Amigurumi Axolotl Crochet Pattern

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An amigurumi axolotl with the three things that make an axolotl: a wide head, a wide smile and frilly gills. The head, body and tail are one piece, worked from the nose to the tip of the tail, so there is very little sewing: six small gills and four tiny legs.

It is about 5.1 in / 13 cm long in DK cotton, and every round has its stitch count.



The axolotl in light pink with hot pink gills.

Pattern at a glance

- **Skill level:** easy (sc in the round, increases and decreases, small flat pieces)
- **Finished size:** about 5.1 in / 13 cm long; the head is 2.2 in / 5.7 cm wide
- **Yarn:** DK cotton, about 50 yd / 46 m in total
- **Hook:** 2.5 mm (US B/1–C/2)
- **Time:** about 3 hours

Materials

- DK cotton in light pink (A) for the head, body, tail and legs, about 49 yd / 44 m
- DK cotton in hot pink (B) for the gills, a small amount
- DK cotton in black (C) for the smile, a small amount
- 2.5 mm (US B/1–C/2) hook
- two 6 mm black safety eyes
- a little fiberfill
- tapestry needle, stitch markers and pins

Abbreviations (US terms)

- **MR** magic ring · **sc** single crochet · **inc** 2 sc in one stitch · **dec** invisible decrease · **FO** fasten off
- **blo / flo** back loop only / front loop only · **ch** chain · **sl st** slip stitch · **hdc / dc** half double / double crochet

Before you start

- Work in a spiral without joining and move the marker up every round.
- Put the eyes in wide apart, at the sides of the face, before round 23. Axolotls look cutest with a lot of space between the eyes.
- Stuff the head firmly and the tail only lightly, so the tail stays soft and flat-ish.
- For a child under 3, embroider the eyes instead.

The pattern

Head and Body

Color: start with A (light pink).

Start at the nose. Rounds 1 to 17 are the head, the rest is the body and tail.

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)
- [ ] **Rnd 2:** Inc ×6. (12)
- [ ] **Rnd 3:** (sc, inc) ×6. (18)
- [ ] **Rnd 4:** Sc, inc, (2 sc, inc) ×5, sc. (24)
- [ ] **Rnd 5:** (3 sc, inc) ×6. (30)
- [ ] **Rnd 6:** 2 sc, inc, (4 sc, inc) ×5, 2 sc. (36)
- [ ] **Rnd 7:** (5 sc, inc) ×6. (42)
- [ ] **Rnds 8–14:** Sc around. (42)
- [ ] **Rnd 15:** (5 sc, dec) ×6. (36)
- [ ] **Rnd 16:** 2 sc, dec, (4 sc, dec) ×5, 2 sc. (30)
- [ ] **Rnd 17:** (3 sc, dec) ×6. (24)
- [ ] **Rnds 18–22:** Sc around. (24)
- [ ] **Rnd 23:** (2 sc, dec) ×6. (18)
- [ ] **Rnds 24–27:** Sc around. (18)
- [ ] **Rnd 28:** (sc, dec) ×6. (12)
- [ ] **Rnds 29–32:** Sc around. (12)
- [ ] **Rnd 33:** Dec ×6. (6)

Placement: Eyes: 6 mm safety eyes between R10 and R11, 14 sts apart (wide, at the sides of the face).

Placement: Smile in C: a wide shallow curve of backstitch between the eyes on R12, 6 sts wide.

Placement: Gills: three on each side of the head, fanned out on R6-R10 just behind the eyes.

Placement: Front legs on R19, back legs on R26, at the sides of the belly.

Finish: Stuff the head firmly and the tail lightly as you go; FO and close.



The body with eyes in, gills and legs ready to sew.

Gill (make 6)

Color: start with B (hot pink).

Make six.

- [ ] **Row 1:** Sl st, sc, hdc, hdc, sc, sl st. (6)

Finish: Ch 7 and work R1 into the 2nd ch from the hook; FO with a tail and sew on by the straight end.

Leg (make 4)

Color: start with A (light pink).

Make four.

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)
- [ ] **Rnds 2–4:** Sc around. (6)

Finish: FO, do not stuff, sew on by the open end.

Assembly

1. **Smile:** backstitch a wide, shallow curve between the eyes on round 12, about 6 stitches wide.
2. **Gills:** sew three gills on each side of the head behind the eyes, on rounds 6 to 10, fanning out like a crown: one pointing up, one out, one slightly down.
3. **Legs:** sew the front legs at the sides of the belly on round 19 and the back legs on round 26.

Tips

- **Other colors:** real axolotls come in pink, white, gold, brown and nearly black. A lavender or mint axolotl is cute too.
- **Cheeks:** two short pink stitches under each eye.
- **Bigger axolotl:** the same pattern in worsted yarn with a 3.5 mm hook comes out about 6 in / 15 cm long.

FAQ

My gills curl. Is that right?

A little curl is fine and looks natural. To flatten them, steam them lightly before sewing.

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