



## Mermaid Tail Bag Tag



Skill Level: Easy

Size: 7" Long

Hook: 2.25 mm / B

### Yarn

**Patons Grace**, 50 g/1.75 oz, 125 m/136 yds

**MC** - Aquifer - 1 Ball

**A** - Lotus, just a few yards.

For those who want to identify a bag as their own with a clearly identifiable handmade bag tag, the Mermaid Tail Bag Tag checks off that imaginary box.

**Size:** 7" long x 3" wide at body. Attaching chain not included.

This project is created in 4 sections.

<b>Abbreviations</b>	Rep = Repeat
Approx = Approximate(ly)	Sc = Single Crochet
Beg = Begin(ning)	Sl St = Slip Stitch
Blo = Back Loop Only	Sts = Stitches
Ch = Chain(s)	YO - Yarn Over
Dc = Double Crochet	

### Body

With mc, ch 10.

**1st rnd:** 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 sc in next 7 chs, 3 sc in last ch. Working underside of the chain. 1 sc in next 8 chs, 2 sc in last st. Place st marker on the middle sc of each of the 2 sides. **Do not join.**

**Tip:** Work in a continuous round so you can apply the scale stitch in the next stage of this project.

**2nd rnd:** 1 dc in each st to the st before the middle sc of the next side. 2 dc in the middle sc. 1 dc in each st to the st before the middle sc, 2 dc in middle sc.

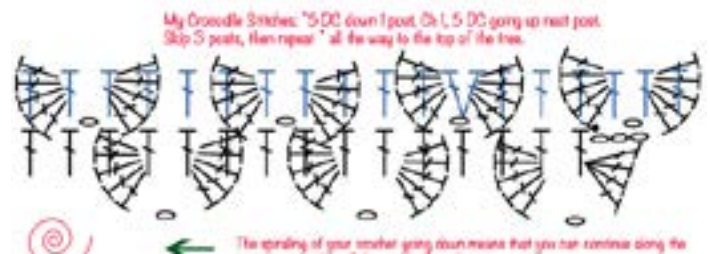
**3rd & 4th rnds:** 1 dc in each st with exception to the 1st dc of the 2 in same st. Place 2 dc in st.

**5th - 9th rnds:** 1 dc in each st around.

**Finish off:** 1 sc in next st, 1 sl st in next st. Fasten off.

**Add Scale Stitch Overlay** which is similar to how the [Crochet Christmas Tree](#) is done.

This is started at the opening and is applied in a continuous spiral and ends at the beg ch.



**Scale Stitch:** With mc, fasten on yarn on the side of the first post at the opening of the tail. Ch 3. 4 dc on the same post. Ch 1, 5 dc going up the next post. \*Skip 3 posts, 5 dc going down next post, ch 1, 5 dc going up next post. Repeat until you have circled all the way to the beg ch.

**Tip:** If you 5 dc going up, ch 1, 5 dc going down. The scales will be upside down.

Fasten off.

### Close Top of Tail

Press the tail closed with the natural fold by the flatness achieved by the beg ch.

**1st row:** Fasten on grabbing both sc on both sides of the fold. Ch 1, 1 sc in each st to the other side. Turn.

**2nd row:** Ch 1, 1 sc in each st across. Turn.

**3rd row:** Ch 1, 1 sc in each st with exception to the middle sc. Ch 1, skip over middle sc, continue to sc on other side



of the middle st. Turn.

**4th row:** 1 sc in each st across which includes ch 1 sp in the middle. Fasten off.

### Tail

The tail is made in two parts. The 2nd part is started directly from the first part. The tail is much wider than the body so the tail wants to flare outward when sewn to beg ch.



### 1st First Half of Tail

starts at the middle of the tail and grows outward to be longer.

With MC, ch 10.

**1st row:** 1 sc 2nd ch from hook. 1 sc in next 8 chs. Turn.

**2nd row:** Ch 1, 1 sc in blo in each st across. Turn.

**3rd row:** Ch 3, 1 sc 2nd ch from hook, 1 sc in next ch. 1 sc in blo in each next sts across. Turn.

**4th row:** Ch 1, 1 sc in blo in each st across. Turn.

**5th - 10th rows:** Repeat rows 3 & 4. Fasten off.

### 2nd Half of Tail

Attach to first sc on the flat side. Repeat rows 2 - 10. Fasten off.

The tail should be 1 complete unit. Using mc, scrunch up the flat side of the tail and whip stitch to the tail to the beg ch.

### Attaching Strand to the Bag

With A, ch 50 and join with beg ch to form ring. Careful not to twist ch.

**1st rnd:** Ch 1, 1 sc in each chain around. Fasten off and weave in ends.

Fold strand in half and insert small portion through hole of the top of the tail so that you can see a loop coming out. Insert the other side of the folded strand through the loop and pull tight.

When you attach this to your bag. You will loop the strand around the handle and insert the mermaid tail through the loop to secure it.

