

# Make your own Mary Anning

## *She sells seashells on the seashore*

### You will need:

- 4.5mm crochet hook
- 4ply yarn - I recommend a cotton yarn such as Sugar n' Cream or Drops Paris in black, a skin tone, green, yellow, brown and red (a small amount, other weights or fibres are fine if you have them handy.)
- Polyfil or similar stuffing
- Yarn needle
- Locking stitch markers or paperclip
- Preferred method to mark rows when crochet in the round - I use scrap yarn.



*Mary Anning with traditional selfie*

Mary Anning will measure around 7 inches tall. All crochet terms are UK terminology (ie for Americans, substitute 'sc' for 'dc' throughout).

### Techniques used:

- inc: dc two stitches into the same space
- dec: insert your hook into the next stitch, yarn over and pull through, insert your hook into the next stitch, yarn over again and pull through, yarn over and pull through all three loops on your hook.
- Crochet through the back loops only: somewhat self-explanatory, but there's an excellent tutorial [here](#)
- Changing colours: As any colour changes will be not very noticeable, you can use the [simplest technique](#) without needing to create jogless colour changes.

- Crocheting in the round - [many tutorials available!](#) This is spiral crochet, so rounds aren't joined at the end, you just continue on.

### Note on assembly:

The legs, body and head are made in one piece, with everything else made separately and assembled later (see page 7)

### Legs - Make 2

Round 1: Using your black yarn, ch2, dc 4 in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook (4)

Round 2: inc each stitch (8)

Round 3: \*inc 1<sup>st</sup> stitch, dc in next\*, repeat (12)

Rounds 4/5: dc around (12)

Round 6: dc 3, dec 3, dc 3 (9)

Rounds 7/8/9/10: dc around (9)

Fasten off first leg - leave second leg and follow the next set of instructions to join legs together and start body



*All black shoe and leg.*

### Joining legs

Step 1: It is usually easier to start this process by clipping the legs together - lockable stitch holders are ideal, but a paperclip would also do. Your unfinished leg should be on the left, with both feet facing you. You should be able to line up two stitches from each leg - clip both.

Step 2: dc 3, so that the stitch on your hook is close to the other leg.

Step 3: Put hook through stitches in place of your back stitch holder, as in photo, right.

Step 4: Pull the loop from the last stitch on the second leg through both stitches on hook.

Step 5: dc 7 around the right leg, up to the front stitch marker.

Step 6: Put hook through both stitches in place of your front stitch holder, as before.

Step 7: Pull the loop from last stitch through both stitches on hook.

Step 8: dc 3 to finish joining legs (16)



*Note that I am being a rebel (and making it harder for myself) and not using stitch markers to hold them together.*

## Body

Round 1: already completed by joining the legs.

Round 2: \*dc 7, inc\*, repeat (18)

Round 3 \*dc 8, inc\* (20)

Round 4: change to green colour, dc around (20)

Round 5: dc through the back loops only (20)

Rounds 6/7/8: dc around (20)

Round 9: \*dc in next two stitches, dec\*, repeat (15)

## Stuff legs and lower body

Round 10: \*dc in next stitch, dec\*, repeat (10)

Round 11: dc around, switch to skin-tone yarn on last st. (10)

## Stuff body

## Head

Round 1: dc around (10)

Round 2: inc around (20)

Round 3: \*inc in next stitch, dc\*, repeat (30)

Rounds 4/5/6/7: dc around (30)

Round 8: \*dc in next 4 stitches, dec\*, repeat (25)

Round 9: \*dc in next 3 stitches, dec\*, repeat (20)

### **Stuff head**

Round 10: \*dc in next 2 stitches, dec\*, repeat (15)

Round 11: \*dc in next stitch, dec\*, repeat (10)

Round 12: dec around. Sl st in first stitch to finish off, use yarn needle to weave in ends.

You should have something that looks like this:



*Slightly alien. Note the ridges formed when you worked through the back loops.*

## Arms (make 2)

Round 1: in skin-tone yarn, ch 2, dc 4 in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook (4)

Round 2: inc around (8)

Rounds 3/4: dc around (8)

Round 5: switch to green, dc around. (8)

Rounds 6/7/8/9/10: dc around (8). Sl st to finish, leave a long tail to attach.

**Stuff if you want to - depending on your tension and yarn the arm might be sturdy enough without. I didn't stuff the arms as I find it can be easier to pose him that way.**

## Skirt

Round 1: Working through the ridges created by working through the back loops, sc into each ridge (see right). If you're having difficulty try using a smaller hook for this step only. Join at the end of a row with a sl stitch (20)

Round 2: dc around (20)

Round 3: \*dc 4 inc\*, repeat (24)

Round 4: dc around (24)

Round 5: \*dc 5 inc\*, repeat (28)

Round 6: dc around (28)

Round 7: \*dc 6 inc\* (32)

Rounds 8/9/10/11: dc around (32) Fasten off.



## Bonnet

Round 1: in yellow, ch 2, dc 4 in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook (4)

Round 2: inc around (8)



Round 3: inc, inc, dc 2, inc, inc, dc2 (12)

Round 4: inc four times, ch2, repeat once more (20)

Round 5: inc eight times, ch, repeat once more (36)

Round 6: dc around (36)

Row 7: dc 8, ch 2, turn [from now on you will be working back and forth]

Row 8: \*dc 7, dec\* repeat, ch 2, turn

Row 9: dc around, ch 2, turn

Row 10: \*dc 6, dec\* repeat, ch 2, turn

Row 11: dc around, ch 2, turn

Row 12: \*dc 5, dec\*, repeat

Row 13: dc around, ch 2, turn

Row 14: \*dc 4, dec\*, repeat. Fasten off.



### Bonnet brim

Row 1: in yellow, ch 22, turn.

Row 2: starting in the second chain from the hook, dc 19, ch 2, turn (20)

Row 3: inc, dc 18, inc, ch 2, turn

Row 4: inc, dc 20, inc. Fasten off.

### Bonnet assembly

Place the shorter end of the brim flush to the front of the bonnet and stitch together with the yellow yarn. Try to match the stitches as close as possible.

### Bonnet trim

Leaving a long tail at the start, ch 20 and fasten off, leaving a similarly long tail.

## Cloak

Row 1: ch 18

Row 2: starting in the second chain from the hook, dc 15, ch 2, turn (16)

Row 3: inc, dc 14, inc, ch 2, turn (18)

Row 4: inc, dc 7, inc, dc 2, inc, dc 7, inc, ch 2, turn (22)

Row 5: inc, dc 8, inc, dc 2, inc, dc 8, inc. Fasten off.

## Assembly (the fun bit)

1. Pin the arms to the body and reposition until happy. Using your green yarn and the yarn needle, sew the arms to the jacket using the long tail you left after fastening.
2. Position the bonnet on the head. The spilt created by switching to crocheting backwards and forwards should sit flush against the neck. When satisfied, use your removable stitch markers or similar to mark the middle of the bonnet, and mirrored positions half way down each side. Remove the bonnet and sew on the hair, as follows:
3. Using the brown, stitch long strands from the middle to the sides, moving down towards your stitch markers. Try to work these stitches into the edge of the bonnet, not the brim. Keep putting the bonnet back onto the head to check how it looks.
4. Once satisfied, sew the bonnet onto the head around the bottom edge and behind the brim - be careful that these stitches don't show.
5. Position the cape around the shoulders and sew into position using the green.
6. Bonnet trim: position behind the brim, long tails dangling at the front. Using another bit of red, make small stitches to attach - again, make sure these don't show! Try not to stretch the brim - sew a little on each side until you meet at the top. Tie the long tails into a neat bow and trim the excess.
7. Eyes: I did french knots, but if you're not comfortable with those a couple of small overlapping horizontal stitches in the right place will work fine.

