Mia the Mermaid

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Materials and Tools

- 2mm crochet hook
- 4 ply yarn (cotton: I used Scheepjes Catona from woolwarehouse.co.uk)
  - Skin tone (Petal Peach - 263)
  - Purple (Lavender – 520)
  - Light mint-green (Crystalline – 385)
  - Dark mint-green (Tropic – 253)
  - Blonde (Topaz – 179)
  - White (Snow White – 106)
  - Pink (very small amount for mouth)
- 2ply or embroidery thread for eyes
  - Brown
  - White
  - Black
- 4x 6-8mm white buttons for dress and top
- 1mm Aluminium wire (about 176cm required in total)
- Polyester soft toy filling
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors
- Stitch markers

Optional extras

Small sequins and/or beads for decoration

Plyers

Acrylic paint (if you wish to paint rosy cheeks and/or add to the definition of the eyes!)

KEY

sc	Single crochet
inc	Single crochet increase (two single crochet in the same stitch)
dec	Single crochet decrease (single crochet two stitches together – for best results use invisible decrease method, crocheting together using just the front loops)
dc	Double crochet
dc-inc	Double crochet increase (two dc in the same stitch)
dc-dec	Double crochet decrease
fpdc	Front post double crochet (crochet around the dc from row below rather than through the top of the stitch)
hdc	Half double crochet
hdc-inc	Half double crochet increase (two hdc in the same stitch)
slst	Slip stitch
ch	Chain
skip	Skip a stitch
FLO	Front loop only – (crochet stitch in front loop of previous row only)
BLO	Back loop only – (crochet stitch in back loop of previous row only)

I recommend that you use YU (yarn under) instead of YO (yarn over) when crocheting this doll as it makes the stitches smaller and neater ☺

This is an image of what the completed wire skeleton looks like, inside the body. The wire is added

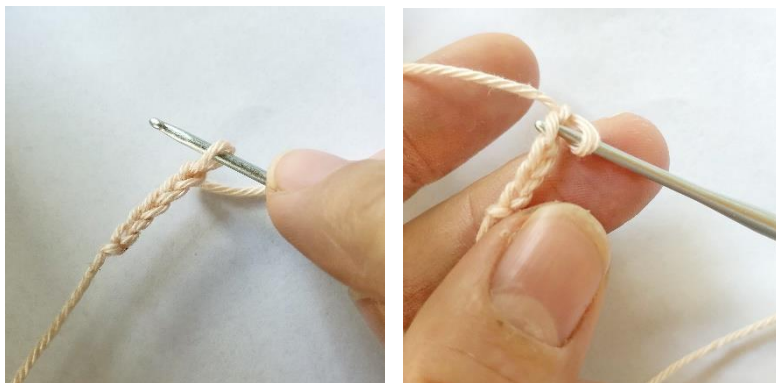to each limb as you go along and twisted together as you join the body together.

Both the arms and the feet are started with a chain, rather than a magic circle. This is to create an oval shape rather than a circle.

In the first row after the chain, you turn your work and make the stitches in the top of the chain.

When you reach the end, you will add 3sc into one stitch (the first stitch in your chain) then turn your work, and continue to make your stitches in the other side of the chain.
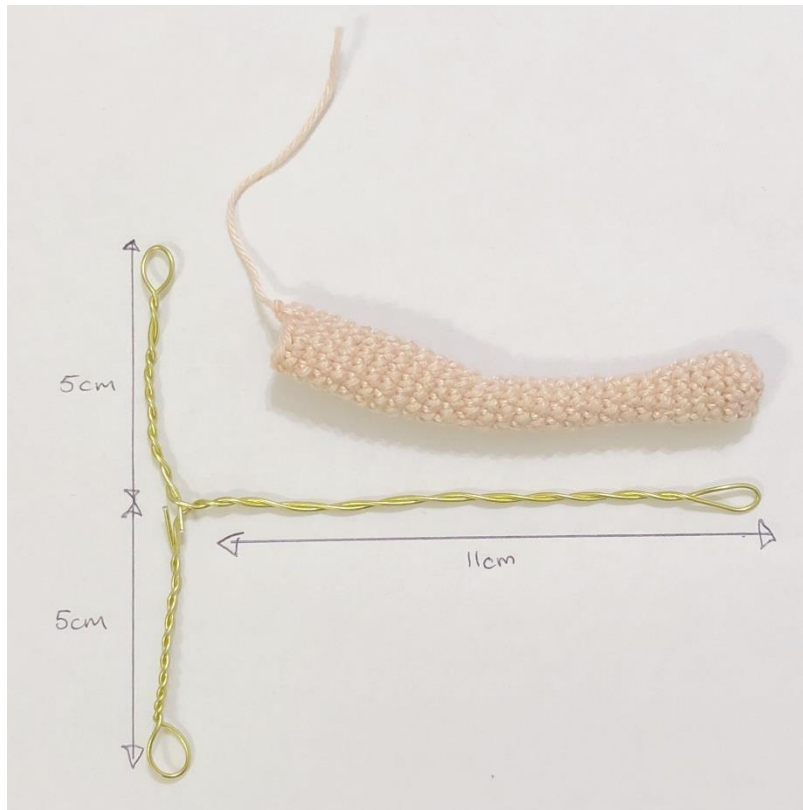

There will be an increase stitch in the final stitch which completes your oval. You can then continue to work around the oval as you might work around a magic circle.

Arms - Make 2 in skin tone yarn		Total
	Chain 5	
1	3sc ,3sc in same stitch, 2sc, 1 inc	**10**
2	10sc	**10**
3	10sc	**10**
4	10sc	**10**
5	10sc	**10**
6	10sc	**10**
7	1 dec, 2sc, 1 dec, 4sc	**8**
8	8sc	**8**
9	8sc	**8**
10	8sc	**8**
11	7sc, 1 inc	**9**
12	9sc	**9**
13	9sc	**9**
14	9sc	**9**
15	8sc, 1 inc	**10**
16	10sc	**10**
17	10sc	**10**
18	3sc, 3slst,3sc, hdc	**10**
19	hdc, 9sc	**10**
20	10sc	**10**
21	1 inc, 9sc	**11**
22	11sc	**11**
23	1 inc, 10sc	**12**
24	12sc	**12**
25	12sc	**12**
26	12sc	**12**
27	12sc	**12**
28	12sc	**12**
29	12sc	**12**
30	12sc	**12**
	Insert wire and stuff	

Tip. When stuffing any part of the doll, but particularly the body, neck and head, stuff it as firmly as possible until it resembles the feel of a tennis ball.

Wire – 46cm

Bend in half and twist first 11cm together. Bend remaining ends in half again - one will go up to the head and one down into the body.

Make the smaller items before you continue so they are ready to sew on when the larger parts are completed.

Firstly cut off a few pieces of skin tone yarn to use for sewing later, as once you get started on the body your ends will be on your hook!

- 25cm for belly button
- 25cm for nose
- 40cm for creating eye contours

Ears – Make 2 in skin tone yarn

Magic circle – 5 sc – pull tight but do not join!

Ch 1, turn. 1sc in each stitch.

Tie off and cut leaving log tail to sew on.

Set aside and save for later

Toes – Make 2 in skin tone yarn

Magic circle 5 stitches, pull tight, slst to join.

Chain 4

3sc (starting in 2nd from loop) and slst back into stitches of magic circle

Tie off and cut off leaving long tail to sew on

Legs - Make 2 in skin tone yarn		Total
	Chain 6	
1	4sc, 3sc in same stitch, 3sc, 1 inc	**12**
2	12sc	**12**
3	12sc	**12**
4	1 dec, 2sc, 1 dec, 6sc	**10**
5	10sc	**10**
6	1sc, 4slst (FLO), 1sc, 1 hdc, 2 hdc-inc, 1 hdc	**12**
7	1sc, 4slst (FLO), 2sc, 4 hdc, 1sc	**12**
8	1sc, 4slst (FLO), 3sc, 2dc-dec	**10**
9	8sc, 2hdc	**10**
10	1 dec, 4sc, 1 dec, 2sc	**8**
11	8sc	**8**

The next section (lines 12 to 18) is creating the calf of the leg. The increases ("1 inc") should all be at the centre of the back of the leg. If you find that your stitches do not run up the centre at this point, move your stitch marker across to make it line up again.

Row increases, which create the shape of the calf and thigh should be up the centre of the back of the leg

12	7sc, 1 inc	9
13	8sc, 1 inc	10
14	9sc, 1 inc	11
15	11sc	11
16	10sc, 1 inc	12
17	12sc	12
18	11sc, 1 inc	13
19	13sc	13
20	11sc, 1 dec	12
21	1 dec , 3sc, 1 inc, 1sc, 1 inc, 4sc	13
22	13sc	13
23	1 inc, 3sc, 1 dec, 2sc, 1 dec, 3sc	12
24	1 inc, 11sc	13
25	13sc	13

Sew on toes at this point to allow you to easily hide threads inside. You may also find it easier to insert the wire and gently stuff the foot and calf, although you can wait until the leg is fully created (stuffing can be a bit harder though).

Continue on to work on the thigh, and again, the increases ("1 inc") should go up the centre of the back of the leg.

26	1sc, 1 inc, 11sc	14
27	2sc, 1 inc, 11sc	15
28	3sc, 1 inc, 11sc	16
29	4sc, 1 inc, 11sc	17
30	5sc, 1 inc, 11sc	18
31	6sc, 1 inc, 11sc	19
32	7sc, 1 inc, 11sc	20
33	20sc	20
	Insert wire and stuff	

Wire – 42cm

Bend in half and twist first 9cm together, leaving top free to connect legs together.

Body			Total
1	**Start with white yarn** slst into middle of right leg (inside-leg), ch 2, join with left leg and 20sc around leg, 2sc in front loop of chain, 20sc around right leg,		**44**
2	2sc in front loop of chain stitches, 42sc		**44**
3	6sc, 2 inc, 31sc, 2 inc, 3sc		**48**
4	7sc, 2 inc, 34sc, 2 inc, 3sc		**52**
5	52sc		**52**
6	3sc, 1 dec, 4sc, 1 dec, 32sc, 1 dec, 4sc, 1 dec, 1sc		**48**
7	4sc, 1 dec, 37sc, 1 dec, 2sc		**46**
8	46sc		**46**
9	12sc, 1 dec, 22sc, 1 dec, 8sc		**44**

10	**1sc, then join skin colour. Move stitch marker so that centre of back is when you now count from**	**44**
	44sc	
11	44sc	**44**
12	44sc	**44**
13	10sc, 1 dec, 20sc, 1 dec, 10sc	**42**
14	42sc	**42**
15	9sc, 1 dec, 20sc, 1 dec, 9sc	**40**
	Add belly button between rows 11 and 12 - middle of tummy, 2 stitches across. Use skin colour and thread through 3 or 4 times. Tie off inside body	
16	40sc	**40**
17	8sc, 1 dec, 20sc, 1 dec, 8sc	**38**
18	38sc	**38**
19	8sc, 1 dec, 18sc, 1 dec, 8sc	**36**
20	36sc	**36**
21	9sc, 1 dec, 14sc, 1 dec, 9sc	**34**
22	34sc	**34**
23	8sc, 1 dec, 14sc, 1 dec, 8sc	**32**
24	32sc	**32**

Attach the arms – make sure that the top of the arm is level with row 24 of the body when the arms are down by the doll's sides. Twist the wire for each arm around the wire coming up through the body from the legs. Twist carefully both inside the body and up towards the head to make sure the arms are secure.

25	**Attach arms**	56
	8sc, left arm - 12sc, 16sc (chest), right arm - 12sc, 8sc	
26	5sc, [1 dec, 6sc]x2, 1 dec, 10sc, 1 dec, [6sc, 1 dec]x2, 5sc	50
27	4sc, [1 dec, 5sc]x2, 1 dec, 4sc, 1 dec, 4sc, [1 dec, 5sc]x2, 1 dec, 4sc	43
28	[4sc, 1 dec]x2, [5sc, 1 dec]x2, 5sc, [1 dec, 4sc]x2	37
29	1 dec [3sc, 1dec]x7	29

	Fully stuff body	
30	[2sc, 1 dec]x7, 1sc	22
31	[1sc, 1 dec]x7, 1sc	15
32	15sc	15
33	15sc	15
34	14sc, 1 inc	16

Head - Continue from body/neck		Total
35	[1sc, 1 inc]x8	**24**
36	[2sc, 1 inc]x8	**32**
37	[3sc, 1 inc]x8	**40**
38	[4sc, 1 inc]x8	**48**
39	[5sc, 1 inc]x8	**56**
40	56sc	**56**
41	56sc	**56**
42	56sc	**56**
43	56sc	**56**
44	56sc	**56**
45	56sc	**56**
	Stuff the neck and shoulders as firmly as possible.	
46	56sc	**56**
47	56sc	**56**
48	56sc	**56**
49	56sc	**56**
50	56sc	**56**
51	56sc	**56**
52	56sc	**56**
	Sew on ears (see instructions below)	
53	56sc	**56**
54	56sc	**56**
55	[5sc, 1 dec]x8	**48**
56	[4sc, 1 dec]x8	**40**
57	[3sc, 1 dec]x8	**32**
	Stuff head and sew facial features before closing fully.	

Facial Features:

Ears – Sew on either side of the head (about half way round). Bottom of ear should be sewn on between rows 43 & 44 and top part of the ear should be sewn on between rows 47 & 48.

Eye contours – Using skin tone yarn, along the line between rows 44 & 45, sew through (from inside out) point A and into point B twice and pull tight. Sew one stitch two rows up, in between A and B, and pull tight. Then sew through point C to point D twice and again one stitch, two rows up in the middle of C and D. Pull tight, repeat if required and tie off inside head.

Nose – Between rows 43 & 44, 3 stitches across. Loosely sew through 3 or 4 times.

The images below show how to sew the eyes. Use 2 ply or embroidery thread. Top of pupil should be between rows 47 & 48 and should be about 1.5 stitches across and down.

Mouth – Using light pink yarn, sew between rows 41 & 42, 3 or 4 stitches across.

Eyebrows – sew in same colour yarn as the hair, above eye, between rows 50 & 51, 3 stitches across and then one stitch diagonally down.

Close Head (stuff more if required before closing)		
58	[2sc, 1 dec]x8	**24**
59	[1sc, 1 dec]x8	**16**
60	8 dec	**8**
61	Decrease until head is closed, cut yarn and tie off	

Hair

Main hair	
Piece 1	Ch 70, turn, 69sc (do not tie off, but continue to next piece)
Piece 2	Ch 70, turn, 69sc (do not tie off)
…	Repeat until you have 16 pieces. Tie off and cut yarn, leaving a very long tail for sewing.

Additional hair sections (x2)	
Piece 1	Ch 70, turn, 69sc (do not tie off, but continue to next piece)
Piece 2	Ch 70, turn, 69sc, tie off and cut yarn leaving a long tail for sewing.

One of these additional hair sections will be used to create the fringe and one will be used to

complete the pig-tails at the back.

Back hair

Piece 1	Ch 13, turn, 12 (do not tie off, but continue to next piece)
Piece 2	Ch 13, turn, 12 (do not tie off)
…	Repeat until you have 10 pieces. Tie off and cut yarn leaving a long tail for sewing.

Fold the main hair section in half and pin to the middle of the top of the head to create a parting.

Then pin the sides so that the first piece sits just in front of the ear and the rest group together

behind the ear, creating the pig-tail, as show below.

(back of head)

Fold the back hair section in half and pin so that the central line continues from the parting created by the main hair section. The ends of the back hair should be hidden under the last few pieces of the main hair.

When you are happy with the positioning of these sections, carefully sew them into place, making sure you trap the back hair ends under the main hair pieces so they appear to go into the pig-tails.

Once you have finished sewing these sections, add one of the additional sections to the front to create the fringe – one piece sweeping across the forehead on each side. Bring the end of this section into the pig-tail.

Then add the last additional section to the bottom of the back of the head, again continuing the parting. Bring the ends into the pig-tail on each side.

Sew the hair pieces in each pig-tail together securely and then, using light mint-green yarn, wrap around the hair 5 or 6 times. Tie off and hide the ends under the hair on the head.

Clothes

	Mermaid Tail	**Total**
	Dark mint-green	
1	MC 6sc	**6**
2	6sc	**6**
3	[1sc, 1 inc] x3	**9**
4	9sc	**9**
5	[2sc, 1 inc] x3	**12**
6	12sc	**12**
7	[3sc, 1 inc] x3	**15**
8	15sc	**15**
9	[4sc, 1 inc] x3	**18**
10	18sc	**18**
11	[5sc, 1 inc] x3	**21**
12	21sc	**21**
13	[6sc, 1 inc] x3	**24**
14	24sc	**24**
15	4sc, FLO 8 slst, 4sc, 8 hdc	**24**
16	[7sc, 1 inc] x3	**27**
17	4sc, FLO 9 slst, 5sc, 9 hdc	**27**
18	[8sc, 1 inc] x3	**30**
19	5sc, FLO 10 slst, 5sc, 10 hdc	**30**
20	[9sc, 1 inc] x3	**33**
21	5sc, FLO 11 slst, 6sc, 11 hdc	**33**
22	[10sc, 1 inc] x3	**36**
23	36sc	**36**
24	6sc, FLO 11 slst, 6sc, 11 hdc	**36**
25	36sc	**36**
26	36sc	**36**
27	6sc, FLO 12 slst, 6sc, 12 hdc	**36**
28	36sc	**36**
29	[11sc, 1 inc] x3	**39**
30	39sc	**39**
31	39sc	**39**
32	26sc, 13 hdc	**39**
33	39sc	**39**
34	39sc	**39**
35	[12sc, 1 inc] x3	**42**
36	42sc	**42**
37	42sc	**42**
38	[13sc, 1 inc] x3	**45**
39	45sc	**45**
40	[14sc, 1 inc] x3	**48**

41	48sc	**48**
42	[15sc, 1 inc] x3	**51**
43	51sc	**51**
44	[16sc, 1 inc] x3	**54**
45	54sc	**54**
46	[17sc, 1 inc] x3	**57**
47	57sc	**57**
	Change to light mint-green yarn	
	The next section will be creating 3 rows of crocodile stitch. See instructions below for help with this stitch	
48	(crocodile stitch setup row 1) Ch4 (counts as first dc and ch1), [skip 2, 1 dc-inc, ch1, skip 2, 1 dc, ch1] x8, skip 2, 1 dc-inc, ch1, skip 1, 1 dc, ch1, skip 1, 1 dc-inc, ch1, skip 1, join to 3rd ch in starting chain.	
49	(crocodile stitch scale row) Ch1, 5 dc around the post of the 1st of the dc pair from row 48, ch1, 5dc around the post of the 2nd of the dc pair from row 48, 1sc into top of single dc from row 48 (see instructions below). Repeat to create 10 scales.	
50	(crocodile stitch setup row 2) ch3 (counts as first dc) and 1 dc in same stitch (to complete the pair), ch1, 1 dc in the centre of the scale from row 49, ch1, 1 dc-inc in sc in row 49 between scales. Repeat all the way around. Slst to join in top of starting chain.	
51	**Repeat crocodile stitch scale row**	
52	**Repeat crocodile stitch setup row 2**	
53	**Repeat crocodile stitch scale row**, slst to join, tie off and cut yarn	

Crocodile stitch instructions

Crocodile stitch initial setup row: 1 dc, ch1, skip 2, 1 dc-inc, ch1, skip 2, repeat.

(With the mermaid tail, the initial ch4 counts as the first double crochet and a chain stitch. Also the last 3 "skip 2" need to be changed to "skip 1" to finish the setup row, keeping the pattern) (Fig.1)

Crocodile stitch scales row: make 5 fpdc (front post double crochet) around the post of the first of the double crochet pair from the setup row. (Fig.2) The 5 fpdc stitches should sit side-by-side going down the dc (Fig 3.)

Fig.1

Fig.2

Fig.3

Fig.4

Fig.5

Fig.6

Ch1 and turn your work slightly so that you can make 5 fpdc up the second of the dc pair from the row before (Fig.4)

1sc into the top of the 1 dc from the row before.

Repeat this around each dc pair to create a row of scales. After the final sc, chain 3 to start the next setup row.

Crocodile stitch setup row 2: your ch3 counts as the first dc, add 1 dc into the same stitch to complete the first dc pair. Ch1, then 1 dc into the middle of the scale from the row below, ch1, then 1 dc-inc into the sc from the row below (between scales) (Fig.5) Repeat this pattern all the way around.

Then continue to work your with another scales row [5 fpdc down, ch1, 5 fpdc up, 1sc] around the dc pairs as before, remembering to do 1 sc into the single dc between each scale. (Fig.6)

Repeat the setup row and scale row as required.

	Fins (x2)	Total
	Light mint-green yarn	
	Chain 6, turn	
1	2sc, 2 hdc, (3 dc) in same stitch, ch1, turn	**7**
2	7sc, ch1, turn	**7**
3	3sc, 3 hdc, (3 dc) in same stitch, ch1, turn	**9**
4	9sc, ch1, turn	**9**
5	4sc, 4 hdc, (3 dc) in same stitch, ch1, turn	**11**
6	11sc, ch1, turn	**11**
7	4sc, 4 hdc, 1 dc, 1 dc-inc, (3 dc) in same stitch, ch1, turn	**14**
8	14sc, ch1, turn	**14**
9	4sc, 5 hdc, 2 dc, 2 dc-inc, (3 dc) in same stitch, ch1, turn	**18**
10	18sc, ch1, turn	**18**
11	5sc, 6 hdc, 3 dc, 3 dc-inc, (3 dc) in same stitch, ch1, turn	**23**
12	23sc, tie off and cut yarn with long tail to sew on.	

Fold the short, flat end (the top edge in the image above) of the fin into a concertina and sew securely. Then sew this end to the bottom point of the mermaid tail.

Add sequins and beads for decoration.

Mermaid Top		Total
	Purple yarn	
	Chain 53	
1	In 8th chain from hook, 46sc (leaving 7 for button hole), ch1, turn	**46**
2	11sc, 1 dec, 20sc, 1 dec, 11sc, ch1, turn	**44**
3	44sc, ch1, turn	**44**
4	11sc, 1 dec, 18sc, 1 dec, 11sc, ch1, turn	**42**
5	42sc, ch1, turn	**42**
6	10sc, 1 dec, 18sc, 1 dec, 10sc, ch7 (for button hole), turn	**40**
7	Skip 7 (for button hole) 40sc, ch1, turn	**40**
8	11sc, ch49 (arm strap), turn, [2sc, 1 inc] x16, (join back to main part of top), 18sc, ch49 (arm strap), turn, [2sc, 1 inc] x16, 11sc, tie off and cut yarn	**40 + arm strap x2**

Decorate with sequins/beads

	Dress	Total
	Start with purple yarn	
	Chain 55	
1	In 8th chain from hook, 48sc (leaving 7 for button hole), ch1, turn	**48**
2	6sc, chain 8, skip 12 (armhole), 12sc, chain 8, skip 12 (armhole), 6sc, ch 1, turn	**40**
3	40sc, ch1, turn	**40**
4	10sc, 1 inc, 18sc, 1 inc, 10sc, ch1, turn	**42**
5	42sc, ch1, turn	**42**
6	11sc, 1 inc, 18sc, 1 inc, 11sc, ch1, turn	**44**
7	44sc, ch1, turn	**44**
8	11sc, 1 inc, 20sc, 1 inc, 11sc, ch1, turn	**46**
9	46sc, turn	**46**
10	11sc, 1 inc, 22sc, 1 inc, 11sc, ch1, turn	**48**
11	48sc, ch1, turn	**48**
12	12sc, 1 inc, 22sc, 1 inc, 12sc, ch7 (for button hole), turn	**50**
13	Skip 7, 50sc, ch1,turn	**50**
14	12sc, 1 inc, 24sc, 1 inc, 12sc, ch1, turn	**52**
15	52sc, ch1, turn	**52**
16	13sc, 1 inc, 24sc, 1 inc, 13sc, slst to join ends, (but we will continue to turn) ch1, turn	**54**
17	54sc, ch1, DO **NOT** TURN	**54**
	Change to dark mint-green yarn	
18	ch3, turn, FLO - 54dc, ch2, turn	**54**
19	54 dc-inc, slst to join ends (but we will continue to turn) ch2, turn	**108**
20	108dc, slst to join ends, ch2, turn	**108**
21	108dc, slst to join ends, ch2, turn	**108**
22	108dc, slst to join ends, ch2, turn	**108**
23	108dc, slst to join ends, ch2, turn	**108**
24	108dc, slst to join ends, ch2, turn	**108**
25	108dc, slst to join ends (DO NOT TURN!)	**108**
	Change to light mint-green yarn	
26	[ch3, 1sc]x108, slst and tie off	

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Add neckline/sleeves to top of dress (purple yarn)		
	slst into end of original chain at the top of the dress, ch2 8dc, 3 dc-dec, 20dc, 3 dc-dec, 8dc	**42**

Crocodile stitch belt		
	Light mint-green yarn	
	Chain 72, slst to join	
1	**Crocodile stitch setup row** – ch4 (counts as 1 dc, ch1), skip 2, [1 dc-inc, ch1, skip 2, 1 dc, ch1, skip 2] x11, 1 dc-inc, ch1, skip 2, slst into 3rd ch in starting chain to join,	
2	**crocodile stitch scale row - to create 12 scales**	
3	**(crocodile stitch setup row 2)** ch3 (counts as first dc) and 1 dc in same stitch, ch1, 1 dc in the centre of the scale from row 2, ch1, 1 dc-inc in sc in row 2 between scales. Repeat all the way around. Slst to join in top of starting chain.	
4	**Crocodile stitch scale row - to create 12 scales.** Tie off and cut yarn leaving a long tail	

Slip the belt over the dress and sew (or crochet) it onto the front loops of dress row 17 which were previous left. If desired, you can sew points of set-up row 1 of the belt to the dress to secure it in place and make the ruffles of the skirt even.

Sew buttons to the back of the dress, in line with the button holes. Check the position of the buttons by trying the dress on the doll.

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Shoes		Total
	Light mint-green yarn	
	Chain 9	
1	7sc, 3sc in same stitch, 6sc, 1 inc	**18**
2	1 inc, 6 sc, 3 inc, 6sc, 2 inc	**24**
3	1sc, 1 inc, 6sc, [1sc, 1 inc]x3, 6sc, [1sc, 1 inc]x2	**30**
4	BLO 30sc	**30**
5	30sc	**30**
6	9sc, 6 dc-dec, 9sc	**24**
7	6sc, chain 5, skip 12, 6sc, tie off	

Decorate the shoes with small sequins across the toes.

Mia the mermaid is finished! ☺