

COTTONFISH BIB

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Skill level: Easy

Finished size: Approx. 6.5" wide by 10.5" long

Materials:

Pisgah Yarn & Dyeing Co., Inc. Honeysuckle Yarns Article 950, 100% cotton.
3-ply baby fashion weight (3 oz. balls/315 yds. per ball):

1 ball 1049 Nu Grape (purple) – Color A
1 ball 1010 Daisy Mae (yellow) – Color B
1 ball 1011 Sundance (orange) – Color C
1 ball 1062 Emerald (green) – Color D

Pair of size 5 (3.75 mm) knitting needles, or size needed to achieve gauge

Size E/4 (3.50 mm) crochet hook

Tapestry needle

One ¾" button

Optional: one pony bead

Gauge: 11 sts = 2", 16 rows = 1.5" in garter stitch on size 5 needles

Terms/Abbreviations: beginning (beg), bind off (BO), cast on (CO), decrease (dec), double crochet (dc), half double crochet (hdc), increase (inc), knit (K), remaining (rem), repeat (rep), single crochet (sc), slip (sl), stitch (st), triple crochet (trc)

Pattern notes:

Bib is knit from side-to-side.

Crocheted fish appliqué is made separately and sewn to front of bib. On fish tail, beginning ch-3 counts as a stitch.

Bib

With knitting needles and Color A, CO 60 sts.

Rows 1-16: K.

Row 17 (RS)(dec row): BO 28, K across (32 sts rem)

Rows 18-49: K even on 32 sts.

Row 50 (WS)(inc row): K to end of row, CO 28 (60 sts)

Rows 51-58: K.

Row 59 (RS)(buttonhole row): K5, BO 2, K across.

Row 60: K to the two bound-off sts from previous row, CO 2, K to end.

Rows 61-68: K.

Bind off and weave in tails.

Fish Applique

Body:

With crochet hook and Color B, ch 4, join into ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 3, dc in ring, *ch 2, 2 dc in ring, rep from * 4x, ch 2, join with sl st to top of beg ch-3 (six 2-dc groups).

Rnd 2: Sl st across to first sp, ch 3, dc in same sp, ch 2, 2 dc in same sp, *ch 2, in next sp work (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc), rep from * 4 times, ch 2, join with sl st to top of beg ch-3 (six (2dc, ch2, 2dc) groups).

Rnd 3: Sl st across to first sp, ch 3, dc in same sp, ch 2, 2 dc in same sp, ch 2; work 2 dc in next sp, ch 2; *in next sp work (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc), ch 2, work 2 dc in next sp, ch 2, rep from * 4 times, join with sl st to top of beg ch-3, **turn**.

Tail:

Row 1: Ch 3, 3 dc in first ch-2 sp, ch 2, *3 dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, rep from * once, 3 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc, **turn** (14 dc, 3 ch-2 sps)

Row 2 (inc row): Ch 3, dc in same dc at base of beg ch, *dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next sp, rep from * twice, dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in last dc, **turn** (22 dc).

Row 3 (inc row): Ch 3, dc in same dc at base of beg ch, dc in ea dc across to last dc, 2 dc in last dc (24 dc). Fasten off Color B.

Edging:

Holding piece with right side facing and tail at top, attach Color C to 13th dc on tail.

Ch 1, sc in same st and in next 11 dc on end of tail, work 5 sc evenly along side of tail; now working along fish body *(sc in next 2 dc, sc in next sp)3x, sc in next 2 dc**; for **first fin**, in next sp work (sc, hdc, dc, hdc, sc); rep from * to ** once; for **mouth**, in next sp work (sc, hdc, dc), trc in next 2 dc, in next sp work (dc, hdc, sc), rep from * to ** once; for **second fin**, in next sp work (sc, hdc, dc, hdc, sc); continue to sc evenly in ea dc and sp around remainder of fish, join with sl st to beg sc. Fasten off Color C, leaving 36" tail for sewing.

Finishing

Bib Trim:

With crochet hook and front side of bib facing you, attach Color D to outer corner of left neck strap. Working evenly and loosely to allow for stretch, work one rnd reverse sc all around outer edge of bib. Join with sl st to beg sc, fasten off and weave in tails.

Stitch fish appliqué to front of bib. For safety eye, work a thick French knot at eye position (optionally a pony bead may be sewn securely to eye position.) Sew button to bib strap opposite buttonhole.

Creative Options

Fish appliqué can be made separately and sewn to other knitted, crocheted or fabric garments or accessories (e.g., bags, hats, sweaters, curtains, etc.)

Use your imagination and have fun!

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