

Tina Turtle – African Flower Turtle Pincushion Pattern





Start off making two «African Flower hexagons» . *There are already several tutorials (and even youtube-videos) explaining this, I would recommend [HeidiBears tutorial](#) if you haven't tried making one before as it is very throughout.*

Make one hexagon using several colors (of your choice) and one unicolor (this is going to be the bottom of the turtle), so I picked a rather light color -pink. And – make two rows of dc.

You should be familiar with most basic crochet techniques. And also the «magic ring».

Inc=invisible increase

Dec=invisible decrease

For explanation on how to do the invisible decrease/increase (and other useful tips) please check out [this page on Amigurumi basics](#).

SIZE: The turtle measure approx. 15 cm from head to back when used a 2.5 mm hook (and schachenmayr SMC Catania yarn; 50g=125m)



- HEAD

Start making a magic ring (=MR)

1. 6 sc in the ring

2. inc x 6 (12)

3. sc12 (12)

4. (sc, inc) x 6 (18)

5. (2sc, inc) x 6 (24)

6.-8. 24sc (24)

9. (2sc, dec) x 6 (18)

10.-11. 18sc (18)

12. (sc, dec) x 6 (12)

Attach safety eyes (I used black 6mm) and start filling

13.-16. sc 12

Add more stuffing if necessary, but not too much. Flatten ends and crochet/stitch together. Weave in ends.

– **FRONT LEGS** (make 2)

1. 6 sc in MR

2. inc x 6 (12)

3. (sc, inc) x 6 (18)

4.-6. 18sc(18)

7. dec x4, 10sc (14)

8. 14sc (14)

9. 2sc, decx2, sc8 (12)

10.-12. 12sc (12)

Add a little bit of stuffing, flatten ends and crochet/stitch together. Weave in ends.

– BACK LEGS (make 2)

1. 6 sc in MR

2. inc x 6 (12)

3. (sc, inc) x 6 (18)

4. 18sc (18)

5. (dec, 7sc) x 2 (16)

6. (dec, 6sc) x2 (14)

7.-8. 14sc (14)

Add some stuffing

9. (dec, 5sc) x 2 (12)

10. (dec, 4sc) x 2 (10)

11.-12. 10sc (10)

Flatten ends and crochet/stitch together. Weave in ends.



– «**BODY/SQUARES**» (make 2)

This is going to be «the stuffing» of the turtle, and only the edge will be visible when you're done with your turtle.

Normally I like to spread increases when making a circle, but for this it's ok – even preferable to increase in the beginning of each round as it will resemble more of a hexagon shape.

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. incx6 (12)
3. (inc, sc)x6 (18)
4. (inc, sc2)x6 (24)
5. (inc, sc3)x6 (30)
6. (inc, sc4)x6 (36)
7. (inc, sc5)x6 (42)
8. (inc, sc6)x6 (48)
9. (inc, sc7)x6 (54)
10. (inc, sc8)x6 (60)
11. (inc, sc9)x6 (66)



Put the two square/hexagons on top of each other and crochet together



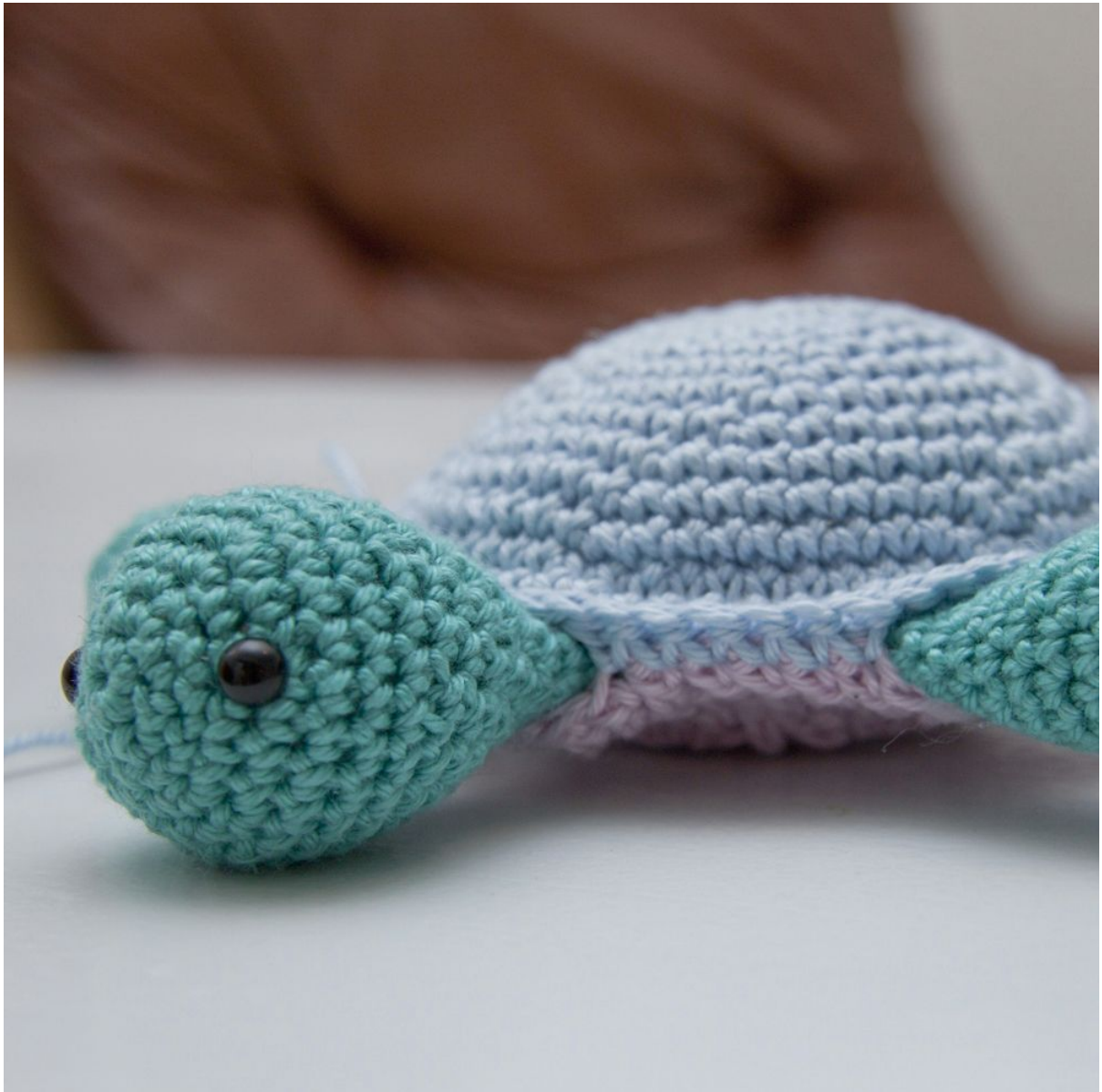
When you have completed the round (and remembered to fill before you closed)
crochet another round sc in every st.

Place the body over the bottom and *crochet together*



Hook through both blue and pink st as seen below. Yo, pull through. Sc through only blue loops above head/legs.





Do not cut thread yet. Through back loops only (blue st) crochet «2ch, sc» in every st. Now fasten off, and weave in.

Now we're going to make the shell.



Pick up the multicolored flower you made earlier. Turn the flower. Hook through bottom of the last round of dc. Using same color (in my case – green) attach thread with a sl st, then sc all the way around. Do this until you've made 4 rounds of sc. The next (5th) round increase corresponding to every hexagon angle (a total of 6).



Now we're going to attach the shell to the rest of the turtle. Put the shell on top of the turtle bottom/body. Hook through both loops last round of shell and through front loops of body (blue) and sc all the way around.



Finally add the shell edge; 5dc in 2nd ch from hook, skip 1 st, sl st in next, skip 1 st, 5dc in next, skip 1 st, sl st ... and continue in the same pattern all the way. You may have to do some minor adjustments (skip 2 st at some point) because the numbers probably don't add up 100%, but there shouldn't be any major trouble. Weave in all loose ends and you're done!



You're done!







Good luck!

