

## Crocodile Stitch in Zauberball

*This is a work in progress...not sure what I want to make with this intriguing stitch which is known as either Crocodile Stitch or Fish Scales.*

*So here are the instructions ....but what you do with them is up to you!*

### You Will Need

- 1 (or many!) ball(s) of Zauberball 100
- 3.25 mm crochet hook

### Abbreviations

ch: chain, sl st: slip stitch, tr: treble

### Instructions



The pattern consists of **Post Rows** and **Scale Rows**. On the Post rows, you are setting up the foundation for the scales to be crocheted upon on the following row. The post rows consist of 2 posts coming from the one stitch, then a gap before the next set of posts. The scale is worked from top to bottom of the first post, then from bottom to top of the second post. You will need to turn your work at right angles to work around the posts.

Chain 40...(pattern is multiples of 6 plus 4)

**1<sup>st</sup> Row: Post Row:** 1tr into 4<sup>th</sup> chain from hook, \*ch2, skip 2 sts, 2 tr in next stitch, repeat from \* to the end of the row. Turn. (13 sets of posts and 12 gaps)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Row: 7 Scales Row:** 3 ch, 4 tr down the first post, 1 ch, 5 tr up the second post, \*1 ch, miss one set of posts, 5 tr down the next post, 1 ch, 5 tr up the next post, repeat from \* to end . Turn. (7 scales)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Post Row** sl st to 1<sup>st</sup> chain space in the middle of the 1<sup>st</sup> scale, 3 ch, tr into same space, \*2 ch, 2 tr in the next 1 ch space (between the next set of posts, catching the chain on the previous round at the same time), 2 ch, 2 tr into next 1 ch space (in the middle of next scale), repeat from \* end of row. Turn. (13 sets of posts and 12 gaps)

**4<sup>th</sup> Row: 6 Scale Row:** \*1 ch, skip the next set of posts, 5 tr down the next post, 1 ch, 5 tr up the next post, repeat from \* until 6 scales have been worked , sl st in last 2 trs. Turn (6 scales)

**5<sup>th</sup> row: Post Row:** 3 ch, tr into same space, \*2 ch, 2 tr in the next 1 ch space, 2 ch, 2 tr into next 1 ch space ,repeat from \* end of row. Turn. (13 sets of posts and 12 gaps)

Repeat rows 2 -5 until work is length required.