

# Melville

Irene Strange's fabulous whale opens up into a little purse that's great for hiding pocket money or chocolate treats!



*This fantastic amigurumi critter is certain to be a hit. To create more space in the purse, use the body pattern as the top part of the lining. Melville is made in a cotton-acrylic blend from Performance Yarns.*

## MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

Melville: 19cm from head to tail

## CROCHET KIT

Yarn: Performance Yarns Cotton Mate, (A) shade 06241 Blue, (B) shade 0601 White, one 50g ball of each

Hook: 3mm

Stitch markers

Safety toy eyes: 6mm

Zip: chunky, white, 30cm

Sewing needle and cotton thread

Tapestry needle

Safety toy stuffing

## TENSION

24 sts x 24 rows

Double crochet

3mm hook

## SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

Switching direction and sl st row: do not turn work but work row from left to right, inserting hook into space below dc st (not into top of st), make a sl st

## START PATTERN HERE

### *Body*

Using 3mm hook and yarn A make 16ch

□ Rnd 1: starting in second ch from hook 1dc in first 14 ch, 3dc in next ch, 1dc in next 13 ch, 2dc in last ch. 32 sts

Do not turn, work into first st to join work in a spiral

□ Rnd 2: 2dc in first st, 13dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc, 2dc in next st, 13dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc. 36 sts

□ Rnd 3: 1dc, 2dc in next st, 13dc, 2dc in next st, 3dc, 2dc in next st, 13dc, 2dc in next st, 2dc. 40 sts

□ Rnd 4: 2dc, 2dc in next st, 13dc, 2dc in next st, 5dc, 2dc in next st, 13dc, 2dc in next st, 3dc. 44 sts

□ Rnd 5: 3dc, 2dc in next st, 13dc, 2dc in next st, 7dc, 2dc in next st, 13dc, 2dc in next st, 4dc. 48 sts

□ Rnd 6-15: cont to inc four sts as set on each rnd. 88 sts

□ Rnd 16: 14dc, 2dc in next st, 13dc, 2dc in next st, 29dc, 2dc in next st, 13dc, 2dc in next st, 15dc. 92 sts

□ Rnds 17-19: dc to end

□ Fasten off

### *Tummy*

Using 3mm hook and yarn B make 15ch

□ Row 1: starting in second ch from hook 2dc in first ch, 1dc in next 12 ch, 2dc in last ch. 16 sts

□ Row 2: do not turn work but switch direction and work back along row, 1ch, 1 sl st along front post of each dc st from prev row (See Special abbreviations on page 8, alternatively turn and work: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end)

□ Row 3: switch direction working into top of sts from Row 1, 1ch, 2dc in first st, 14dc, 2dc in last st. 18 sts

□ Row 4 and every evennumbered row: as Row 2

□ Row 5: switch direction working into top of sts from last dc row, 1ch, 2dc in first st, 16dc, 2dc in last st. 20 sts

- Row 7: switch direction working into top of sts from last dc row, 1ch, 2dc in first st, 18dc, 2dc in last st. 22 sts
- Rows 9-13: work as set inc two sts as set on every oddnumbered row until there are 28 sts
- Rows 15-21 (odd-numbered rows only): switch direction, working into top of sts from last dc row, 1ch, 1dc in each st to end
- Row 23: switch direction working into top of sts from last dc row, dc2tog, 24dc, dc2tog. 26 sts
- Row 25: switch direction working into top of sts from last dc row, dc2tog, 22dc, dc2tog. 24 sts
- Rows 27-35: work as set dec two sts on every oddnumbered row until 14 sts rem
- Row 36: 1ch, 32dc around front curve, 14dc, 32dc around back curve, dc to end, sl st in first dc to close. 92 sts
- Row 37: switch direction, 1 sl st along front posts of last 14 dc from prev row. 14 sts
- Fasten off

Weave in loose ends. Leaving one 32-st curved end of both body and tummy loose, pin zip in place between two parts of whale. Sew in place

### *Tail*

Rejoin yarn A five sts from start of 32-st long, curved end of body

- Rnd 1: 1ch, 23dc, count five sts in along curved section of tummy, 23dc along tummy. 46 sts  
Do not turn, work into first st to join work in a spiral
- Rnd 2: 1dc in each st to end
- Rnd 3: dc2tog, 19dc, (dc2tog) twice, 19dc, dc2tog. 42 sts
- Rnd 4: dc2tog, 17dc, (dc2tog) twice, 17dc, dc2tog. 38 sts
- Rnd 5: dc2tog, 15dc, (dc2tog) twice, 15dc, dc2tog. 34 sts
- Rnd 6: dc2tog, 13dc, (dc2tog) twice, 5dc, dc3tog, 5dc, dc2tog. 28 sts
- Rnd 7: dc2tog, 11dc, (dc2tog) twice, 3dc, dc3tog, 3dc, dc2tog. 22 sts
- Rnd 8: dc2tog, 9dc, (dc2tog) twice, 1dc, dc3tog, 1dc, dc2tog. 16 sts
- Rnd 9: dc2tog, 7dc, (dc2tog) twice, 1dc, dc2tog. 12 sts
- Rnd 10: dc to end
- Fasten off

### **TAIL FINS**

Divide rem 12 sts in half so that each half has three sts from top of Tail and three from base

Attach yarn to one half and work one fin, then work second fin around other half

Rejoin yarn A in corner of Tail

- Rnd 1: dc to end. Six sts
- Rnd 2: 2dc in first st, 2dc, 2dc in next st, 2dc. Eight sts
- Rnd 3: 2dc in first st, 3dc, 2dc in next st, 3dc. Ten sts
- Rnd 4: 2dc in first st, 4dc, 2dc in next st, 4dc. 12 sts
- Rnds 5-6: dc to end
- Rnd 7: dc2tog, 4dc, dc2tog, 4dc. Ten sts
- Rnd 8: dc2tog, 3dc, dc2tog, 3dc. Eight sts
- Rnd 9: dc2tog, 2dc, dc2tog, dc. Six sts
- Rnd 10: dc2tog, 1dc, dc2tog, 1dc. Four sts
- Fasten off

Sew up tip, weave in loose ends. Using yarn A, sew up leftover gaps between zip and beginning of tail. Add safety eyes towards back of whale

### *Lining (make two)*

Using 3mm hook and yarn B make 16ch

- Row 1: starting in second ch from hook 2dc in first ch, 1dc in next 13 ch, 2dc in last ch, turn. 17 sts
- Row 2: 1ch, 2dc in first st, 15dc, 2dc in last st, turn. 19 sts



- Row 3: 1ch, 2dc in first st, 17dc, 2dc in last st, turn. 21 sts
- Rows 4-7: cont to inc as set until there are 29 sts
- Rows 8-11: 1ch, dc to end, turn
- Row 12: dc2tog, 25dc, dc2tog, turn. 27 sts
- Row 13: dc2tog, 23dc, dc2tog, turn. 25 sts
- Rows 14-18: cont to dec as set until 15 sts rem
- Row 19: 1ch, 1dc evenly around piece. 90 sts
- Fasten off

*To make up*

Pin lower half of lining to inside of Tummy, sew all along zip. Pin top half of lining to upper body section, and sew all along the zip. Use gap at back to add toy stuffing to top part of whale and tail, stuff tightly to get the shape. Add a thin layer of stuffing to lower part, if desired. Open zip fully, turn out whale's mouth and sew up lining at back using yarn B

**Water spout**

Using yarn B, rejoin yarn to top of head and make 16ch q Sl st in first ch, 20ch, sl st in first of these ch, 16ch, sl st in first of these ch, 10ch, sl st in first of these ch

- Fasten off

Wind tail a few times around base of chain loops and weave into main fabric to secure spout in place

