Little Snail



This is a free pattern. Please, don't use it to make money! Don't hesitate to [<u>email</u>] me if you have questions or if you want to show me the little snail you have crocheted! English not being my first language, I apologize for any grammar errors or bad word choices.

You will need:

- 3cm and 4cm hooks
- some light worsted yarn in 4 colors or more if you want a more colorful shell (I used Bergère de France Sonora colorway Ecume (white) for the body and Phildar Cabotine colorway Œillet (pink), Piscine (blue-ish green) et Brume (grey) for shell and antennas)
- a bit of stuffing
- a tapestry needle

Abbreviations: dc: double crochet (GB) or single crochet (US) ss: slip stitch st: stitch or stitches

All the pieces are made in rounds without joining. Use a stitch marker or a piece of yarn to show the beginning of the round you're making.

Shell (4cm hook)

The shell is a long flat tube lightly stuffed and rolled up on itself.

R1- 6dc in magic circle, 1ss to join (6) R2- 2dc in each st (12) R3- (2dc in first st, 1dc in the next) 6 times (18) R4-74 (75 rounds)- 1dc in each st (18)

Change colour from time to time so you have a multicoloured shell. Mine is like this: 4 pink rounds, 2 grey, 6 green, 4 grey, 4 green, 6 grey, 8 pink, 7 green, 10 pink, 13 green, 9 grey. You may want to change more often to have different looking, maybe more realistic shell.

When the 75 rounds are done, fasten off and keep a long thread then stuff lightly. Check the tube is not too much stuffed by rolling it up on itself. When you're satisfied with the stuffing sew the end of the tube and weave in ends.

Roll again the shell-tube up on itself while sewing every 5 rounds on the middle so it's invisible when totally rolled.

Body (4cm hook) We start at the head:

R1- 6dc in magic circle, 1ss to join (6)
R2- 2dc in each st (12)
R3- (1dc in the next 2 st, 2dc in next st) 4 times (16)
R4- (1dc in the next 3 st, 2dc in next st) 4 times (20)
R5-8 (4 rounds)- 1dc in each st (20)
R9- (2dc together, 1dc in the next 2 st) 5 times (15)
R10- 1ss in the next 5 st, 1dc in next 10 st (15)
// these ss are here to help the head pointing up
R11-20 (10 rounds) 1dc in each st (15)
R21- (2dc together, 1dc in the next 2 st) 3 fois, 1dc in next st (11)
R22-24 (4 rounds)- 1dc in each st (11)
R25- (2dc together, 1dc in the next 2 st) 2 times, 2dc together, 1dc in next st (8)
R26-27 (2 rounds)- 1dc in each st (8)
R28- (2dc together, 1dc in next 2 st) 2 times (6)
Stuff, fasten off and weave in ends.

Antennas (3cm hook) Make 2.

R1- 4dc in magic circle, 1ss to join (4)
R2- 2dc in each st (8)
R3- 1dc in each st (8)
R4- (2dc together, 1dc in next st) 2 times, dc 2 together (5)
R5-9 (5 rounds)- 1dc in each st (5)
Stuff the little round part, fasten off and keep a long thread to sew on the body.

Assemble!

Sew the antennas on the front of the head and the shell on the body. Align the end of the tube from the shell with the slip stitches from round 10 of the body so you can't see them and the head is pointing a bit up.

And you're done!