Crochet Little Lobster & Baby Mermaid

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EASY

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LITTLE LOBSTER INSTRUCTIONS

Lobster measures 5½" tall.

RED HEART® "Super Saver®": 1 Skein 256 Carrot **A**, small amount 312 Black **B**.

Crochet Hook: 3.75mm [US F-5].

Split-lock stitch marker; yarn needle, stuffing, 2 small round black buttons (9mm).

GAUGE: 16 sc = 4"; 20 rnds = 4" in sc. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS:
inc (increase) = 2 sc in next sc.
dec (decrease) = draw up a loop in each of next 2 sc, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

NOTE: *Work in continuous rounds of sc without joining unless otherwise indicated. Place a marker in first stitch of round and move up each round.*

HEAD AND BODY: Begin at top of head with **A**, ch 2.
Rnd 1: 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook.
Rnd 2: 2 Sc in each sc around – 12 sc.
Rnd 3: [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times – 18 sc.
Rnd 4: [Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times – 24 sc.
Rnd 5: [Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6times – 30 sc.
Rnds 6-12: Sc in each sc around.
Rnd 13: [Dec] 15 times – 15 sc.
Neck-Rnd 14: [Sc in next 3 sc, dec] 3 times – 12 sc.
Body-Rnd 15: [Inc] 12 times – 24 sc.
Rnds 16-19: Sc in each sc around. Stuff head.
Rnds 20-24: Sc in each sc around.
Rnd 25: [Dec] 12 times – 12 sc.
Rnd 26: [Dec] 6 times – 6 sc. Fasten off.

Finish stuffing. Weave yarn tail through remaining 6 sc, draw up firmly to gather; fasten securely.

CLAW (Make 4): With **A**, ch 2.
Row 1: 5 Sc in 2nd ch from hook; turn.
Row 2: Ch 1, [inc] 5 times – 10 sc.
Row 3: Ch 1, [inc] 10 times – 20 sc. Fasten off.

Fold piece in half. Sew through both thicknesses of Row 3 together through back loops. Stuff lightly, sew opening closed. Sew 2 claws together at bottom for each arm.

ARM (Make 2): With **A**, ch 2.
Rnd 1: 6 Sc in 2nd ch from hook.
Rnd 2: [Sc in next 2 sc, inc] twice – 8 sc.
Rnds 3 and 4: Sc in each sc around. Fasten off.

Stuff lightly. Sew Rnd 4 in place on body. Sew a pair of claws to top of Rnd 1.

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LEGS (Make 8): With **A**, ch 6; sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Fasten off.

Sew 4 on each side under arms.

FEELERS (Make 2): With **A**, ch 13; slip st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Fasten off.

Sew to top of head.

TAIL: With **A**, ch 18; join with a slip st in first ch to form a ring.
Rnd 1: Ch 1, sc in each ch around – 18 sc.
Rnds 2 and 3: Sc in each sc around.
Rnd 4: [Sc in next 4 sc, dec] 3 times – 15 sc.
Rnd 5: [Sc in next 3 sc, dec] 3 times – 12 sc.
Rnd 6: [Sc in next 2 sc, dec] 3 times – 9 sc.
Rnd 7: Sc in each sc around.
Rnd 8: [Sc in next 2 sc, inc] 3 times – 12 sc.
Rnd 9: [Sc in next 2 sc, inc] 4 times – 16 sc.
Rnds 10 and 11: Sc in each sc around.
Rnd 12: [Sc in next 7 sc, inc] twice – 18 sc.
Rnd 13: [Sc in next 2 sc, inc] 6 times – 24 sc. Fasten off.

Flatten Rnd 13 and sew together through both thicknesses. Sew through both thicknesses at Rnd 7 so stuffing won't go beyond this point. Stuff Rnds 1-6. Sew tail in place.

Sew eyes in place. With **B**, embroider smile.

BABY MERMAID INSTRUCTIONS

Mermaid measures 6¼" tall.

RED HEART® "Super Saver®": 1 Skein each 313 Aran **A**, 672 Spring Green **B**, 256 Carrot **C**, 722 Pretty 'n Pink **D**.

Crochet Hook: 3.75mm [US F-5].

Split-lock stitch marker; yarn needle, stuffing, red and green Pearl cotton; 2 tiny green buttons; 8" of ¼" ribbon; red crayon to color cheeks.

GAUGE: 16 sc = 4"; 20 rnds = 4" in sc. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

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over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

NOTE: *Work in continuous rounds of sc without joining unless otherwise indicated. Place a marker in first stitch of round and move up each round.*

HEAD AND BODY: Begin at top of head with **A**, ch 2.
Rnd 1: 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook.
Rnd 2: 2 Sc in each sc around – 12 sc.
Rnd 3: [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times – 18 sc.
Rnd 4: [Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times – 24 sc.
Rnd 5: [Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6times – 30 sc.
Rnds 6-12: Sc in each sc around.
Rnd 13: [Dec] 15 times – 15 sc.
Neck-Rnd 14: [Sc in next 3 sc, dec] 3 times – 12 sc.
Body-Rnd 15: [Inc] 12 times – 24 sc.
Rnds 16-19: Sc in each sc around. Cut **A**. Stuff head.
Rnds 20-24: With **B**, sc in each sc around.
Rnd 25: [Dec] 12 times – 12 sc.
Rnd 26: [Dec] 6 times – 6 sc. Fasten off.

Finish stuffing. Weave yarn tail through remaining 6 sc, draw up firmly to gather; fasten securely.

TAIL: With **B**, ch 18; join with a slip st in first ch to form a ring.
Rnd 1: Ch 1, sc in each ch around – 18 sc.
Rnds 2 and 3: Sc in each sc around.
Rnd 4: [Dec] 9 times – 9 sc.
Rnd 5: Sc in each sc around.
Rnd 6: [Inc] 9 times – 18 sc.
Fin-Rnd 7: [Slip st in first sc, sc in next sc, hdc in next sc, 2 hdc in each of next 3 sc, hdc in next sc, sc in next sc, slip st in next sc] twice. Fasten off.

Sew fin seam. Stuff tail and sew in place on left side of body.

ARM (Make 2): With **A**, ch 2.
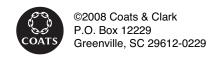**Rnd 1:** 6 Sc in 2nd ch from hook.
Rnd 2: [Sc in next 2 sc, inc] twice – 8 sc.
Rnds 3-6: Sc in each sc around. Fasten off.

Stuff lightly. Sew opening flat and sew in place.

FLOWER (Make 2): With **D**, ch 2.
Rnd 1: [Sc, ch 1] 6 times all in 2nd ch from hook; join with a slip st to first sc. Fasten off.

Sew in place.

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EARS: With **A**, ch 2.
Row 1: 3 Sc in 2nd ch from hook; turn.
Row 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in first sc, sc in next sc, 2 sc in last sc. Fasten off.

Sew ears in place.

HAIR: With **C**, [ch 5, slip st in 2nd ch from hook and next 3 ch] 5 times. Fasten off.

Gather slip st section together and sew to top of head. Tie bow around hair with ribbon.

Sew green buttons in place for eyes. With red pearl cotton embroider smile. Color cheeks lightly with crayon.

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RED HEART® "Super Saver®", Art. E300 available in solid color – 7oz (198g), 364yd (333m) or multi or fleck color – 5oz (141g), 244yd (223m) skeins.

ABBREVIATIONS: A, **B**, etc. = color A, B, etc.; **ch** = chain **hdc** = half double crochet; **mm** = millimeters; **rnd** = round; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch (es); ***** = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated; **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.

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