Wilby the baby whale

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ABBREVIATIONS:

st[s] = stitch[es]
cs = chain stitch
sls = slip stitch
db = double crochet
htr = half treble crochet
tr = treble crochet

bs = bobble stitch, see explanation below
tog = together
FLO = front loop only
BLO = back loop only
mr = magic ring
rnd[s] = round[s]

BOBBLE STITCH:

Wrap the yarn over the hook and pull up a loop = 3 loops on the hook. Wrap the yarn over the hook and pull it through the first 2 loops. Repeat this a total of 4 times in the same st. For each repeat you get an additional loop on the hook – you will end up with 5 loops. Wrap the yarn over the hook again and pull it through all 5 loops. The bobble will show on the opposite side – push it to the right side when you work the next db.

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PATTERN

Work with yarn held double. Throughout, one strand is dropped and another picked up to create an ombre effect.

BODY:

Begin with 2 petrol strands.
Rnd 1: 6 db in a mr = 6 db.
Rnd 2: 2 db in every db = 12 db.
Rnd 3: 2 db in every db = 24 db.
Rnd 4: 24 db.
Rnd 5: *1 db, 2 db in next db*, repeat from * to * a total of 12 times = 36 db.
Rnd 6: 36 db.
Rnd 7: 1 db, 2 db in next db, *2 db, 2 db in next db*, repeat from * to * a total of 11 times, 1 db = 48 db.
Rnd 8: 48 db.
Rnd 9: *7 db, 2 db in next db*, repeat from * to * a total of 6 times = 54 db.
Rnd 10: 54 db.
Rnd 11: 4 db, 2 db in next db, *8 db, 2 db in next db*, repeat from * to * a total of 5 times, 4 db = 60 db.
Drop a petrol strand and pick up a light kaki strand.
Rnd 12-15: 60 db (4 rnds).
Drop the other petrol strand and pick up another light kaki strand.
Rnd 16-18: 60 db (3 rnds).
Rnd 19: 9 db, 2 db tog, *18 db, 2 db tog*, repeat from * to * a total of 2 times, 9 db = 57 db.
Drop a light kaki strand and pick up a nature strand.
Rnd 20: 54 db, mark 54th st [you will need it when inserting the music box], 3 db.
Rnd 21 - 22: 57 db [2 rnds].
Rnd 23: *17 db, 2 db tog*, repeat from * to * a total of 3 times = 54 db.
Drop the other light kaki strand and pick up another nature strand.
Rnd 24: 54 db.
Rnd 25: 11 db, *6 db, 2 db tog*, repeat from * to * a total of 4 times, 11 db = 50 db.
Rnd 26: 50 db.
Rnd 27: 11 db, *2 db tog, 5 db*, repeat from * to * a total of 4 times, 11 db = 46 db.
Drop a nature strand and pick up a light aqua strand.
Rnd 28: 46 db.
Rnd 29: 11 db, *4 db, 2 db tog*, repeat from * to * a total of 4 times, 11 db = 42 db.
Stuff the body lightly. Thread a needle with the string from the music box and insert the music box into the body. Now, insert the needle in the marked st, from inside out. Continue on the body.
Rnd 30: 42 db.
Rnd 31: 10 db, *2 db tog, 6 db*, repeat from * to * a total of 3 times, 8 db = 39 db.
Drop the other nature strand and pick up another light aqua strand.
Rnd 32: 10 db, *5 db, 2 db tog*, repeat from * to * a total of 3 times, 8 db = 36 db.
Rnd 33: 36 db.

MEASUREMENTS
Height approx. 17 cm

YARN
Colourful Fraya
100% Cotton
50 g = 170 m

YARDAGE
Choose your favourite colours. The pattern is written for the following:

Petrol	50 g
Light kaki	50 g
Nature	50 g
Light aqua	50 g
Light terracotta	50 g
Black	50 g

SUGGESTED HOOK SIZE
UK size 9 [3.5 mm] crochet hook

Please note: It is important to obtain gauge. The work should have a close texture. Try with a smaller or larger needle if necessary.

NOTIONS
Fibre filling, approx. 110 g
1 rattle box
1 music box
Wooden ring

Rnd 34: 10 db, *2 db tog, 4 db*, repeat from * to * a total of 3 times, 8 db = 33 db.
Rnd 35: 8 db, *4 db, 2 db tog*, repeat from * to * a total of 3 times, 7 db = 30 db.
Stuff around the music box.
Drop a light aqua strand and pick up a light terracotta strand.
Rnd 36: 30 db.
Rnd 37: 8 db, *2 db tog, 3 db*, repeat from * to * a total of 3 times, 8 db = 27 db.
Rnd 38: 7 db, *3 db, 2 db tog*, repeat from * to * a total of 3 times, 5 db = 24 db.
Rnd 39: 24 db.
Drop the other light aqua strand and pick up another light terracotta strand.
Rnd 40: 7 db, *2 db tog, 2 db*, repeat from * to * a total of 3 times, 5 db = 21 db.
Rnd 41: 6 db, *2 db, 2 db tog*, repeat from * to * a total of 3 times, 3 db = 18 db.
Rnd 42: 18 db.
Stuff the body some more.
Rnd 43: *4 db, 2 db tog*, repeat from * to * a total of 3 times = 15 db.
Rnd 44: *3 db, 2 db tog*, repeat from * to * a total of 3 times = 12 db.
Stuff the body a bit more.
Rnd 45: *2 db tog*, repeat from * to * a total of 6 times = 6 db.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Weave the tail through the reaming sts and pull tight to close.

FINDS X 2:
Begin with 2 light terracotta strands.
Rnd 1: 6 db in a mr = 6 db.
Rnd 2: *1 db, 2 db in next db*, repeat from * to * a total of 3 times = 9 db.
Rnd 3: 9 db.
Drop a light terracotta strand and pick up a light aqua strand.
Rnd 4: 2 db in next db, 8 db = 10 db.
Rnd 5: 5 db, 2 db in next db, 4 db = 11 db.
Rnd 6: 5 db, 2 db in next 2 db, 4 db = 13 db.
Drop the other light terracotta strand and pick up another light aqua strand.
Rnd 7: 6 db, 2 db in next 2 db, 5 db = 15 db.
Rnd 8: 2 db in next db, 6 db, 2 db in next 2 db, 6 db = 18 db.
Rnd 9: 18 db.
Drop a light aqua strand and pick up a nature strand.
Rnd 10-12: 18 db.
Drop the other light aqua strand and pick up another nature strand.
Rnd 13: 2 db tog, 6 db, 2 db tog, 2 db tog, 6 db = 15 db.
Rnd 14: 15 db.
Stuff the bottom of the find lightly. Insert a rattle box.
Rnd 15: 7 db, 2 db tog, 2 db tog, 4 db = 13 db.
Drop a nature strand and pick up a light kaki strand.
Rnd 16: 13 db.
Rnd 17: 6 db, 2 db tog, 2 db tog, 3 db = 11 db.
Rnd 18: 11 db.
Flatten the opening and close it with 5 db. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Do not stuff.

BELLY:
Use 2 nature strands.
Row 1: 7 cs, turn.
Row 2: Begin in 2nd cs from hook: 2 db in next db, 1 db, 2 db in next db, 2 db, 2 db in next db = 9 db.
Row 3: 1 cs, turn, 1 db, *1 bs, 2 db*, repeat from * to * a total of 2 times, 1 bs, 1 db = 3 bs.
Row 4: 1 cs, turn, 2 db in next db, 3 db, 2 db in next db, 3 db, 2 db in next db = 12 db.
Row 5: 1 cs, turn, 1 db, *1 bs, 2 db*, repeat from * to * a total of 3 times, 1 bs, 1 db = 4 bs.
Row 6: 1 cs, turn, 2 db in next db, 5 db, 2 db in next db, 4 db, 2 db in next db = 15 db.
Row 7: 1 cs, turn, 1 db, *1 bs, 2 db*, repeat from * to * a total of 4 times, 1 bs, 1 db = 5 bs.
Row 8: 1 cs, turn, 2 db in next db, 6 db, 2 db in next db, 6 db, 2 db in next db = 18 db.
Row 9: 1 cs, turn, 1 db, *1 bs, 2 db*, repeat from * to * a total of 5 times, 1 bs, 1 db = 6 bs.
Row 10: 18 db.
Row 11: 1 cs, turn, 1 db, *1 bs, 2 db*, repeat from * to * a total of 5 times, 1 bs, 1 db = 6 bs.
Row 12: 18 db.
Row 13: 1 cs, turn, 1 db, *1 bs, 2 db*, repeat from * to * a total of 5 times, 1 bs, 1 db = 6 bs.
Row 14: 9 db, mark the last st you made, 9 db.
Row 15: 1 cs, turn, 1 db, *1 bs, 2 db*, repeat from * to * a total of 5 times, 1 bs, 1 db = 6 bs.
Row 16: 1 cs, turn, 2 db tog, 6 db, 2 db tog, 6 db, 2 db tog = 15 db.
Row 17: 1 cs, turn, 1 db, *1 bs, 2 db*, repeat from * to * a total of 4 times, 1 bs, 1 db = 5 bs.
Row 18: 15 db.
Row 19: 1 cs, turn, 1 db, *1 bs, 2 db*, repeat from * to * a total of 4 times, 1 bs, 1 db = 5 bs.
Row 20: 1 cs, turn, 2 db tog, 4 db, 2 db tog, 5 db, 2 db tog = 12 db.

Row 21: 1 cs, turn, 1 db, *1 bs, 2 db*, repeat from * to * a total of 3 times, 1 bs, 1 db = 4 bs.
Row 22: 15 db.
Row 23: 1 cs, turn, 1 db, *1 bs, 2 db*, repeat from * to * a total of 3 times, 1 bs, 1 db = 4 bs.
Row 24: 1 cs, turn, 2 db tog, 3 db, 2 db tog, 3 db, 2 db tog = 9 db.
Row 25: 1 cs, turn, 1 db, *1 bs, 2 db*, repeat from * to * a total of 2 times, 1 bs, 1 db = 3 bs.
Row 26: 1 cs, turn, 2 db tog, 1 db, 2 db tog, 2 db, 2 db tog = 6 db.
Row 27: 1 cs, turn, 1 db, 1 bs, 2 db, 1 bs, 1 db = 2 bs.
Row 28: 1 cs, turn, *2 db tog*, repeat from * to * a total of 3 times = 3 db.
Row 29: 1 cs, turn, 1 db, 1 bs, 1 db = 1 bs.
Now, crochet around the belly. Work *1 db, 2 db in next db* in the row-ends and 1 db in every db along the top and bottom.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

TAIL:
Begin with 2 petrol strands.
Row 1: 22 cs, turn.
Row 2: Begin in 2nd cs from the hook: 1 db, 9 htr, [2 htr, 2 cs, 2 htr] in next cs, 9 htr, 1 db.
Drop a petrol strand and pick up a light kaki strand.
Row 3: 1 cs, turn, 1 db, [1 db, 2 htr, 3 tr, 2 htr, 3 db] in BLO, [1 db, 2 cs, 1 db] in chain space, [3 db, 2 htr, 3 tr, 2 htr, 1 db] in BLO, 1 db.
Drop the other petrol strand and pick up another light kaki strand.
Row 4: 1 cs, turn, 1 db, [1 db, 2 htr, 3 tr, 3 htr, 3 db] in BLO, [1 db, 2 cs, 1 db] in chain space, [3 db, 3 htr, 3 tr, 2 htr, 1 db] in BLO, 1 db.
Drop a light kaki strand and pick up a light aqua strand.
Row 5: 1 cs, turn, 1 db, [1 db, 2 htr, 3 tr, 4 htr, 3 db] in BLO, [1 db, 2 cs, 1 db] in chain space, [3 db, 4 htr, 3 tr, 2 htr, 1 db] in BLO, 1 db.
Fasten off and weave in the ends.
Hold the tail so that the side with two rows of remaining front loops faces you. Using 2 light aqua strands, pull up a loop in the far-right petrol st of the tail. Now work as follows:
Row 6: 1 db in the 4 row-ends, 15 db in BLO, 3 db in chain space, 15 db in BLO, 1 db in the 4 row-ends.
Fasten off and weave in the ends.

EYELIDS X 2:
Use 2 light kaki strands.
Row 1: 12 cs, turn.
Row 2: Begin in 2nd cs from the hook: 1 db, 2 htr, 2 tr, 2 tr in next cs, 2 tr, 2 htr, 1 db = 12 st.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Do not stuff.

EYES X 2:
Begin with 2 black strands.
Rnd 1: 6 db in a mr = 6 db.
Rnd 2: 2 db in every db = 12 db.
Change to 2 nature strands.
Rnd 3: *1 db, 2 db in next db*, repeat from * to * a total of 6 times = 18 db.
Rnd 4: 18 db.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Stuff when assembling.

BLOWHOLE:
The blowhole consists of two parts: the blowhole and the blow with a cord for hanging.
Use 1 light kaki strand and 1 nature strand.
Rnd 1: 6 db in a mr = 6 db (do not tighten the mr too much).
Rnd 2: 2 db in FLO of every db = 12 db.
Rnd 3: 12 db in BLO.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Weave in the end along the edge with the remaining front loops.

BLOW:
Use 2 nature strands.
Pull up a loop in a remaining back loop of rnd 2 (there should be 6 back loops in total).
Rnd 1: *15 cs, turn. Begin in 2nd cs from the hook: 2 db in every cs, 1 sls in next db on the blowhole, 1 sls in next db on the blowhole*, repeat from * to * a total of 3 times = 3 blows.
Fasten off and weave in the ends.

CORD FOR HANGING:
Use 2 nature strands.
Pull up a loop on the back of the blowhole. 70 cs. Fasten off and attach the cord to the underside of the blowhole. Now, take a needle or a crochet hook and pull the chain up through the blowhole.

BEAD FOR THE STRING:

Use 2 light kaki strands.
Rnd 1: 6 db in a mr = 6 db.
Rnd 2: *1 db, 2 db in next db*, repat from * to * a total of 3 times = 9 db.
Rnd 3: 9 db.
Rnd 4: *1 db, 2 db tog*, repeat from * to * a total of 3 times = 6 db.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

ASSEMBLY:

Sew the belly onto rnd 4-40 of the body on the opposite side of the decreases. Pull the string from the music box through the marked st.

Sew the eyes onto the sides of the body, over rnd 17-22, approx. 3 db over the belly. Then place the eyelids over the eyes at a slight angle overlapping the eyes and sew them on.

Place the finds in a diagonal line under the eyes with the arc facing downwards and sew them onto the sides of the body, over rnd 21-25.

Place the tail at the tip of the body, over rnd 41-45. Using the yarn tail from the body, sew the chain-space of the tail to the body.

Sew the blowhole to the top of the body, over rnd 20-23.

Take the bead and pull the string from the music box through the mr and the wooden ring. Now make an adjustable knot. Place the bead over the knot, fasten off, and tighten. The length of the string is adjustable.