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## What you will need:

**RED HEART® Super Saver®:**  
1 skein each 530 Orchid A,  
722 Pretty 'n Pink B, and  
3862 Jade C

**Susan Bates® Crochet Hook:**  
5.5mm [US I-9]

Yarn needle

**GAUGE:** 12 sts = 4" (10 cm);  
8 rows of bodice = 2" (5 cm).  
**CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use  
any size hook to obtain the  
gauge.**



**RED HEART® Super Saver®, Art. E300** available in solid color 7 oz (198 g), 364 yd (333 m); prints, multis and heathers 5 oz (141 g), 236 yd (215 m), flecks 5 oz (141 g), 260 yds (238 m) skeins

# Mermaid Doll Outfit

If you love 18" (45.5 cm) dolls, you'll certainly enjoy making this lovely mermaid outfit. The lower body is fashioned with textured shell stitches resembling fish scales ending with a pretty pink fin. Her crocheted crown is the finishing touch to her ensemble.

Outfit fits 18" (45.5 cm) doll.

## Special Stitches

**dc2tog** = [Yarn over, insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up loop, yarn over, draw through 2 loops] 2 times, yarn over, draw through all 3 loops on hook.

**picot** = ch 4, slip st in 2nd ch from hook.

**sc2tog** = [Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

**sc3tog** = [Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] 3 times, yarn over and draw through all 4 loops on hook.

## Special Technique

**Join with sc** = Place a slip knot on hook, insert hook in indicated stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and draw through both loops on hook.

## Notes

1. Bodice and body are worked back and forth in rows. Edges are sewn together from top of bodice to bottom of body. Fins are made separately and sewn to lower edge of body.
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. Cut old color.

## OUTFIT

### Bodice

With **A**, ch 34.

**Row 1 (right side):** Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn—33 sc.

**Rows 2–7:** Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

**Row 8:** Ch 1, sc in first 14 sc, skip next 2 sc, 5 dc in next sc, skip next 2 sc, sc in last 14 sc; change to **B**, turn—28 sc and 5 dc.

**Row 9:** Ch 1, sc in each st across to next dc, sc in next 2 dc, 3 sc in next dc, sc in each remaining st—32 sc and one 3-sc group. Fasten off, leaving long tail for sewing.

### Strap

With **B**, ch 35, sc in center st of 3-sc group, ch 35. Fasten off.

### Body

**Row 1 (right side):** With right side of bodice facing and working in opposite side of foundation row, join **C** with sc in first ch, sc in next 3 ch, \*2 sc in next ch, sc in next 7 ch; repeat from \* twice, 2 sc in next ch, sc in last 4 ch, turn—37 sc.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, sc in first sc, \*skip next 2 sc, 5 dc in next sc, skip next 2 sc, sc in next sc; repeat from \* across, turn—7 sc and 30 dc.

**Row 3:** Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), 2 dc in first sc, skip first 2 dc, sc in next dc, \*skip next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, skip next 2 dc, sc in next dc; repeat from \* across, skip last 2 dc, 3 dc in last sc, turn—6 sc and 31 dc.

**Row 4:** Ch 1, sc in first dc, skip next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, \*skip next 2 dc, sc in next dc, skip next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc; repeat from \* across, skip last 2 dc, sc in top of beginning ch, turn—7 sc and 30 dc.

**Row 5:** Repeat Row 3.

**Rows 6–19:** Repeat last 2 rows 7 times.

**Row 20:** Ch 1, sc in first 7 sc, [sc2tog] twice, sc in next 15 sc, [sc2tog] twice, sc in next 6 dc, sc in top of beginning ch, turn—33 sc.

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**Row 21:** Ch 1, sc in first 6 sc, [sc2tog] twice, sc in next 13 sc, [sc2tog] twice, sc in last 6 sc, turn—29 sc.

**Row 22:** Ch 1, sc in first 5 sc, [sc2tog] twice, sc in next 11 sc, [sc2tog] twice, sc in last 5 sc, turn—25 sc.

**Row 23:** Ch 1, sc in first 4 sc, [sc2tog] twice, sc in next 9 sc, [sc2tog] twice, sc in last 4 sc, turn—21 sc.

**Row 24:** Ch 1, sc in first 3 sc, [sc2tog] twice, sc in next 7 sc, [sc2tog] twice, sc in last 3 sc, turn—17 sc.

**Row 25:** Ch 1, sc in first 2 sc, [sc2tog] twice, sc in next 5 sc, [sc2tog] twice, sc in last 2 sc, turn—13 sc.

**Row 26:** Ch 1, sc in first sc, [sc2tog] twice, sc in next 3 sc, [sc2tog] twice, sc in last sc, turn—9 sc.

**Row 27:** Ch 1, [sc2tog] twice, sc in next sc, [sc2tog] twice, turn—5 sc.

**Row 28:** Ch 1, sc2tog, sc in next sc, sc2tog, turn—3 sc.

**Row 29:** Ch 1, sc3tog—1 sc. Fasten off, leaving long tail for sewing.

### First Fin

With **B**, leaving a long beginning tail, ch 17.

**Row 1 (right side):** Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn—16 sc.

**Row 2:** Ch 3, dc in each sc across, turn.

**Row 3:** Ch 3, dc in next 7 dc; leave remaining dc unworked, turn—8 dc.

**Row 4:** Ch 3, dc2tog, dc in next 4 dc, dc in top of beginning ch, turn—7 dc.

**Row 5:** Ch 3, dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog, dc in top of beginning ch, turn—6 dc.

**Row 6:** Ch 3, dc2tog, dc in next 2 dc, dc in top of beginning ch, turn—5 dc.

**Row 7:** Ch 3, dc in next dc, dc2tog, dc in top of beginning ch, turn—4 dc.

**Row 8:** Ch 3, dc2tog, dc in top of beginning ch, turn—3 dc.

**Row 9:** Ch 3, dc2tog, working 2nd “leg” in top of beginning ch, turn—2 dc. Fasten off.

### 2nd Fin

**Row 1:** With wrong side of first fin facing, join **B** with slip st in top of beginning ch of Row 2, ch 3, dc in unworked 7 dc, turn—8 dc.

**Rows 2–7:** Repeat Rows 4–9 of first fin.

### Crown

With **B**, ch 33; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

**Round 1:** Ch 1, sc in each ch around; join with slip st in first sc—33 sc.

**Round 2:** Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join with slip st in first sc.

**Round 3:** Ch 1, sc in first sc, picot, \*ch 3, skip next 2 sc, sc in next sc, picot; repeat from \* around, ch 3; join in first sc—11 picots. Fasten off.

## FINISHING

With end tails, sew matching edges of bodice and body together.

Flatten lower section of body. Referring to photograph as a guide, with beginning tail, sew Row 1 of first fin to flattened edge of body.

Weave in ends.

## ABBREVIATIONS

**A, B, C** = Color A, Color B, Color C, etc.;  
**ch** = chain(s); **dc** = double crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified;  
\* = repeat whatever follows the \* as indicated.

