Amigurumi Axolotl Crochet Pattern

✂ Materials

- **Yarn:** plush/chenille (pink + white)
- **Hook:** size for yarn
- Soft pink yarn (main)
- White yarn (for belly)
- Dark pink or red yarn (for gills + tail fin)
- Black safety eyes (8–10 mm)
- Black embroidery thread (for mouth)
- Polyester fiberfill stuffing
- Stitch marker, yarn needle, scissors

HEAD + BELLY (One Piece)

With soft pink yarn:

R1. MR, 6 sc .... (6)
R2. inc × 6 .... (12)
R3. (sc, inc) × 6 .... (18)
R4. (2 sc, inc) × 6 .... (24)
R5. (3 sc, inc) × 6 .... (30)
R6. (4 sc, inc) × 6 .... (36)
R7. (8 sc, inc) × 4 .... (40)
R8. sc in each st .... (40)
R9. (8 sc, dec) × 4 .... (36)
R10. (7 sc, dec) × 4 .... (32)
R11. (6 sc, dec) × 4 .... (28)
R12. sc in each st .... (28)

- Place **safety eyes between R7–R8**, about 7–8 stitches apart.
- Embroider the smile around **R9–R10**.
- Stuff the head firmly as you go.

NECK (2 rounds, 28 sts)

R13. sc in each st .... (28)
R14. sc in each st .... (28)

This gives a small straight neck.

BODY

Round 15 – start of body

R15. *(6 sc, inc) × 4* .... (32, all pink)

From here, you can join rounds if you want the belly patch perfectly straight:
sl st to first st, ch 1, then work joined rounds. (Stitch counts stay the same.)

Belly patch (rows 16–21)
Switch to white yarn for belly (centered):

R16. 14 sc pink, 4 sc white, 14 sc pink .... (32) → belly white width = **4**

R17. 14 sc pink, sc white, inc white, sc white, inc white, 14 sc pink............... (34)
  → belly white width = **6**
  (2 increases placed inside the white patch)

R18. 14 sc pink, sc white, inc white, 2 sc white, inc white, sc white, 14 sc pink .... (36)
  → belly white width = **8**
  (again +2 stitches inside the white)

R19. 14 sc pink, 8 sc white, 14 sc pink .... (36) → belly white width = **8** (no inc/dec here)

R20. 14 sc pink, sc white, dec white, sc white, sc white, dec white, sc white,14 sc pink...... (34)
  → belly white width = **6**
  (2 decreases inside the white patch)

R21. 14 sc pink, white, dec white, sc white, dec white, 14 sc pink .... (32)
  → belly white width = **4**

Bottom of the body (rounds 22–25, all pink):

Switch fully back to **pink**.

R22. sc in each st .... (32)
R23. (2 sc, dec) × 8 .... (24)
R24. (sc, dec) × 8 .... (16)
R25. dec × 8 .... (8)

Fasten off, weave the tail through the 8 remaining sts and pull tight to close.
Finish stuffing before closing so the bottom is nicely rounded.

💪 ARMS (Make 2)

With soft pink yarn:

R1. MR, 5 sc → (5)
R2–7. sc around→ (5)
Stuff lightly. Fasten off, leave tail for sewing.
Stuffing note:
you can Lightly stuff the arm, but **add more stuffing in the bottom part** (the "hand") and leave the top softer or almost unstuffed. This makes the hand look chubbier and keeps the top flexible so it curves nicely when sewn to the body.

💪 ARMS (Make 2)

LEGS (Make 2)

With soft pink yarn:

R1. MR, 6 sc → (6)
R2. (sc, inc) × 3 → (9)
R3. Sc around→ (9)
R4. (sc,dec)x3→ (6)
R5–6. sc around→ (6)
add more stuffing in the bottom part and leave the top softer. Fasten off, leave tail for sewing.

🐟 TAIL (With Fin)

Tail Base – With soft pink yarn:

- R**1.** MR, 8 sc .... (8)
- R**2.** inc in next 6 sts, sc in last 2 sts .... (14)
- R**3.** sc around .... (14)
- R**4.** 5 sc, dec, 5 sc, dec .... (12)
- R**5.** 3 sc, dec, 4 sc, dec, 1 sc .... (10)
- R**6.** 2 sc, dec, 3 sc, dec, 1 sc .... (8)
- R**7.** 2 sc, dec, 2 sc, dec .... (6)
- R**8.** Sc, dec, sc, dec .... (4)
- R**9.** dec × 2 .... (2)

Stuff lightly. Fasten off.

Stuffing note:

Stuff the cone lightly, putting a bit more stuffing near the wider top and very little in the last rows so the tip stays neat and pointy.

Tail Fin – With dark pink yarn:

- R**1.** MR, 6 sc, join with sl st to first st .... (6)
- R**2.** ch 1, inc in each st around, join .... (12)
- R**3.** ch 1, (sc, inc) × 6, join .... (18)

FO, leave a tail for sewing if you prefer (or weave in and use the cone tail).
Sew to tip of the tail.
Sew the tail securely to the lower backside of the body.

❁ EXTERNAL GILLS (Make 6)

With dark pink or red yarn:

- **Option 1 – 3D Puffy Gills**

With dark pink plush yarn, in spiral rounds:

R1. MR, 4 sc → (4)

R2. (sc, inc) × 2 → (6)

R3–5. sc around → (6)

R6. (sc, dec) × 2 → (4)

R7. dec × 2 → (2)

- FO, weave tail through last 2 sts and pull tight.
- Stuff firmly in the middle so they look nice and plump.

- **Option 2 – Flat Leaf-Style Gills**

This is the flat version you suggested, just cleaned up so it's smooth and slightly leaf-shaped.

With dark pink yarn:

- R1. Ch 6.
- Starting from 2nd ch from hook, work in one side of the chain: sc, hdc, dc, hdc, sc in last ch.
- Now rotate and work along the other side of the chain: Ch 1, sc, hdc, dc, hdc, sc.

FO, leave a tail for sewing.

Sew 3 gills to each side of the head evenly spaced.

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

1. Attach arms to both sides around R14–R15 of the body.
2. Sew legs slightly forward at the bottom (R22–R24).
3. Attach the tail to the back center-bottom of the body.
4. Sew external gills evenly on both sides of the head.
5. Optional: embroider blush or add cheeks.