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## *Manu Turtle Amigurumi*

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When designing an amigurumi becomes a mechanic game! The head of Manu the turtle comes in and out and that was the challenge!

To make Manu, you will need less than a ball of cotton yarn 3, a hook 2.5 and a few hours. The work is done in round and flat for the large fins. The order of the different steps is important for the mechanism to set up well.



### **First closing circle**

- 6 SC (single crochet) in a magic circle
- Increase at each stitch: 12 SC
- Increase at each stitch: 24 SC
- Normal round : 24 SC
- Increase of 2 (increase after every 2 stitches) starting with 2 SC: 30 SC
- Increase of 2 starting with 2 SC: 42 SC
- Close and leave aside

### **Top of the carapace**

- 6 SC (single crochet) in a magic circle
- Increase at each mesh: 12 SC
- Increase of 1: 18 SC
- Increase of 2: 24 SC
- Increase of 3: 30 SC
- Increase of 4: 36 SC
- Increase of 5: 42 SC
- Keep the work in hand



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### First closing

- Take the 1st closing circle and join it with the top of the carapace with SC:
  - Back loop at the carapace
  - Normal stitch at the circle
- Both circle and shell have 42 stitches
- Keep the work in hand



### Continue the carapace

- Increase of 6: 48 SC
- 4 rounds of 48 SC and close



### La tête et la queue

- 8 SC in a magic circle
- 2 SC / 2 increases / 2 SC / 2 increases
- 3 SC / 3 increases / 3 SC / 3 increases

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- Normal round of 18 SC
- 6 SC / 3 increases / 6 SC / 3 increases
- Normal round of 24 SC
- 9 SC / 3 increases / 9 SC / 3 increases
- Normal round of 30 SC
- 3 SC / increase / 1 SC / increase / 11 SC / decrease / 1 SC / decrease / 8 SC
- 3 SC / increase / 1 SC / increase / 9 SC / 2 decreases / 1 SC / 2 decreases / 6 SC
- 16 SC / 4 decreases / 4 SC
- Decrease of 2: 18 SC
- Decrease of 1: 12 SC
- 180 SC in round
- Decrease of 2: 9 SC
- 1 normal round: 9 SC
- Decrease of 1: 6 MS
- 1 normal turn: 6 SC
- Finish with a needle to close the tail
- Keep a yarn large enough to close the tail
- Then bring out this thread near the turtle's head



### **Stuffing the lower part of the shell**

- Make an I-cord as for the technique of bag handpieces with a diameter of 10 stitches: video link at the bottom of the article to learn the technique
- The rope should be long to fill 3/4 of the lower part of the carapace
- Close the work



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- Increase at each stitch: 12 SC
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- Increase of 2 (increase after every 2 stitches) starting with 2 SC: 30 SC
- Increase from 2 starting with 1 SC: 43 SC
- 8 SC + increase / 7 SC + increase / 7 SC + increase / 8 SC + increase / 8 SC + increase = 48 SC

### **Second closing**

- This is where everything is played for the mechanism of the head that comes in and out!

### **Fixing the body to the shell**

- At the end of the fabrication of the head, a yarn was brought out approximately in the middle of the body, near the head
- We will come and fix the body of the turtle at the top of the carapace leaving a little slack, 1 or 2 cm, so that the body remains mobile




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- The point of attachment to the inner shell should be ideally located in the middle

### **Closing completely the shell**

- The carapace makes 48 SC just like the second closing circle
- Between the 2 closing circles, the body and the i-cord will end up in a kind of sandwich



- Take the second closing circle and carapace and start joining them. The join can begin anywhere: the body is mobile and can be positioned at the desired location later
- Start to join with 15 SC
- Continue 4 SC only on the closing circle, parallel jump 4 SC at the carapace
- Continue joining with 15 SC
- You will have a small opening for the tail (the 4 SC) and the large opening for the head

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- Place the body in the right direction to have the tail in the small opening and the head in the large opening
- Insert the i-cord through the opening of the head: photo above

Now the fins ...

### **The big fins**

- The work is done flat back and forth with a chain 1 to turn
- Chain 5
- 2 rows of 4 SC
- 1 increase / 3 SC
- 4 SC / increase
- Increase / 5 SC
- 6 SC / increase
- Increase / 7 SC
- SC / decrease / 5 SC / increase
- Increase / 6 SC / decrease
- SC / decrease / 5 SC / increase
- Increase / 6 SC / decrease
- 7 SC
- Close the work

Start again from the beginning. You get 2 pieces that you will join together by making an SC border. The fins of the turtle will be seamed to the body at the narrow side: when needed, continue the border with slip stitches in order to close the work at the right place.



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When the edge in SC is done, you need to pay attention that the fin has a more aesthetic side than the other: you have to take into account this aspect to know which side to start the border. You can observe below the seam, the wrong side of the fin and the good side of the fin.



### The little fins

- Work in round
- 5 SC in a magic circle
- 5 SC
- Increase at each stitch = 10 SC
- 2 rounds of 10 SC
- 1 SC / 3 decreases / 3 SC
- 7 SC
- Close the small fin with 4 SC to make easier the sewing
- Close the work keeping a length of yarn for sewing

### Eyes

- Color 1: 6 SC in a magic circle
- Color 2: Increase each stitch = 12 SC. The last SC is stitched in the center of the eye for the reflection of the pupil

Tada !

All you have to do is join all the parts of the turtle and you are done!

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### **Video corner**

- For the turtle : [https://youtu.be/BtqhTODV\\_8k](https://youtu.be/BtqhTODV_8k)
- For the i-cord : <https://youtu.be/wKodprlg09Y>

I wish you a happy crocheting!

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