

Hi there!

Due to the unexpected popularity of this project, I've decided to post some instructions so you can make something similar too.

I went to a workshop to make the house so 1: I don't really have a "pattern" and 2: Even if I had one, I would not be entitled to share it since it's not something I've created. Also, the exact pattern probably won't be very useful to you anyway because it was conceived for that specific structure and that specific fabric yarn and hook size.

So, I'm giving you some guidelines I think can be helpful.

If you want to make a house, first you need some kind of structure. Yarn, or cotton fabric in this case, is not sturdy enough so the house would collapse. My structure was made on purpose from wire by a man who makes lamps. It's basically the structure beneath the lamp shade of a lamp, but with one of the sides "open" so it can have a door.

Something like this would be perfect. You should remove two of the vertical wires to create hole for the door.



Or if you are crafty enough, maybe you can create your own structure.

I used a 10 mm hook.

Here a conversion chart for US hook sizes

<http://www.hassdesign.com/BasicFiletTechniques/CrochetHooksAndThread/>

The thread I used is like t-shirt fabric. I guess it's called T-shirt yarn.

If you can't find it easily, I'll suggest you use the thicker yarn you can get.

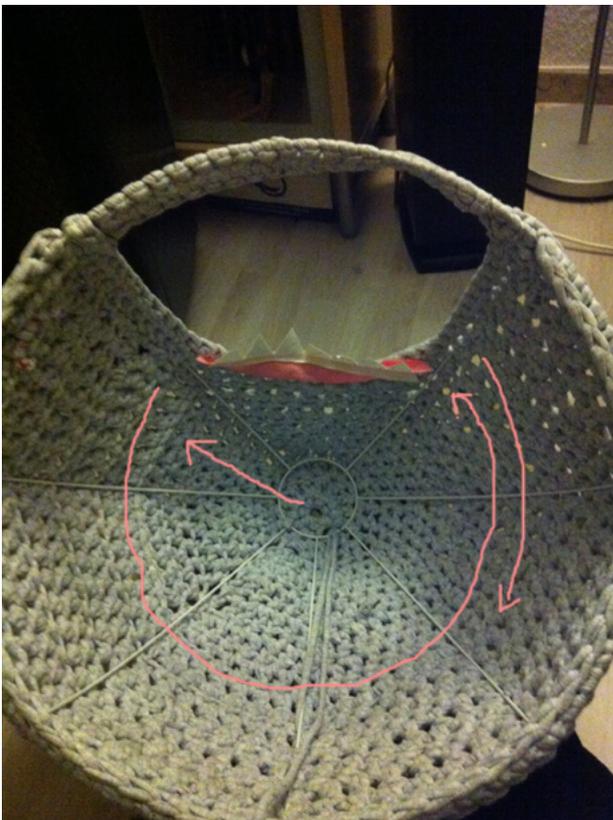
Then you have to start crocheting on the round, starting from the top of the house. I made it all in double crochet because I wanted it to have holes. Cats love to "spy"...

You have to keep on crocheting following the structure you have, increasing or decreasing to adapt to it. The number of rows and stitches will depend on your structure and the yarn

you are using. It's very important that you keep laying down your creation over the structure every one or two rows, to check it fits and you are on the right path ☺
This is the house from above:



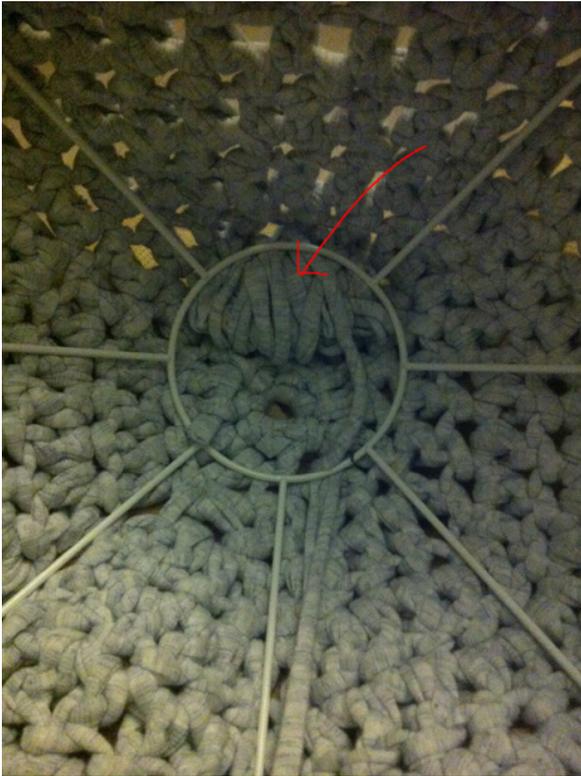
When you reach the height where you want to start the “mouth” of the shark (or any other animal you want), you stop crocheting on the round and start crocheting back and forth, until you cover the whole structure.



(The first arrow from the center shows all the part up to the mouth where you crochet in the round. The other arrows correspond to the rest of the house you crochet back and forth.)

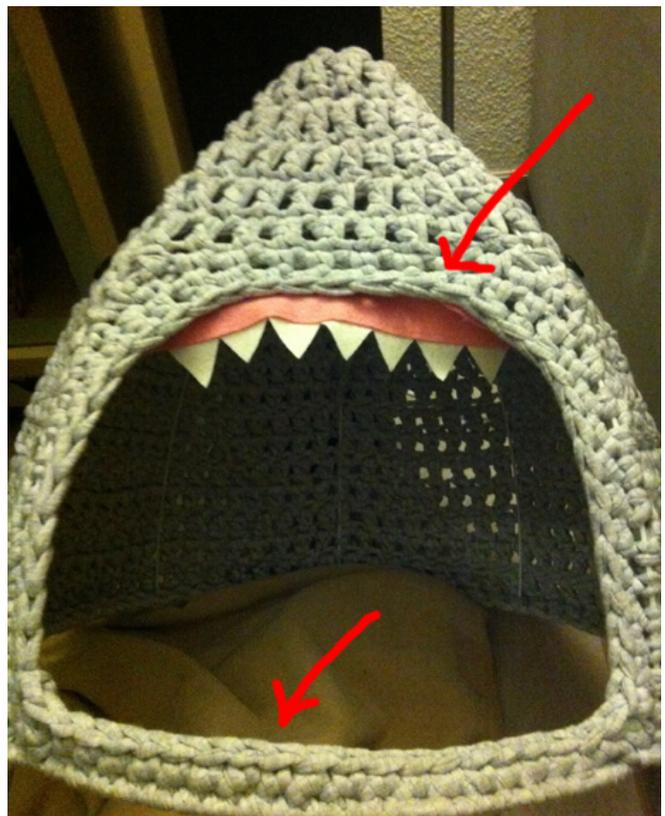
Slip stitch or single crochet all around the mouth so the edges look more even. <- you can also correct here any mistakes you find like if a row is slightly shorter than the others or if the wires show...

In order to achieve this pointy “nose” of the shark I just simply made a ball with the remaining yarn and stuck it there inside.



To fix the crocheted layer to the structure, crochet all around the base with slip stitch or single crochet, picking the wire structure as you go. If you want the structure to be washable, you can make this last row separated from the rest, so when you want to wash it, you'll just have to undo this last row to separate the fabric from the wire.

To make the fin: just make a triangle. Start with any number of stitches you want for the long edge and diminish one stitch in every row. If you think you are not decreasing fast enough, try decreasing two stitches in every row. I made it with single crochet. Then slip stitch all around for a smoother finishing.



And that's mainly everything.

I made the teeth with felt and just hand sewn it in place.

I hope this is somehow useful to you!