 5: With **D**, [skip next sc, slip st in next sc] 6 times—6 slip sts.

Round 6: With **D**, sc in each slip st around; change to **C** in last sc—6 sc.

Round 7: With **C**, 2 sc in each sc around; change to **D** in last sc—12 sc.

Rounds 8 and 9: Repeat Rounds 3 and 4; do NOT change to **D** in last st of Round 9.

Round 10: With **C**, [sc2tog] 6 times—6 sts.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Thread tail through the stitches of last round and pull to gather. Weave in end securely.

Body

Beginning at top with **A**, ch 6; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 (Right Side): Ch 1, 2 sc in each ch around—12 sc. Do not join, work in continuous rounds (spirals). Place a marker for beginning of round. Move marker up as each round is completed.

Round 2: [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—18 sc.

Round 3: [Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—24 sc.

Round 4: Sc in each sc around.

Round 5: [Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—30 sc.

Round 6: Sc in each sc around.

Round 7: [Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times; change to **C** in last st—36 sc.

Bathing Suit

Round 8: With **C**, sc in each sc around; change to **D** in last st.

Round 9: With **D**, sc in each sc around; change to **C** in last st.

Rounds 10–17: Repeat last 2 rounds 4 more times.

Round 18: With **C**, sc in each sc around; change to **D** in last st. Stuff body and bathing suit.

Divide for Legs

First Leg

Round 19: With **D**, sc in next 18 sc; change to **A** in last sc, place a marker in the next st; leave the marked st and all remaining sts unworked—18 sc. Work in continuous rounds over the remaining 18 sc only, forming a circle for the first leg.

Rounds 20–30: Sc in each sc around.

Shape Foot

Round 31: Work 2 sc in each of first 3 sc, sc in next 12 sc, 2 sc in each of last 3 sc—24 sc.

Rounds 32–35: Sc in each sc around.

Round 36: [Sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—18 sc. Stuff leg.

Round 37: [Sc in next sc, sc2tog] 6 times—12 sc.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Thread tail through the stitches of last round and pull to gather. Weave in end securely.

Second Leg

With Right Side facing, join **D** with sc in marked st following first leg.

Round 19: Sc in each remaining unworked st following first leg; change to **A** in last st.

Rounds 20–30: Sc in each sc around.

Shape Foot

Round 31: Sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in each of next 6 sc, sc in last 7 sc—24 sc.

Rounds 32–37: Work same as Rounds 32–37 of first leg—12 sc.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Thread tail through the stitches of last round and pull to gather. Weave in end securely.

Sew head to top of body.

Tie (for bathing suit top)

With **C**, ch 35, slip st in center top of bathing suit, ch 35. Fasten off and weave in ends. Tie both ends together behind neck.

Skirt

With **D**, ch 36; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1: Ch 1, sc in each ch around; change to **C** in last sc—36 sc. Do not join, work in continuous rounds (spirals). Place a marker for beginning of round. Move marker up as each round is completed. Carry color not in use up inside of work until next needed.



Round 2: With **C**, *sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around; change to **D** in last sc—54 sc.

Round 3: With **D**, sc in each sc around; change to **C** in last st.

Round 4: With **C**, sc in each sc around; change to **D** in last st. Fasten off **C**.

Round 5: With **D**, *slip st in next sc, ch 3, skip next sc; repeat from * around. Fasten off. Wrap skirt around waist and sew beginning edge to waist.

Arm (Make 2)

With **A**, ch 2.

Rounds 1 and 2: Work same as Rounds 1 and 2 of head—12 sc.

Rounds 3–5: Sc in each sc around.

Round 6: [Sc2tog] twice, sc in remaining 8 sc—10 sc.

Rounds 7–16: Sc in each sc around.

Fasten off. Stuff arms and sew to body.

DUCKY INNER TUBE

With **F**, ch 42; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1: Ch 1, sc in each ch around—42 sc. Do not join, work in continuous rounds (spirals). Place a marker for beginning of round. Move marker up as each round is completed.

Round 2: [Sc in next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—48 sc.

Round 3: [Sc in next 7 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—54 sc.

Rounds 4–6: Sc in each sc around.

Round 7: [Sc in next 7 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—48 sc.

Round 8: [Sc in next 6 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—42 sc.

Round 9: Sc in each sc around.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Use tail to sew beginning edge to Round 9, stuffing piece as you go.

Ducky Head

With **F**, ch 2.

Rounds 1–4: Work same as Rounds 1–4 of bear head—18 sc.

Round 5: [Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—24 sc.

Rounds 6 and 7: Sc in each sc around.

Round 8: *Sc2tog; repeat from * around—12 sc.

Round 9: Sc in each sc around.

Fasten off.

Beak

With **E**, ch 2.

Round 1: Work same as Round 1 of bear head—6 sc.

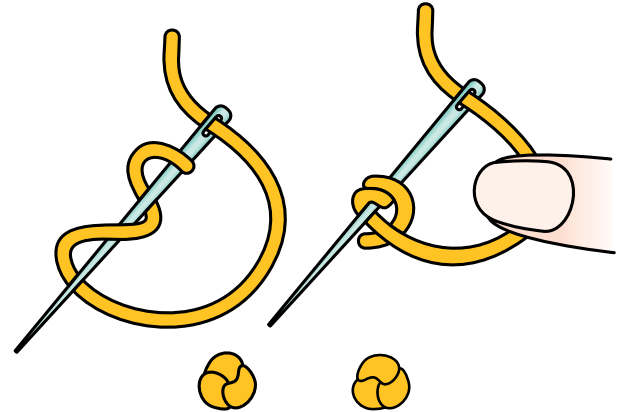
Round 2: [Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] twice—8 sc.

Round 3: Sc in each sc around.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Stuff very lightly. Use tail to sew beak to ducky head.

Facial Features

With **B**, embroider French knot eyes to ducky head. Sew ducky head to inner tube.



PAIL

With **G**, ch 2.

Rounds 1–3: Work same as Rounds 1–3 of head—18 sc.

Round 4: [Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—24 sc.

Round 5: Working in back loops only, sc in each sc around.

Round 6: Sc in each sc around.

Round 7: [Sc in next 7 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 3 times—27 sc.

Round 8: Sc in each sc around.

Round 9: [Sc in next 8 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 3 times—30 sc.

Round 10: Sc in each sc around.

Round 11: [Sc in next 9 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 3 times—33 sc.

Round 12: Sc in each sc around.

Round 13: Slip st in each sc around.

Handle

Ch 18, skip next 16 slip sts, slip st in next slip st, turn, skip the slip st just made, slip st in each of next 18 ch. Fasten off.

GOLD FISH

With **E**, ch 2.

Rounds 1 and 2: Work same as Rounds 1 and 2 of head—12 sc.

Round 3: Sc in each sc around.

Round 4: [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—18 sc.

Rounds 5–12: Sc in each sc around.

Round 13: *Sc2tog; repeat from * around—9 sc.

Stuff piece lightly.

Round 14: [Sc2tog] 4 times, sc in last sc—5 sc.

Row 15: Flatten last round, working through both thicknesses, work 3 sc evenly spaced across, turn—3 sc.



Row 16: Ch 5, slip st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch (fin made), skip next sc of Row 15, slip st in next sc, ch 5, slip st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch (fin made), slip st in last sc of Row 15, turn.

Edging

Ch 1, sc around edges of tail, working 3 sc in each tip and working a slip st in the slip st at center of tail (between fins). Fasten off.

Top Fin

With **E**, ch 5, sc in 2nd ch from hook, *ch 1, sc in next ch; repeat from * across. Fasten off. Sew fin to back of gold fish.

Side Fin (Make 2)

With **E**, ch 4, hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in next ch, slip st in last ch. Fasten off. Sew one side fin to each side of gold fish.

Bottom Fin

With **E**, ch 7, hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in next ch, slip st in next ch, hdc in next 2 ch, slip st in last ch. Fold fin in half and sew center to bottom of gold fish.

Facial Features

With **B**, embroider French knot eyes and straight st smile.

FINISHING

Weave in any remaining ends. Place accessories on bear.



RED HEART® Super Saver®, Art. E300 available in solid color 7 oz (198 g), 364 yd (333 m); multicolor, heather and print 5 oz (141 g), 244 yd (223 m), flecks 5 oz (141g), 260 yds (238 m) skeins.

ABBREVIATIONS: **A, B, C, D, E, F, and G** = Color A, B, C, D, E, F, and G; **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **hdc** = half double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch (es); **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; * = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.

