



# Flipper

## THE PENGUIN

*Flipper spends all his time with his family and friends on the seaside, chatting, singing and his personal favourite, imitating the local seagulls.*

*Flipper is a certified expert diver, capable of great speeds underwater, holding his breath for long periods of time, and accurately catching krill on the first attempt.*

*When not underwater, he will often lay around the rocks with his favourite scarf and beanie in tow, dreaming of the day he can fly. His family have told him that it is simply not possible, but Flipper still dreams, after all, anything is possible if you just believe.*

A blue sparrow handmade pattern  
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## NOTES FOR THE PATTERN

- Instructions are written in continuous rounds & rows, using US terminology.
- There are multiple colour changes during the construction of the head. I used the invisible colour change method to change colours. I normally drop the yarn when I don't need to use it, then loosely add it back when it's required again, making sure it's not pulling tight from the previous use of the colour (as this will affect the shape of your work). Use any method of maintaining colours that is easiest for you.
- The number of stitches you should have at the end of each round is written in the brackets like so, (20).
- Make sure you pull your stitches tight and always use a stitch marker, or a piece of string, to mark the start of each round.
- Most importantly, have fun whilst crocheting this pattern, and feel free to reach out if you have any issues along the way.

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## WHAT YOU WILL NEED

I have used DMC Natura just cotton with the colours:

- 078 - Lin - dark grey (1x 50g ball)
- 035 - Nacar - white (less than 25g)
- 081 - Acanthe - orange (less than 25g)
- 003- Sable - light grey (less than 25g)
- 009 - Gris Argent - dark blue (less than 25g)
- 087 - Glacier - light blue (less than 25g)
- *Optional:* 006 - Rose Layet - pink (less than 5g)
- Black embroidery thread
- A 2.5 mm crochet hook
- Safety eyes (7 mm)
- Pom Pom
- Toy stuffing
- Yarn needle
- Stitch Markers
- Pins
- Scissors

*You can use any yarn of your choice, just adjust your crochet hook according to the yarn.*

## CROCHET TERMS USED // ABBREVIATIONS GUIDE (US TERMINOLOGY):

Below are basic explanations of the crochet terms used in this pattern.

**CHAIN (ch)** With a loop on your hook, yarn over from back to front and pull the loop through

**STITCH (st)**

**MAGIC RING (mr)** Wrap yarn over two fingers twice forming an X. Place the hook under the first piece of yarn and then over the second piece of yarn. Pull the outer strand of yarn under the first strand of the X forming a loop. Yarn over once more and draw the yarn through both loops. Work the appropriate number of stitches into the loop by inserting the hook into the main circle space onto the other side, yarning over and pulling through the space in the middle, yarn over the hook and pull through both loops on the hook. Once you have crocheted the number of stitches required, pull the short bit of string to tighten the ring

**SINGLE CROCHET (sc)** Insert your hook into a stitch, yarn over (I prefer to pull the yarn through with my hook on top of the yarn to create a X effect), pull the yarn through (two loops on the hook), yarn over once more and pull the yarn through both loops

**SLIP ST (slst)** Put your hook through the stitch, yarn over, pull through the stitch, and then pull the yarn through the loop on your hook

**INCREASE (inc)** Work 2 single crochets into the same stitch

**INV DECREASE (dec)** Insert your hook under the front loop of the first stitch, and then under the front loop of the second stitch. Yarn over and pull through both front loops. Yarn over and pull through the remaining loops

**HALF DOUBLE CROCHET (hdc)** Yarn over the hook before going into a stitch. Once you yarn over, insert your hook into the stitch, yarn over and pull through. You should have 3 loops on your hook. Yarn over and pull through all 3 loops on the hook

**BACK LOOP ONLY (BLO)** Work the required stitch in the back loop only of the next stitch and not both

**FRONT LOOP ONLY (FLO)** Work the required stitch in the front loop only of the next stitch and not both

### Construction:

- > The toes of the penguin are made as 3 individual pieces that will be joined together to form the leg.
- > All other pieces of the penguin are made separately and sewn together during assembly.
- > The beanie and scarf are removable .

**Skill level:** beginner-intermediate

**Size:** Flipper measures approximately 21 cm / 8 inches lengthwise when made with the indicated materials.

## INSTRUCTIONS

### HEAD

Begin with dark grey. There will be multiple colour changes throughout the making of the head. The colour to be used is indicated before the instruction: ie. (white) 4 sc

- Rnd 1: begin with a mr of 6 (6)  
 Rnd 2: inc in all st (12)  
 Rnd 3: (sc, inc in the next st) x6 (18)  
 Rnd 4: (2 sc, inc in the next st) x6 (24)  
 Rnd 5: (3 sc, inc in the next st) x6 (30)  
 Rnd 6: (4 sc, inc in the next st) x6 (36)  
 Rnd 7: (5 sc, inc in the next st) x6 (42)  
 Rnd 8: (6 sc, inc in the next st) x6 (48)  
 Rnd 9: (7 sc, inc in the next st) x6 (54)  
 Rnd 10-12: sc in all st (54) 3 rnds  
 Rnd 13: (17 sc, inc in the next st) x3 (57)  
 Rnd 14: sc in all st (57)  
 Rnd 15: 16 sc, (white) 4 sc, (dark grey) 6 sc, (white) 4 sc, (dark grey) 27 sc (57)  
 Rnd 16: 15 sc, (white) 5 sc, (dark grey) 6 sc, (white) 5 sc, (dark grey) 26 sc (57)  
 Rnd 17: 14 sc, (white) 7 sc, (dark grey) 4 sc, (white) 7 sc, (dark grey) 25 sc (57)  
 Rnd 18: 13 sc, (white) 9 sc, (dark grey) 3 sc, (white) 8 sc, (dark grey) 24 sc (57)  
 Rnd 19: 13 sc, (white) 5 sc, inc in the next st, 3 sc (dark grey) 3 sc, (white) 9 sc, (dark grey) 3 sc, inc in the next st, 18 sc, inc in the next st (60)  
 Rnd 20: 13 sc, (white) 10 sc, (dark grey) 4 sc, (white) 8 sc, (dark grey) 25 sc (60)  
 Rnd 21: 12 sc, (white) 10 sc, (dark grey) 5 sc, (white) 9 sc, (dark grey) 24 sc (60)  
 Rnd 22: 11 sc, (white) 10 sc, (dark grey) 8 sc, (white) 8 sc, (dark grey) 23 sc (60)  
 Rnd 23: 11 sc, (white) 10 sc, (dark grey) 9 sc, (white) 7 sc, (dark grey) 23 sc (60)  
 Rnd 24: 12 sc, (white) 25 sc, (dark grey) 23 sc (60)  
 Rnd 25: 12 sc, (white) 24 sc, (dark grey) 24 sc (60)  
 Rnd 26: 13 sc, (white) 5 sc, dec, 15 sc (dark grey) 3 sc, dec, 18 sc, dec (57)  
 Rnd 27: 14 sc, (white) 3 sc, dec, 14 sc (dark grey) 3 sc, dec, 17 sc, dec (54)  
 Rnd 28: 7 sc, dec, 5 sc, (white) 2 sc, dec, 7 sc, dec, 5 sc (dark grey) 2 sc, dec, (7 sc, dec) x2 (48)

Insert the safety eyes between rnds 19-20 with approximately 11 visible stitches between each eye. Using black embroidery thread, sew eyebrows above the eyes on a diagonal across 3 sts on round 17.

(FIGURE 1). Stuff the head and continue throughout.

### HEAD CONTINUED . . .

Continue with dark grey only

- Rnd 29: 3 sc, dec, (6 sc, dec) x5, 3 sc (42)  
 Rnd 30: (5 sc, dec) x6 (36)  
 Rnd 31: 2 sc, dec, (4 sc, dec) x5, 2 sc (30)  
 Rnd 32: (3 sc, dec) x6 (24)  
 Rnd 33: sc, dec, (2 sc, dec) x5, sc (18)  
 Rnd 34: (sc, dec) x6 (12)  
 Rnd 35: dec x6 (6)

Fasten off leaving a yarn tail. Add any more stuffing you need. With your needle and yarn tail, weave the yarn throughout the remaining front loops of round 35, and pull tight to close. Weave in the yarn tail.



FIGURE 1

### BEAK

Use orange. Make a ch of 11

Row 1: working in the second ch from the hook, inc, 8 sc, 4 sc into the last ch, spin your work round slightly so you can now work on the other side of the ch, 8 sc, inc (24)

Row 2-5: sc in all st (24) 4 rounds

Fasten off leaving a yarn tail for sewing. The beak will be stuffed during assembly.

### BODY

Use light grey

- Rnd 1: begin with a mr of 6 (6)  
 Rnd 2: inc in all st (12)  
 Rnd 3: (sc, inc in the next st) x6 (18)  
 Rnd 4: (2 sc, inc in the next st) x6 (24)  
 Rnd 5: (3 sc, inc in the next st) x6 (30)  
 Rnd 6: (4 sc, inc in the next st) x6 (36)  
 Rnd 7: (5 sc, inc in the next st) x6 (42)  
 Rnd 8: (6 sc, inc in the next st) x6 (48)  
 Rnd 9: (7 sc, inc in the next st) x6 (54)  
 Rnd 10: (8 sc, inc in the next st) x6 (60)  
 Rnd 11: (9 sc, inc in the next st) x6 (66)  
 Rnd 12-15: sc in all st (66) 4 rounds  
 Rnd 16: (9 sc, dec) x6 (60)  
 Rnd 17-21: sc in all st (60) 5 rounds  
 Rnd 22: (13 sc, dec) x4 (56)  
 Rnd 23-25: sc in all st (56) 3 rounds  
 Rnd 26: (12 sc, dec) x4 (52)

## BODY CONTINUED . . .

- Rnd 27-30: sc in all st (52) 4 rounds  
 Rnd 31: (11 sc, dec) x4 (48)  
 Rnd 32-34: sc in all st (48) 3 rounds  
 Rnd 35: (10 sc, dec) x4 (44)  
 Rnd 36: sc in all st (44)  
 Rnd 37: (9 sc, dec) x4 (40)  
 Rnd 38: sc in all st (40)  
 Rnd 39: (8 sc, dec) x4 (36)  
 Rnd 40: (7 sc, dec) x4 (32)  
 Rnd 41: sc in all st (32)  
 Rnd 42: (6 sc, dec) x4 (28)

Stuff the body. Fasten off leaving a yarn tail for sewing.

## WINGS (MAKE 2)

Use dark grey

- Rnd 1: begin with a mr of 6 (6)  
 Rnd 2: (sc, inc in the next st) x3 (9)  
 Rnd 3: sc in all st (9)  
 Rnd 4: (2 sc, inc in the next st) x3 (12)  
 Rnd 5: sc in all st (12)  
 Rnd 6: (3 sc, inc in the next st) x3 (15)  
 Rnd 7: (4 sc, inc in the next st) x3 (18)  
 Rnd 8: (5 sc, inc in the next st) x3 (21)  
 Rnd 9: (6 sc, inc in the next st) x3 (24)  
 Rnd 10: sc in all st (24)  
 Rnd 11: (3 sc, inc in the next st) x6 (30)  
 Rnd 12: (4 sc, inc in the next st) x6 (36)  
 Rnd 13-17: sc in all st (36) 5 rounds  
 Rnd 18: (4 sc, dec) x6 (30)  
 Rnd 19-20: sc in all st (30) 2 rounds  
 Rnd 21: (3 sc, dec) x6 (24)  
 Rnd 22-25: sc in all st (24) 4 rounds  
 Rnd 26: (2 sc, dec) x6 (18)  
 Rnd 27: sc in all st (18)  
 Rnd 28: (sc, dec) x6 (12)  
 Rnd 29: sc in all st (12)  
 Rnd 30: dec x6 (6)

Fasten off leaving a yarn tail. With your needle and yarn tail, weave the yarn through the front loops of the remaining stitches of rnd 30, and pull tight to close. Keep the yarn tail. The wings are not stuffed.

## TAIL

Use dark grey

- Rnd 1: begin with a mr of 6 (6)  
 Rnd 2: (sc, inc in the next st) x3 (9)  
 Rnd 3: (2 sc, inc in the next st) x3 (12)  
 Rnd 4-5: sc in all st (12) 2 rounds

Flatten the work, and sc through both sides to close. The tail is not stuffed. Fasten off, leaving a yarn tail for sewing.

## FEET / LEGS (MAKE 2)

You will make 3 toes that join together to form the foot/leg.

### Toes - (make 3)

Use orange

Rnd 1: begin with a mr of 6 (6)

Rnd 2: inc in all st (12)

Rnd 3-4: sc in all st (12) 2 rounds

Fasten off and weave in the yarn tail for the first 2 toes. Once you have completed round 4 of the third toe, do not fasten off. Instead we will continue to join the toes together to form the foot.

### Leg

Refer to FIGURES 4-9 as a mock-up guide of how the pieces are joined together to avoid holes in your work.

Rnd 5: insert your hook into the next st of the toe on your hook, pick up the first loose toe and insert your hook into any stitch. Work a sc through both of these stitches to join (FIGURE 2). Now, work an additional sc into the same stitch you just worked into of the newest toe only (FIGURE 3). Mark this sc as the beginning of the round. Work 4 more sc into this toe. Insert your hook into the next sc of the second toe, pick up the remaining loose toe, and insert your hook into any stitch of this remaining third toe, and sc through both stitches to join. Again, work one more sc only into the stitch of the remaining loose toe that you just worked into (again, refer FIGURES 2 & 3). Work 10 more sc into the last toe. Insert your hook into the last st of the third toe, then into the next available st of the middle second toe, and sc through both stitches to join. Work one more sc into the same stitch you just worked into of the middle second toe only. Continue with 4 more sc into the back of the middle toe. Insert your hook into the last st of the middle second toe, and into the next available st of the first toe you started with, and sc through both stitches to join. Work an additional sc into the stitch you just worked into of the first toe only. Work 11 more sc into the toe that you started with, back to the start (36) Your toes should now be joined.



FIGURE 2

1. Insert your hook into the next st of the toe currently on your hook, and then insert it into any st of the toe you are joining. You will yarn over and pull through both of these stitches to create the first sc which will join them together



FIGURE 3



FIGURE 4

## LEGS CONTINUED . . .

Rnd 6: (4 sc, dec) x6 (30)

Rnd 7: (3 sc, dec) x6 (24)

Rnd 8: (2 sc, dec) x6 (18)

Rnd 9-10: sc in all st (18) 2 rounds

Rnd 11: (sc, dec) x6 (12)

Rnd 12: sc in all st (12) *change to light grey on the last st of the rnd*

Rnd 13: sc in all st (12)

Rnd 14: *working in the BLO*, sc in all st (12)

Rnd 15-18: sc in all st (12) 4 rounds

Rnd 19: 2 sc. Stop the round here

*You should be at the side of the work, if not, either add or undo the necessary sc to be at the side. Stuff the foot lightly, then flatten the work and sc through both sides to close. Leave a yarn tail for sewing.*

## Leg border

With the toes facing away from you, attach your light grey yarn to any FLO stitch of round 14 of the foot. Once attached, hdc into each FLO st -including the st where you joined the yarn.

*Once completed, slst to the first hdc you started with, fasten off and weave in the yarn tail. FIGURES 10 & 11*

## SCARF

*Use light blue. Begin with a ch of 127*

Rnd 1: *working in the third ch from the hook*, hdc in all st (125) ch 2 and turn your work

Rnd 2: *working in the BLO*, hdc in all st (125) ch 2 and turn your work

Rnd 3: *working in the FLO*, hdc in all st (125)  
*Fasten off and weave in the yarn tail.*

## BEANIE

*Use dark blue. Begin with a ch of 20*

Rnd 1: *working in the third ch from the hook*, hdc in all st (18) ch 2 and turn your work

Rnd 2-29: *working in the BLO*, hdc in all st (18) ch 1 and turn your work, (28 rounds)

Rnd 30: *working in the BLO*, hdc in all st (18)

*Fasten off leaving a long yarn tail. With your needle and yarn tail, sew the two ends of your work together to form a band, (FIGURES 12 & 13). Once joined, weave in and out of the top of the band (on one side only) and pull tight to scrunch up, (FIGURE 14). Sew a few stitches at the top of the work to secure, then weave in the yarn tail. Fold you work inside out to hide the side you have just been working on. Create a pompom\* / sew a pompom to the top of the beanie and weave in the yarn tail. (FIGURE 15)*

*\*There are lots of tutorials on how to make a pom pom on the internet or YouTube.*

3. After you have joined the toes, go back into the same st of the second toe, and sc (do not work in the first toe again)



2. Two pieces joined

FIGURE 5

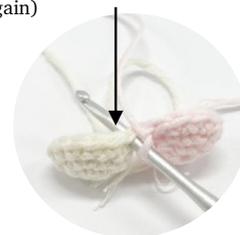
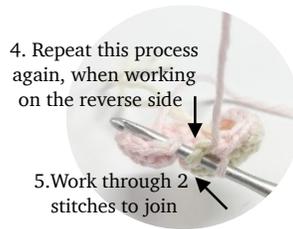


FIGURE 6



4. Repeat this process again, when working on the reverse side

FIGURE 7



6. Work one additional sc into the new stitch only and not both

FIGURE 8



7. Pieces joined with no holes in work

FIGURE 9



FIGURE 10



FIGURE 11



FIGURE 12



FIGURE 13



Sew a few stitches together on this side to secure

FIGURE 15



FIGURE 16



FIGURE 17



FIGURE 18



FIGURE 19

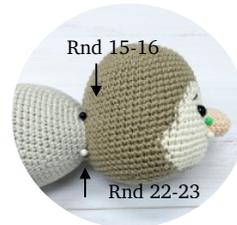


FIGURE 20



FIGURE 21



FIGURE 22



FIGURE 23



FIGURE 24



FIGURE 25



FIGURE 26



FIGURE 27

## ASSEMBLY

Weave in all yarn tails as you go

**Beak to the head:** Pin the beak to the head between rounds 20-21 and 23-24, central between the eyes. Sew the beak in place, adding a little stuffing before you finish sewing. **FIGURES 16-18**

**Body to the head:** Pin the body to the back of the head, opposite to the beak, between rounds 15-16 and 22-23 and sew together. You can choose to sew on different rounds if you want the penguin to have a tilted head. **FIGURES 19-21**

**Wings to the body:** Sew the wings to the sides of the body between rounds 39-40. You will only need to sew around the top curve of the wing as the remaining stitches of the wing will remain loose. **FIGURES 22-23**

**Tail to the body:** Sew the tail between rounds 10-11, on the top of the body, and centre between the wings. The tail should sit in line with the beak when looking down at the penguin. **FIGURES 24-25**

**Legs to the body:** Pin the legs to the underside of the body, between rounds 13-14, and sew in place. There should be approximately 8 visible stitches between each leg. **FIGURES 24-26**

**Cheeks to the head:** Using some scrap pink yarn, sew some cheeks to the sides of the eyes between rounds 20-21 across 2 stitches. **FIGURE 27**

*Now add the beanie to the penguins head, and wrap the scarf around his neck!*

You've completed..

# Flipper the Penguin!

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