# WALLY THE WHALE

## Complete Digital Crochet Amigurumi Pattern

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**Skill level: Advanced Beginner / Intermediate | US crochet terminology**



A cheerful, rounded whale with a white belly, side fins, twin tail flukes, pink cheeks, and a soft three-drop water spout.

# 2. Digital Download Notice

**IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ**
This file is a digital crochet pattern. It is not a finished amigurumi, toy, kit, or physical product. No physical item will be shipped. You must crochet, stuff, sew, and finish Wally yourself.

Finished measurements in this pattern are calculated design targets. Your finished Wally may be larger or smaller depending on yarn brand and fibre, hook size, tension, stuffing firmness, and individual crochet technique.

## Project at a Glance

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| **Construction** | One-piece blue body worked from the nose toward the tail; separate belly patch, 2 fins, tail base, 2 tail flukes, spout stem, 3 water droplets, and 2 cheeks. |
| **Method** | Mostly continuous spiral rounds. Only the belly patch is worked in turned rows. Tail flukes are worked in spiral rounds. Cheeks use 1 joined round. |
| **Assembly order** | Body and face setup, stuffing and close, belly patch, cheeks and mouth, fins, tail, spout, final symmetry check. |
| **Main skills** | Magic ring, single crochet, increases, invisible decreases, sc2tog in rows, basic sewing, simple embroidery. |
| **Approx. time** | A relaxed weekend project for many crocheters; actual time varies by experience and pace. |

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# 3. Finished Measurements

The following are calculated design targets when using medium-weight yarn and the suggested hook at the stated dense amigurumi tension. They are not guaranteed physical measurements.

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| **Overall length** | Approx. 25-28 cm / 9.8-11 in from nose to tail-fluke tips. |
| **Body only** | Approx. 20-22 cm / 7.9-8.7 in long; 12-14 cm / 4.7-5.5 in wide; 11-13 cm / 4.3-5.1 in high. |
| **Overall height** | Approx. 16-18 cm / 6.3-7.1 in including the water spout. |
| **Side fins** | Approx. 5-6 cm / 2-2.4 in from body seam to tip. |
| **Tail base** | Approx. 4-5 cm / 1.6-2 in long. |
| **Tail flukes** | Approx. 3.5-4.5 cm / 1.4-1.8 in each, lightly rounded. |
| **Belly patch** | Approx. 8 cm / 3.1 in wide x 10-11 cm / 3.9-4.3 in long before sewing to the curve. |
| **Spout** | Stem approx. 3.5-4.5 cm / 1.4-1.8 in; droplets approx. 2-2.5 cm / 0.8-1 in each. |
| **Cheeks** | Approx. 1-1.2 cm / 0.4-0.5 in diameter. |

# 4. Materials and Tools

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| **Yarn** | Medium / worsted / aran weight (#4), smooth cotton, cotton-acrylic blend, or anti-pilling acrylic. Choose a yarn that makes a dense fabric at 3.5 mm. |
| **Whale blue** | Approx. 90-110 g / 160-200 m for body, fins, tail, and flukes. |
| **White** | Approx. 20-25 g / 35-45 m for the belly patch. |
| **Pale ice blue** | Approx. 10-15 g / 18-28 m for the water spout. |
| **Pink** | Approx. 3-5 g / 5-9 m for cheeks. |
| **Black** | Small amount of embroidery yarn or floss for the mouth and optional embroidered eyes. |
| **Hook** | 3.5 mm (E/4) crochet hook, or size needed for a firm, stuffing-proof fabric. |
| **Eyes** | 2 black safety eyes, 14 mm. Optional alternative: embroider rounded eyes with black yarn/floss. |
| **Stuffing** | Approx. 90-120 g polyester fibre filling, depending on firmness. |
| **Tools** | Tapestry needle, locking stitch markers, pins, scissors, measuring tape, and optional row counter. |

**SAFETY**

Safety eyes, buttons, beads, wire, and other small or rigid components may not be suitable for children under 3 years old. For items intended for young children, omit rigid eye components and embroider the eyes securely. Check all seams, embroidered features, and yarn tails carefully before use. This digital pattern is not a toy-safety certification.

## 5. Gauge and Tension

Target gauge: approximately 17 sc x 18 rounds = 10 x 10 cm / 4 x 4 in in firm single crochet worked in continuous spiral rounds with a 3.5 mm hook. Measure the side of a small practice tube without stretching it.

- Use a dense amigurumi tension so the stuffing does not show through the fabric.
- If your stitches are much larger, switch to a smaller hook; if the fabric is excessively stiff and difficult to work, go up slightly.
- Exact gauge is not mandatory, but it changes finished size, proportions, yarn use, and how large the safety-eye stems appear on the face.

## 6. Crochet Method and Terminology

- US crochet terminology is used throughout.
- The body, fins, tail base, spout stem, and water droplets are worked in continuous spiral rounds unless a section says otherwise.
- Place a marker in the first stitch of every spiral round and move it up after every round. The marker is not a stitch.
- The belly patch is worked in turned rows. Ch 1 is a turning chain and does not count as a stitch.
- The tail flukes are worked in continuous spiral rounds; move the BOR marker after every round.
- Each cheek is worked as one joined round; the joining slip stitch does not count as a stitch.
- Standard yarn-over single crochet is assumed. Yarn-under single crochet may make a denser, slightly smaller piece.
- Keep the normal finished/right side facing outward. Do not turn spiral rounds.

## 7. Abbreviations

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| **MR** | Magic ring. |
| **ch** | Chain. |
| **sl st** | Slip stitch. |
| **sc** | Single crochet. |
| **inc** | Increase: work 2 sc in the same stitch. |
| **inv dec** | Invisible decrease: insert hook through the front loops of the next 2 stitches and complete them together as 1 sc. |
| **sc2tog** | Single crochet 2 together; used in turned rows to reduce 2 stitches to 1. |
| **st / sts** | Stitch / stitches. |
| **rnd / rnds** | Round / rounds. |
| **row / rows** | Row / rows. |
| **BOR** | Beginning of round. |

# 8. Construction Overview

Wally is designed as an elongated, rounded whale. The main body begins at the nose and grows toward the tail, so the body round numbers also act as practical front-to-back placement guides.

## Piece Inventory

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| **Body** | 1 - blue; stuffed firmly but not stretched. |
| **Belly patch** | 1 - white; unstuffed, sewn flat to the underside. |
| **Side fins** | 2 - blue; unstuffed and flattened. |
| **Tail base** | 1 - blue; lightly to moderately stuffed. |
| **Tail flukes** | 2 - blue; rounded and very lightly stuffed. |
| **Spout stem** | 1 - pale ice blue; tiny amount of stuffing. |
| **Water droplets** | 3 - pale ice blue; lightly stuffed. |
| **Cheeks** | 2 - pink; flat. |
| **Eyes** | 2 safety eyes or 2 embroidered eyes. |
| **Mouth** | 1 embroidered curved smile in black. |

## Orientation

- Front = nose / face end. Back = tail end. Crown = top. Underside = belly side.
- Right and left are always from Wally's point of view as Wally faces toward the nose.
- For the 66-st middle body rounds, keep BOR near the centre underside. The centre-top guide is approximately halfway around the round, near stitch 33. Keep this centre-top guide for crown/spout placement only.
- Front-face clock orientation: when viewing Wally straight from the nose, treat the nose MR as the centre of the face. The meridian running from the nose MR toward the underside/BOR is the 6 o'clock direction. The opposite meridian toward the crown is 12 o'clock. Face-placement coordinates below are measured relative to the 6 o'clock/underside direction.
- Because spiral rounds drift slightly, treat stitch numbers as placement guides. Pin first and judge symmetry from the front, back, top, bottom, and both sides before sewing.

## Recommended Assembly Order

- 1. Crochet the body; install safety eyes or embroider eyes while the opening is accessible.
- 2. Stuff and close the body.
- 3. Sew the white belly patch to the underside.
- 4. Attach cheeks and embroider the smile.
- 5. Attach both fins symmetrically.
- 6. Assemble the tail flukes onto the tail base, then sew the tail base to the body.
- 7. Assemble the three water droplets onto the spout stem, then sew the spout to the crown.
- 8. Check alignment and bury every remaining yarn tail.

**Keep access open**

If using safety eyes or embroidered eyes with knots secured inside the body, complete that work before the body opening becomes too small during the decrease rounds.

# 9. Complete Written Crochet Pattern

## A. Main Body - Part 1: Nose to Full Width

Use whale blue. Work in continuous spiral rounds. Move the BOR marker after every round. The body is worked from the nose toward the tail.

| Rnd/Row | Instruction | Count |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | With whale blue, make 6 sc in a MR. Place BOR marker in the first sc. | 6 |
| 2 | Inc in each st around. | 12 |
| 3 | (Sc in next st, inc in next st) 6 times. | 18 |
| 4 | (Sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. | 24 |
| 5 | (Sc in next 3 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. | 30 |
| 6 | (Sc in next 4 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. | 36 |
| 7 | (Sc in next 5 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. | 42 |
| 8 | (Sc in next 6 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. | 48 |
| 9 | (Sc in next 7 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. | 54 |
| 10 | (Sc in next 8 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. | 60 |
| 11 | (Sc in next 9 sts, inc in next st) 6 times. | 66 |
| 12 | Sc in each st around. | 66 |
| 13 | Sc in each st around. | 66 |
| 14 | Sc in each st around. | 66 |
| 15 | Sc in each st around. | 66 |
| 16 | Sc in each st around. | 66 |
| 17 | Sc in each st around. | 66 |
| 18 | Sc in each st around. | 66 |
| 19 | Sc in each st around. | 66 |
| 20 | Sc in each st around. | 66 |
| 21 | Sc in each st around. | 66 |
| 22 | Sc in each st around. | 66 |
| 23 | Sc in each st around. | 66 |
| 24 | Sc in each st around. | 66 |
| 25 | Sc in each st around. | 66 |

### Face setup before decreasing

After Rnd 20 is complete, identify the underside/BOR meridian and view the nose straight on. Insert the safety eyes through Body Rnd 7, approximately 6 stitches to each side of the 6 o'clock/underside line. On the 42-st Rnd 7, these positions are approximately stitch 7 and stitch 37 when stitch 1/BOR is treated as 6 o'clock. Check that both eyes are level and mirrored from the straight-front view before attaching the backs. If embroidering eyes, work them in the same positions now and secure/bury both embroidery tails inside the body.

## A. Main Body - Part 2: Taper and Close

Begin adding stuffing after Rnd 29. Add small amounts at a time, shaping the nose round and keeping the underside gently flat. Continue stuffing before each smaller decrease round.

| Rnd/Row | Instruction | Count |
|---|---|---|
| 26 | (Sc in next 9 sts, inv dec) 6 times. | 60 |
| 27 | Sc in each st around. | 60 |
| 28 | (Sc in next 8 sts, inv dec) 6 times. | 54 |
| 29 | Sc in each st around. | 54 |
| 30 | (Sc in next 7 sts, inv dec) 6 times. | 48 |
| 31 | Sc in each st around. | 48 |
| 32 | (Sc in next 6 sts, inv dec) 6 times. | 42 |
| 33 | (Sc in next 5 sts, inv dec) 6 times. | 36 |
| 34 | (Sc in next 4 sts, inv dec) 6 times. | 30 |
| 35 | (Sc in next 3 sts, inv dec) 6 times. | 24 |
| 36 | (Sc in next 2 sts, inv dec) 6 times. | 18 |
| 37 | (Sc in next st, inv dec) 6 times. | 12 |
| 38 | Inv dec 6 times. Fasten off, leaving a 15 cm / 6 in tail. Thread tail through the front loops of the remaining sts, pull closed, secure, and bury the tail. | 6 |

After closing, roll the body gently between your hands to smooth the stuffing. The nose should stay rounded rather than pointed, and the tail end should be narrower than the face end.

## B. White Belly Patch - make 1

Work in turned rows with white yarn. Ch 1 to turn; ch 1 does not count as a stitch. Keep the patch flat and relaxed.

| Rnd/Row | Instruction | Count |
|---|---|---|
| Foundation | With white, ch 9. Turn. | - |
| 1 | Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Ch 1, turn. | 8 |
| 2 | Inc, sc in next 6 sts, inc. Ch 1, turn. | 10 |
| 3 | Inc, sc in next 8 sts, inc. Ch 1, turn. | 12 |
| 4 | Inc, sc in next 10 sts, inc. Ch 1, turn. | 14 |
| 5 | Sc in each st across. Ch 1, turn. | 14 |
| 6 | Sc in each st across. Ch 1, turn. | 14 |
| 7 | Sc in each st across. Ch 1, turn. | 14 |
| 8 | Sc in each st across. Ch 1, turn. | 14 |
| 9 | Sc in each st across. Ch 1, turn. | 14 |
| 10 | Sc in each st across. Ch 1, turn. | 14 |
| 11 | Sc in each st across. Ch 1, turn. | 14 |
| 12 | Sc in each st across. Ch 1, turn. | 14 |
| 13 | Sc in each st across. Ch 1, turn. | 14 |
| 14 | Sc in each st across. Ch 1, turn. | 14 |
| 15 | Sc in each st across. Ch 1, turn. | 14 |
| 16 | Sc in each st across. Ch 1, turn. | 14 |
| 17 | Sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog. Ch 1, turn. | 12 |
| 18 | Sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog. Ch 1, turn. | 10 |
| 19 | Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog. Fasten off with a long sewing tail. | 8 |

## C. Side Fins - make 2

| Rnd/Row | Instruction | Count |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | With whale blue, make 6 sc in a MR. | 6 |
| 2 | Inc in each st around. | 12 |
| 3 | (Sc in next st, inc in next st) 6 times. | 18 |
| 4 | Sc in each st around. | 18 |
| 5 | Sc in each st around. | 18 |
| 6 | (Sc in next st, inv dec) 6 times. | 12 |
| 7 | Sc in each st around. Fasten off with a 30 cm / 12 in sewing tail. Do not stuff. Flatten the 12-st opening so opposing stitches pair together, forming a 6-st sewing edge. | 12 |

## D. Tail Base - make 1

Add only a small amount of stuffing after Rnd 5; keep the closed MR tip flexible so the flukes can fan outward.

| Rnd/Row | Instruction | Count |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | With whale blue, make 6 sc in a MR. This closed MR end will point toward the tail flukes. | 6 |
| 2 | Inc in each st around. | 12 |
| 3 | (Sc in next st, inc in next st) 6 times. | 18 |
| 4 | Sc in each st around. | 18 |
| 5 | Sc in each st around. | 18 |
| 6 | Sc in each st around. | 18 |
| 7 | Sc in each st around. Fasten off with a 40 cm / 16 in sewing tail. Leave this 18-st end open for attachment to the body. | 18 |

## E. Rounded Tail Flukes - make 2

Use whale blue. Work in continuous spiral rounds. Move the BOR marker after every round.

| Rnd/Row | Instruction | Count |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | With whale blue, make 6 sc in a MR. | 6 |
| 2 | Inc in each st around. | 12 |
| 3 | (Sc in next st, inc in next st) 6 times. | 18 |
| 4 | Sc in each st around. | 18 |
| 5 | Sc in each st around. | 18 |
| 6 | (Sc in next st, inv dec) 6 times. Add a very small amount of stuffing, keeping the fluke soft and rounded rather than firm. | 12 |
| 7 | Sc in each st around. Fasten off with a 30 cm / 12 in sewing tail. Do not close the final opening. Keep the rounded outer portion lightly stuffed, then flatten only the final 12-st opening into a 6-st sewing edge. | 12 |

## F. Water Spout Stem - make 1

Use pale ice blue. Add a narrow pinch of stuffing after Rnd 5 so the stem stands upright without becoming rigid.

| Rnd/Row | Instruction | Count |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | With pale ice blue, make 6 sc in a MR. | 6 |
| 2 | (Sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st) 2 times. | 8 |
| 3 | Sc in each st around. | 8 |

| Rnd/Row | Instruction | Count |
|---|---|---|
| 4 | Sc in each st around. | 8 |
| 5 | Sc in each st around. | 8 |
| 6 | Sc in each st around. | 8 |
| 7 | Sc in each st around. Fasten off with a 30 cm / 12 in sewing tail. | 8 |

### G. Water Droplets - make 3

| Rnd/Row | Instruction | Count |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | With pale ice blue, make 6 sc in a MR. | 6 |
| 2 | Inc in each st around. | 12 |
| 3 | Sc in each st around. | 12 |
| 4 | (Sc in next st, inv dec) 4 times. Add a tiny pinch of stuffing. | 8 |
| 5 | Inv dec 4 times. Fasten off, close the opening, and leave a long tail for sewing to the stem. | 4 |

### H. Pink Cheeks - make 2

Work one joined round with pink yarn. The joining slip stitch does not count as a stitch.

| Rnd/Row | Instruction | Count |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | With pink, make 6 sc in a MR. Sl st in the first sc to join. Fasten off with a 20 cm / 8 in sewing tail. Pull the MR firmly closed and keep the circle flat. Do not stuff. | 6 |

## 10. Stitch-Count Validation

All stated stitch counts and repeat sequences in this digital pattern were cross-checked for internal arithmetic consistency. You do not need to perform any calculations while crocheting.

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| **Body increases** | 6 -> 12 -> 18 -> 24 -> 30 -> 36 -> 42 -> 48 -> 54 -> 60 -> 66 stitches, then a stable 66-st middle section. |
| **Body decreases** | 66 -> 60 -> 54 -> 48 -> 42 -> 36 -> 30 -> 24 -> 18 -> 12 -> 6, with straight shaping rounds at 60, 54, and 48 to soften the taper. |
| **Fins** | 18-st widest section reduces cleanly to a 12-st opening; flatten the opening into a 6-st sewing edge for attachment. |
| **Tail base** | 6 -> 12 -> 18 stitches, then a stable 18-st body opening; the closed MR end stays narrow for the flukes. |
| **Tail flukes** | 6 -> 12 -> 18, stable 18-st rounded section, then 12-st sewing opening. |
| **Belly patch** | 8 -> 10 -> 12 -> 14, straight centre, then 12 -> 10 -> 8 for matching tapered ends. |
| **Water droplets** | 12 -> 8 -> 4 for compact rounded drops. |

**Digital-only verification**

This internal stitch-count check does not replace a physical test crochet and is not presented as physical proof of final size, stability, stuffing behaviour, or finished appearance.

## 11. Shaping and Proportions

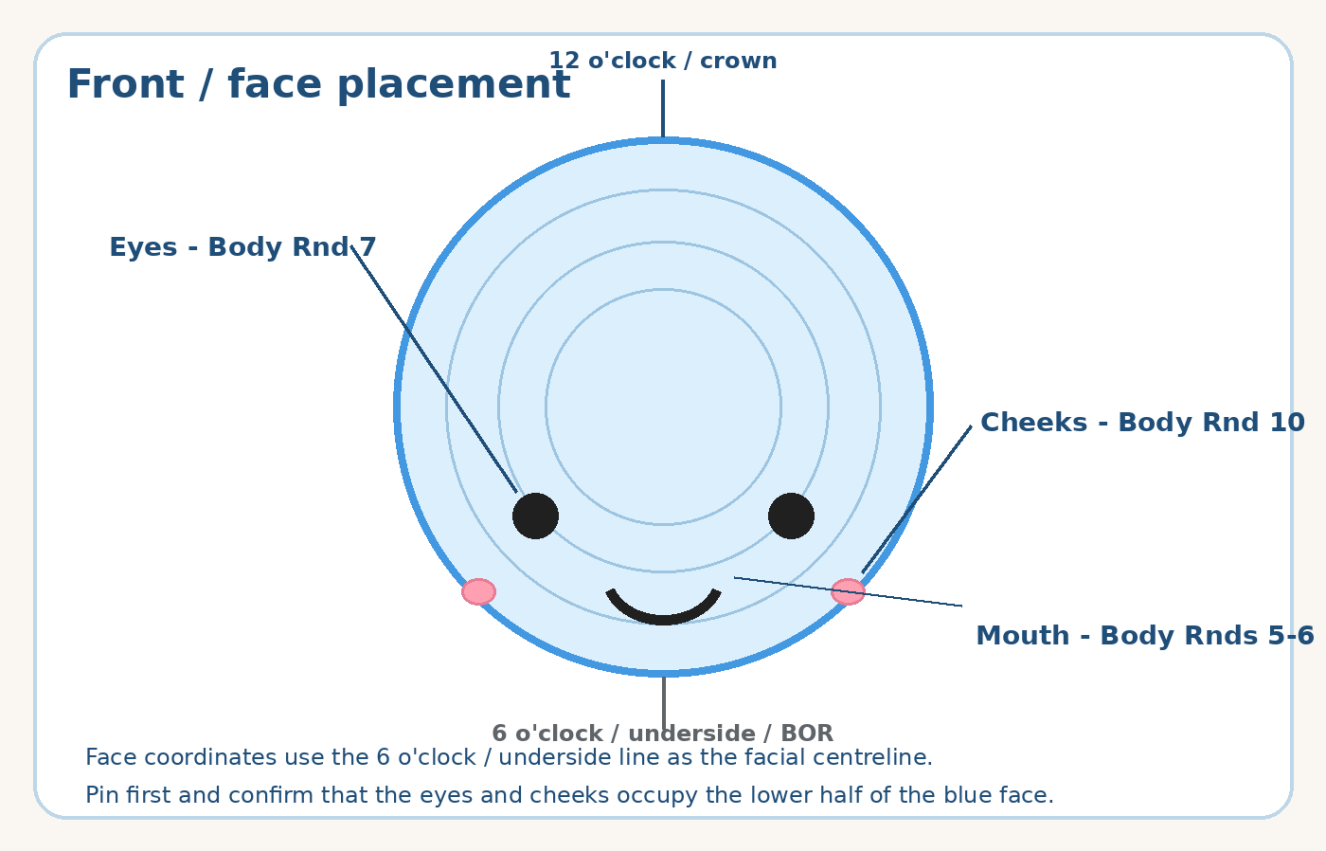
- The body is intentionally widest through Rnds 11-25 so the whale reads as a soft rounded capsule rather than a ball.
- The nose expansion is smooth and symmetrical; the back taper is slightly longer and more gradual so the tail end narrows naturally.
- Keep the fins short, rounded, and slightly forward-swept as in the reference. Do not overstuff them.
- The belly patch should cover only the lower front/underside, leaving a broad blue crown and blue sidewalls visible.
- Keep both tail flukes softly rounded and fan them apart in a shallow V. The tail base should curve gently upward from the rear body rather than extending straight backward.
- The spout should rise vertically from the crown and finish in a three-drop cluster rather than a single ball.

## 12. Colour Changes and Surface Details

- No in-round colour changes are required in the body. Keeping the body fully blue avoids a stepped colour seam.
- The white belly is a separately crocheted patch sewn onto the underside. This gives a clean curved boundary that can be adjusted before final sewing.
- Pink cheeks are separate small circles. Sew them flat; do not stuff.
- The smile is embroidered in black after the body is stuffed so the curve can be judged on the final surface.
- The pale ice-blue spout is a separate accessory. Cut yarn after each droplet and use its sewing tail to join it to the stem.

# 13. Placement Maps

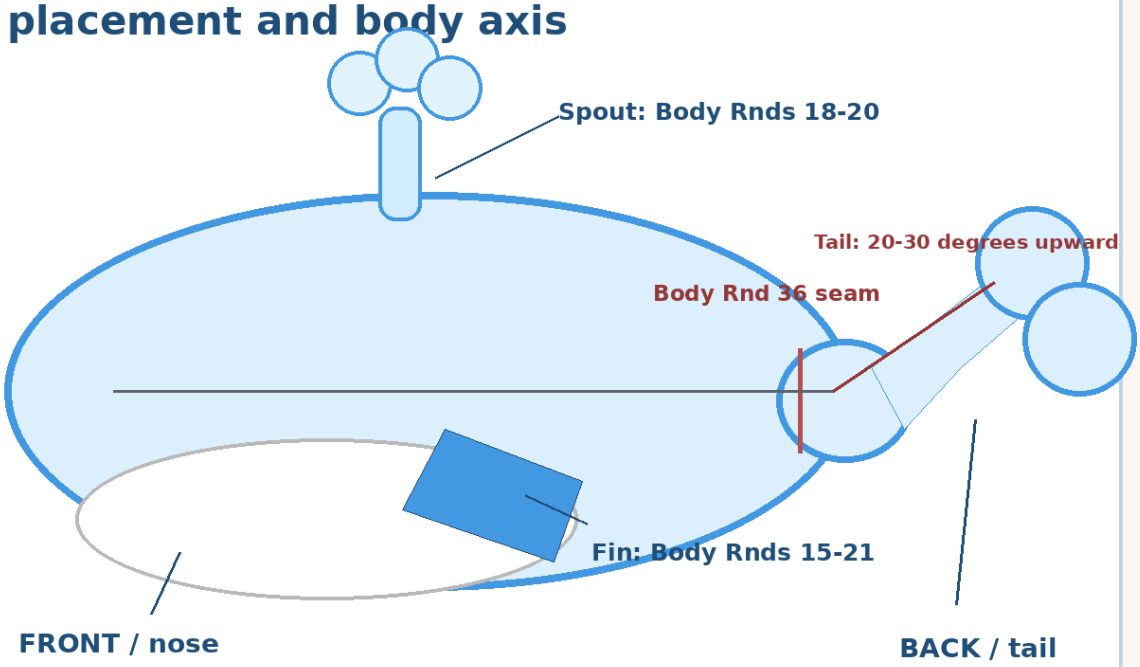
Pin all pieces before sewing. Face stitch coordinates are given on the specific front-cap rounds named below; body-attachment coordinates use the 66-st middle section where stated. Because spiral rounds drift slightly, treat all coordinates as practical guides and confirm the visual relationship before securing a feature.




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| **Eyes** | On Body Rnd 7, place the eye centres approximately 6 stitches to either side of the underside/BOR 6 o'clock line. On the 42-st round, use approximately sts 7 and 37 as practical guides. Pin first and confirm that the eyes are level from the straight-front view. |
| **Cheeks** | Centre each cheek approximately on Body Rnd 10, lower and farther outward than its corresponding eye. Place the centres about 9 stitches to either side of the underside/BOR 6 o'clock line; on the 60-st Rnd 10, use approximately sts 10 and 52 as practical guides. Keep the pink circles entirely above the visible white-belly edge. |
| **Mouth** | Embroider a shallow U-shaped smile centred on the 6 o'clock/underside facial centreline. Place the two upper ends approximately on Body Rnd 5, about 2 stitch positions to either side of the centreline, and let the middle of the curve dip to approximately Body Rnd 6. Keep the finished smile about 4-5 stitches wide. |

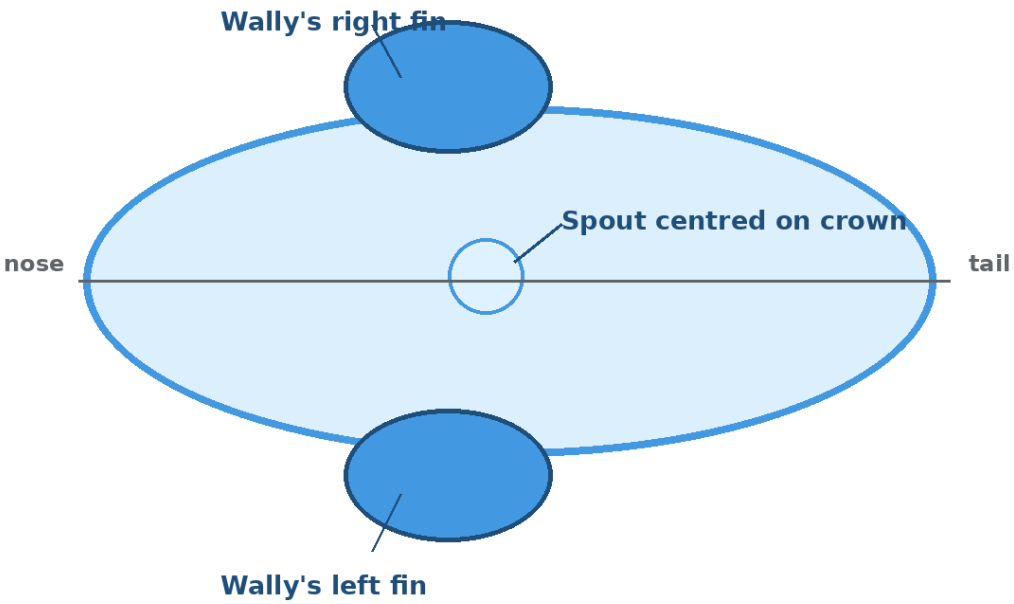
# 13. Placement Maps - Body Attachments

## Side placement and body axis




Belly patch follows the underside from about Body Rnd 7 to Rnd 25.

## Top view - paired fin symmetry




Right and left are always described from Wally's point of view, facing toward the nose.

### Attachment Coordinates

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| **Belly patch** | Centre the patch over the underside/BOR line. Place its front end near Body Rnd 7 and its back end near Body Rnd 25. Stretch only enough to follow the body curve; do not distort the rows. |
| **Fins** | Attach across Body Rnds 15-21. On the 66-st middle rounds, side centres are roughly 1/4 and 3/4 around the ring from BOR: near stitches 17 and 50. Angle tips slightly forward toward the nose. |
| **Spout** | Centre the stem on the crown over Body Rnds 18-20, approximately opposite BOR near the centre-top guide. Sew the base into a small circle so the stem stands upright. |
| **Tail** | Slide the 18-st open end of the tail base over the closed back tip of the body until the tail-base edge sits evenly around Body Rnd 36, which also contains 18 stitches. Pin at four evenly spaced points. Sew each tail-base opening stitch to the corresponding stitch or surface position around Body Rnd 36, distributing the seam evenly 18-to-18. The closed Body Rnds 37-38 should sit concealed inside the tail-base opening. Check the tail from the top, side, and rear before completing the seam. |

## 14. Stuffing and Shaping

- Body: begin after Body Rnd 29. Stuff firmly in small pinches, especially into the rounded nose. Keep the fabric dense but do not stretch the stitches.
- As the back decreases, add smaller pinches before each narrow round. Keep the final 12-st area lightly stuffed so the closure puckers as little as possible.
- Fins: leave unstuffed. Tail flukes: use only a very small amount of stuffing to create rounded volume while keeping the 12-st roots flexible for sewing.
- Tail base: lightly to moderately stuffed. Keep the fluke end softer than the body end. During assembly, set the finished tail approximately 20-30 degrees upward from the main body axis.
- Spout stem: use only a narrow pinch of stuffing. Water droplets: very lightly stuffed, just enough to look round.
- Belly patch and cheeks: unstuffed and sewn flat.
- After all sewing, massage the body so the underside is gently stable and the crown remains rounded. Do not press the body into a hard flat base.

## 15. Assembly Instructions

| Step | Task | Instruction |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Body and eyes** | Before the body opening becomes small, pin or insert the eyes using the face map. For safety eyes, attach backs from inside after checking level. For embroidered eyes, secure and bury the yarn ends inside while access remains. |
| 2 | **Stuff and close body** | Complete Body Rnds 26-38, adding stuffing as directed. Close the final 6 stitches securely and bury the tail. |
| 3 | **Pin belly patch** | Place the white patch along the underside from about Rnd 7 to Rnd 25. Pin the front, back, and both sides. Check from the front and side that the visible white band is even. |

| Step | Task | Instruction |
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| 4 | **Sew belly patch** | Use the white sewing tail and small whip stitches through the patch edge and surface loops of the body. Stop before the last 3-4 cm, smooth stuffing if needed, finish the seam, secure, and bury the tail. |
| 5 | **Attach cheeks** | Pin each cheek lower/outward from the eye. Sew through the outer edge of the pink circle with small surface stitches. Keep both cheeks level. |
| 6 | **Embroider smile** | Use black yarn/floss and a long tapestry needle. Make a shallow U with 2-3 smooth passes. Enter and exit at the curve ends; secure by burying the yarn ends deeply inside the stuffed body. |
| 7 | **Attach fins** | Flatten each fin so its 12-st opening forms 6 paired sewing positions. Pin across Body Rnds 15-21 at matching side positions. Sew the 6-st flattened edge to the body, passing through both layers of each paired edge position and the corresponding body surface loops. Keep both fin tips angled slightly toward the nose. |
| 8 | **Assemble tail** | Place the two rounded flukes at the narrow end of the tail base. Flatten each 12-st fluke opening into a 6-st sewing edge. On Tail Base Rnd 2, use one 6-st half of the 12-st round for the first fluke and the opposite 6-st half for the second fluke. Sew securely so the rounded outer ends fan apart in a shallow V when viewed from behind. Then slide the 18-st open end of the tail base over the body closure until its edge aligns with Body Rnd 36. Pin at four quarter points, check alignment, then sew the 18-st tail-base edge evenly around the 18-st Body Rnd 36 ring. Secure and bury the sewing tail. From the side view, tip the tail base upward approximately 20-30 degrees above the main body axis. If necessary, use 2-3 small hidden blue tack stitches between the upper surface of Tail Base Rnds 4-5 and the upper rear body around Body Rnds 34-35 to hold a gentle upward curve. Do not pull tightly enough to dent the body. |
| 9 | **Assemble spout** | Sew the three droplets to the top of the stem: one centre/back and one to each side, forming a compact fan. Pin the stem to the crown over Body Rnds 18-20 and sew the base in a small circle. |
| 10 | **Final alignment** | Check Wally from front, back, top, bottom, and both sides. Correct any twist while seams are still accessible. Secure and bury all tails and remove every marker/pin. |

# 16. Sewing Methods

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| **Whip stitch - belly patch** | Bring the needle up through the patch edge, take a small bite of the body surface directly below it, then return through the next patch edge stitch. Pull only until the edge lies flat; do not cinch the body. |

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| **Surface seam - fins and tail** | For fins, pass the needle through both layers of each of the 6 paired positions along the flattened sewing edge, then through one or two surface loops of the body. For the tail base, sew the 18-st opening evenly around the 18-st Body Rnd 36 ring. Keep tension firm but flexible so neither attachment puckers. |
| **Circular base seam - spout** | Take evenly spaced stitches around the stem base into the crown surface. Alternate sides as you sew so the stem stays vertical. |
| **Flat applique seam - cheeks** | Use tiny stitches around the outer pink edge. Keep stitches close to the edge so the cheek remains round. |
| **Securing tails** | After a final locking stitch, pass the needle through the body and exit 3-5 cm / 1-2 in away. Pull gently, trim close, and let the cut end retract into the stuffing. |

## 17. Final Visual Checklist

- Face is centred on the rounded nose and looks balanced from straight on.
- Eyes are level and mirrored about the front-view vertical centreline, with both eyes positioned in the lower half of the blue face.
- Mouth is centred between the eyes and both smile ends rise evenly.
- Cheeks are level, equal in size, and sit lower/outward from the eyes.
- White belly patch is centred on the underside with a smooth, even edge.
- Both fins begin at matching round ranges and point at matching forward angles.
- Tail base is centred at Body Rnd 36, curves gently upward, and the two rounded flukes form a balanced shallow V.
- Spout is centred on the crown and the three droplets form a tidy cluster.
- Body is rounded with no visible stuffing and no large crochet holes.
- No seam is loose, puckered, or over-tightened.
- No yarn tail, safety-eye back, knot, or temporary marker is exposed.
- All pins and temporary guide threads have been removed.

## 18. Troubleshooting

| Problem | Practical fix |
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| **Stuffing shows through** | Use a smaller hook or firmer tension. Add stuffing in smaller pieces and stop before stitches spread apart. |
| **Wally is too large or too small** | The easiest adjustment is hook size and yarn thickness. Keep the written stitch counts unchanged so the proportions remain consistent. |
| **Spiral rounds twist** | This is normal to a small degree. Move the BOR marker every round and use the underside as a visual reference rather than forcing a perfectly straight seam line. |
| **Eyes look uneven** | Remove safety-eye backs before locking them if possible, re-pin the positions, and compare from front and top. For embroidery, unpick and re-stitch before burying the ends. |

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| **Smile is off-centre** | View the nose straight on and use the underside/BOR 6 o'clock direction as the lower facial centreline. Rework the smile so its midpoint is centred on that line. |
| **One fin sits higher** | Compare the attachment start/end rounds and side-centre positions. Unpick only the higher fin and repin before resewing. |
| **Tail points sideways** | Check that the 18-st tail-base edge is seated evenly around Body Rnd 36 and that the quarter-point pins are balanced. Reseat the first few seam stitches before completing the entire seam. |
| **Spout leans** | Sew a second reinforcing pass around the side opposite the lean, catching only surface loops so the crown is not pulled inward. |
| **Gap around a sewn piece** | Add small stitches between existing seam stitches. Avoid pulling hard; more stitches are better than more tension. |
| **Attachment feels loose** | Run a second seam pass through alternate body surface loops and the piece edge, then secure and bury the tail. |
| **Underside becomes too round** | Redistribute stuffing upward toward the crown and sides. The white patch should lie on a gently flattened underside, not a hard platform. |
| **Visible holes after decreases** | Use invisible decreases through front loops only and keep tension consistent. If needed, ease nearby stuffing away from the decrease line. |

# 19. Printing and Customer Notes

**DIGITAL DOWNLOAD ONLY**

This pattern is a digital file. No physical whale, yarn, hook, stuffing, safety eyes, or other materials will be shipped.

- Pattern terminology: US crochet terminology.
- Printing: designed for A4 or US Letter. Print at 100% / Actual Size. No pattern template requires precision scaling.
- Finished measurements are calculated design targets; final size varies with yarn, hook, tension, stuffing, and technique.
- No physical prototype or test crochet was used in creating this digital pattern.
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## Quick Finish Reference

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| **Body** | 38 rounds; max 66 sts; eyes installed while opening is accessible; begin stuffing after Rnd 29. |
| **Belly** | 19 turned rows; pin underside from approx. Body Rnd 7 to Rnd 25. |
| **Fins** | Make 2; 7 rounds; attach approx. Body Rnds 15-21. |
| **Tail** | 1 tail base + 2 flukes; seat the tail-base opening over the closed tip and attach its 18-st edge around Body Rnd 36. |
| **Spout** | 1 stem + 3 droplets; attach crown around Body Rnds 18-20. |
| **Face** | 2 eyes, 2 cheeks, 1 embroidered smile. |
| **Final check** | Symmetry; secure seams; no visible stuffing; tails buried; markers removed. |