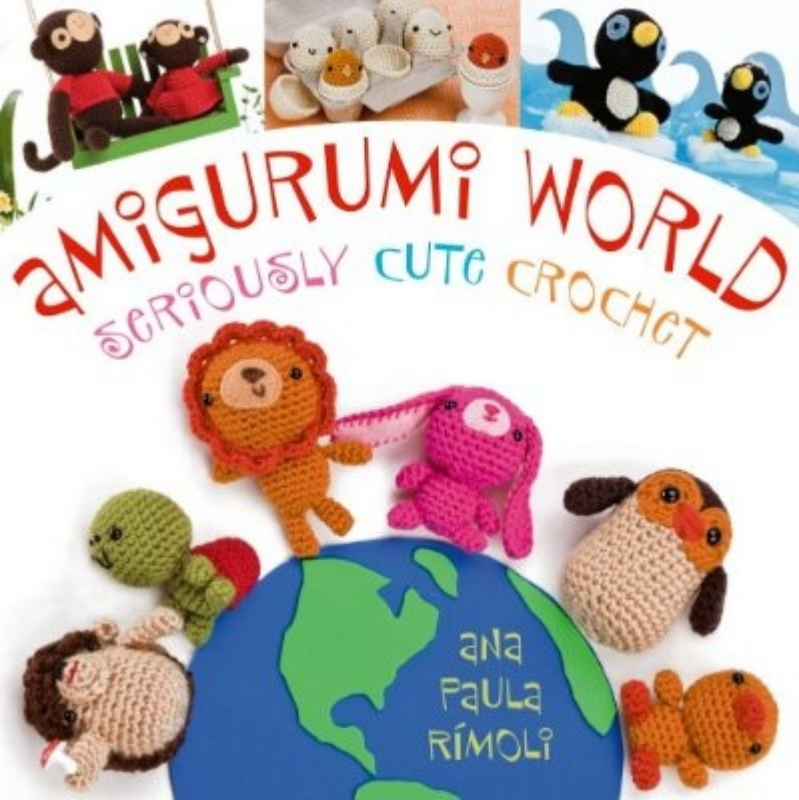




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INTRODUCTION

I was born in Montevideo, the capital city of Uruguay. I learned to crochet there when I was seven years old, and I've been crocheting for over 20 years. Once my daughters, Oli and Martina, were born, I lost patience (and no longer had time) for long, elaborate projects, so I started making little toys for them instead. Searching the Internet, I discovered amazing pictures of

amigurumi, which is roughly translated from Japanese as "knitted stuffed toy."

The little toys were extremely cute and I wanted to make some, but I couldn't find any patterns in English—so I started making my own. A couple of toys later, I was totally hooked and couldn't stop. I'm sure you'll find making these little creatures as addictive and fun as I have.

Most of the "amis" (as they're affectionately called) in the book can be finished in a couple of hours and make great presents for kids and grown-ups alike (lots of people are now collecting them). Amigurumi are crocheted in the round, mainly using a simple crochet stitch, and they're easy and fun. After you make a couple of toys, you'll be designing your own in no time!

HAPPY, HAPPY CROCHETING!
~ANA



GENERAL GUIDELINES

A few basic tools and simple crochet skills are all you need to make these delightful amigurumi.

YARN

All of the toys in this book are crocheted using worsted-weight yarn and a size G/6 (4 mm) crochet hook for the larger toys and a size F/5 (3.75 mm) or E/4 (3.5 mm) hook for the smaller toys. A list of the yarn brands I used for the samples in the book can be found on page 79, but it doesn't really matter which brand you use.

Making amigurumi is a great way to use up all your leftover yarn. Choose colors similar to mine, or be creative and come up with your own color combinations!

People often ask how many toys you can make from one 100-gram skein of worsted-weight yarn. While it varies, depending on the pattern and how tightly you crochet, I can usually get two to three sets of the larger animals, and many, many small toys from just one 100-gram skein of main color. Of course you'll need other colors for some body parts and embellishments.

GAUGE, TENSION, AND HOOK SIZES

The measurements given for each toy are approximate and based on the way I crochet. I crochet pretty tightly, and my gauge is as follows:

4 sts and 5 rows = 1" with G hook and worsted-weight yarn

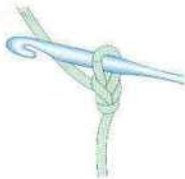
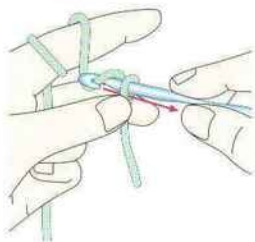
5 sts and 6 rows = 1" with F hook and worsted-weight yarn

The finished toy size, however, isn't really that important, so don't worry if your gauge is different than mine. Depending on your tension and the yarn you use, your toys might end up being a little bit smaller or larger than the ones I made. Changing to a bigger or smaller hook will give you a bigger or smaller toy, respectively.

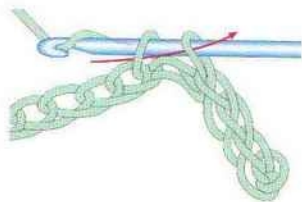
STITCHES

Simple stitches are used for these amigurumi projects, which make them perfect for beginners.

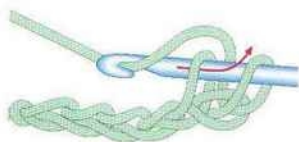
Chain (ch): Make a slipknot and place it on the hook. YO, draw the yarn through the slip knot, letting the slip knot slide off the hook. *YO, draw the yarn through the new loop, letting the loop slide off the hook. Repeat from * for the desired number of chains.



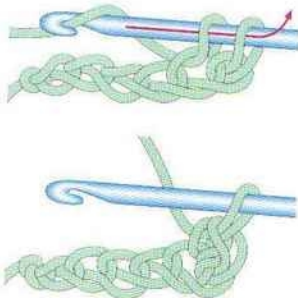
Slip Stitch (sl st): A slip stitch is used to move across one or more stitches. Insert the hook into the stitch, yarn over the hook, and pull through both stitches at once.



Single Crochet (sc): *Insert the hook into the chain or stitch indicated, yarn over the hook, and pull through the chain or stitch (two loops remain on hook).

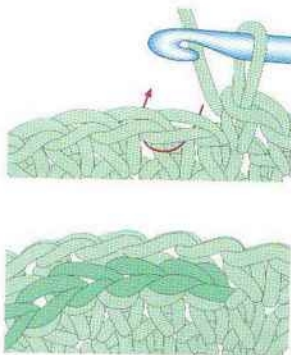


Yarn over the hook and pull through the remaining two loops on the hook. Repeat from * for the required number of stitches.

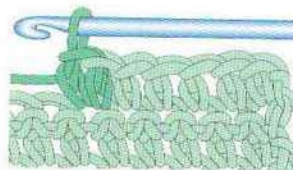


Back post single crochet (BPsc):

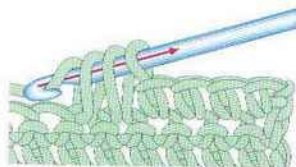
Insert the hook from the back around the vertical section, or post, of the single crochet stitch in the previous row, and complete the single crochet stitch as usual. Repeat as directed to get nice, slightly raised, braidlike row of stitches.



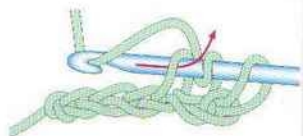
Single Crochet Increase: Work two single crochet stitches into the same stitch.



Single Crochet Decrease (dec): (Insert hook into the next stitch, yarn over, pull up a loop) twice; yarn over and pull through all three loops on the hook.



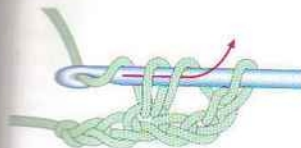
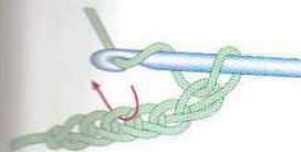
Half Double Crochet (hdc): *Yarn over the hook, insert hook into chain or stitch indicated. Yarn over the hook and pull through the stitch (three loops remain on hook),



Yarn over the hook and pull through all three loops on hook. Rep from * for the required number of stitches.



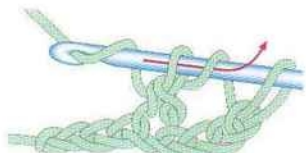
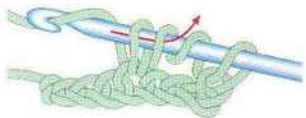
Double Crochet (dc): *Yarn over the hook, insert hook into chain or stitch indicated. Yarn over the hook and pull through the stitch (three loops are on hook); yarn over the hook and pull through two loops on hook (two loops remain on hook).



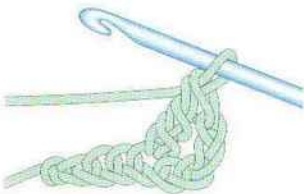
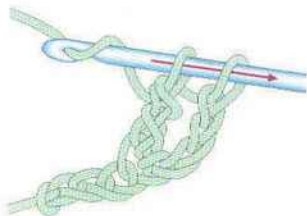
Yarn over the hook and pull through the remaining two loops on hook (one loop remains on hook). Rep from * for the required number of stitches.



Triple Crochet (tr): *Yarn over the hook twice, insert hook into chain or stitch indicated. *Yarn over the hook and pull through the stitch (four loops on hook); yarn over the hook and pull through two loops on the hook (three loops remain on hook).

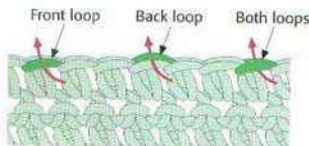


(Yarn over the hook and pull through two loops on hook) twice (one loop remains on hook). Repeat from * for the required number of stitches.



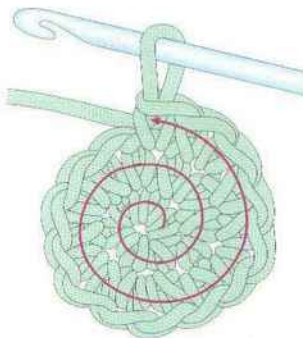
WORKING IN LOOPS

The majority of the stitches are worked in both loops of the stitches from the previous row. There are a few projects where you will work a row into the back loop or the front loop of the stitch.



CROCHETING IN THE ROUND

When crocheting in the round, I crochet around and around, forming a continuous spiral. To keep track of where the rounds begin and end you can mark the end or beginning of a round with a safety pin, stitch marker, or little piece of yarn pulled through one of the stitches. At the end of the last round, slip stitch in the first single crochet of the previous round and fasten yarn off.



ADDING FACES

Although I have used plastic eyes with safety backings on all of the toys, you can instead embroider the eyes, use buttons, or cut out and sew on little pieces of felt. For each pattern, eye sizes are given in millimeters.

SAFETY

Plastic eyes with safety backings are pretty impossible to take out. I would not, however, give a toy with plastic eyes (or buttons) to a child younger than three years old. Cut-out felt eyes or embroidered eyes are a better choice for young children.

The templates for the muzzles and any other pieces to be cut from felt are included with each project. Cut the felt pieces with sharp scissors to get nice, smooth edges. Using embroidery floss and a needle, I use simple stitches to "draw" the faces on the felt before attaching the felt pieces to the face. To insert plastic eyes in a felt circle, cut a small slit in the felt, just enough to push the stem of the eye through. For very small felt pieces around an eye, you don't need to sew the felt to the face, because the felt will be secured by the eye itself. Sew pieces of felt on with a sharp needle and matching sewing thread, using a very small running stitch close to the edge of the piece.

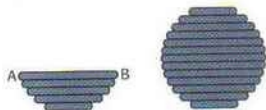
Needle: For a simple mouth, bring the needle out at point A, insert needle at point B, leaving a loose strand of yarn to form the mouth. Once you're happy with the shape of the mouth, bring the needle out again at point C, cross over the loose strand of yarn, and insert the needle at point D to make a tiny stitch. Secure ends on wrong side.



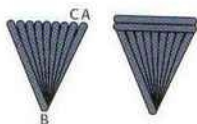
For a satin stitch mouth (as seen on Baby Octopus and her Mommy), make a simple mouth as shown below. Then work a very small satin stitch around the curve of the mouth, working the stitches very close together. Make sure to catch a piece of yarn from the face every so often to keep the mouth in place.



Satin stitch noses and eyes: Bring needle out through point A, insert in point B, and repeat, following the shape you want for the nose or eyes and making sure to work stitches really close together. Secure ends on wrong side.



Another option for embroidering a nose is to work from a center point upward. Bring the needle up from underneath at point A; insert the needle at point B. Bring the needle up at point C, very close to point A. Insert the needle back into point B. Continue working stitches close to each other to create a triangle, making sure to always insert the needle back into point B. When you are satisfied with the triangle, make two long stitches across the top of the nose to help define it.



STUFFING

Stuff your toys firmly so they retain their shape and don't look too "droopy." Be careful not to overstuff them, though, because the stuffing will stretch the fabric and may show through the stitches.

I always use polyester fiberfill stuffing because it's nonallergenic, won't bunch up, and it's washable, which is always good when you're making toys! If you do wash the toys, make sure you follow the yarn care instructions on the label.

JOINING THE EXTREMITIES

I always use a tapestry needle and the same color yarn as the pieces (or at least one of the pieces) that I want to

join together. When sewing pieces to the body, make sure they are securely attached so that little fingers can't pull them off.

On some animals the opening of the extremities will remain open for sewing onto the body; the instructions will tell you when to leave them open. Position the piece on the body and sew all around it, going through the front stitches of both the extremity and the body.

On other animals, the opening of the extremities will be sewn closed before being attached to the body. To do this, pinch the opening closed, line up the stitches of one side with the other side and sew through the front loop of one side and the back loop of the other side. Position the piece where you want it on the body and sew.



ABBREVIATIONS AND GLOSSARY

*	repeat directions between * and * as many times as indicated	rep	repeat
BPsc	back post single crochet	rnd	round
ch	chain	sc	single crochet
dc	double crochet	sk	skip
dec	decrease (see "Single Crochet Decrease" on page 10)	sl st	slip st
hdc	half double crochet	st(s)	stitch(es)
R	round(s)	tog	together
rem	remaining	tr	triple crochet



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Valentine BEARS

*Everybody needs a little teddy bear (or two).
Valentino and Valentina are the perfect size;
they are super fast to make and the
sweetest little pair to give as a present.*



FINISHED SIZES

Girl and boy bears: Approx 5½"/14 cm tall
Depending on your tension and yarn choice, finished sizes may vary.

MATERIALS

Worsted-weight yarn in brown, pink, red, and white
Size G/6 (4 mm) crochet hook
9 mm plastic eyes with safety backings
Small piece of tan craft felt
Sewing thread and sharp needle
Black embroidery floss and tapestry needle
Fiberfill or stuffing of your choice
Small beads or buttons for earrings

GIRL OR BOY BEAR

HEAD

Using brown yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second chain from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R4: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R5: *Sc 3, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (30 sts)

R6-13: Sc 30.

R14: *Sc 3, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R15: *Sc 2, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

Work on face: Attach eyes. Cut muzzle from felt and embroider nose and mouth. Sew muzzle to head.

R16: Sc 18.

Stuff almost to the top.

R17: *Sc 1, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (12 sts)
Finish stuffing.

Fasten off and weave in loose ends.

EARS (Make 2)

Using brown yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second chain from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3-4: Sc 12.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing, and sew to head.

Sew little buttons or beads to Valentina's ears for earrings.

BODY

Start with red yarn if making Valentino and with white yarn (underwear) if making Valentina.

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second chain from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R4: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R5-8: Sc 24.

For girl:

R9: Change to skirt color, sc 24.

R10: Sc 24 through back loops only (you'll use the front loops later when crocheting the skirt).

R11: Sc 24.

For boy:

R9-11: Sc 24.

For both:

R12: *Sc 2, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R13: Sc 18.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Stuff and sew to head.

ARMS AND LEGS (Make 2 of each)

Using brown yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 8 sc in second chain from hook.

R2: Sc 8.

For arms: Rep R2 another 7 times.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Stuff, sew open end tog, and sew to body.

For legs: Rep R2 another 5 times.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Stuff and sew to body.

SKIRT FOR GIRL

Using pink yarn,

Holding the bear upside down (legs up in the air), join yarn at back of body to one of the front loops you left in R10 of the body.

R1: Sc 24 through front loops all around the body.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (48 sts)

R3: Sc 48.

Rep R3 until you're happy with the skirt length.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

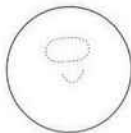
SCARF FOR BOY

Using pink yarn,

Loosely ch 40, turn.

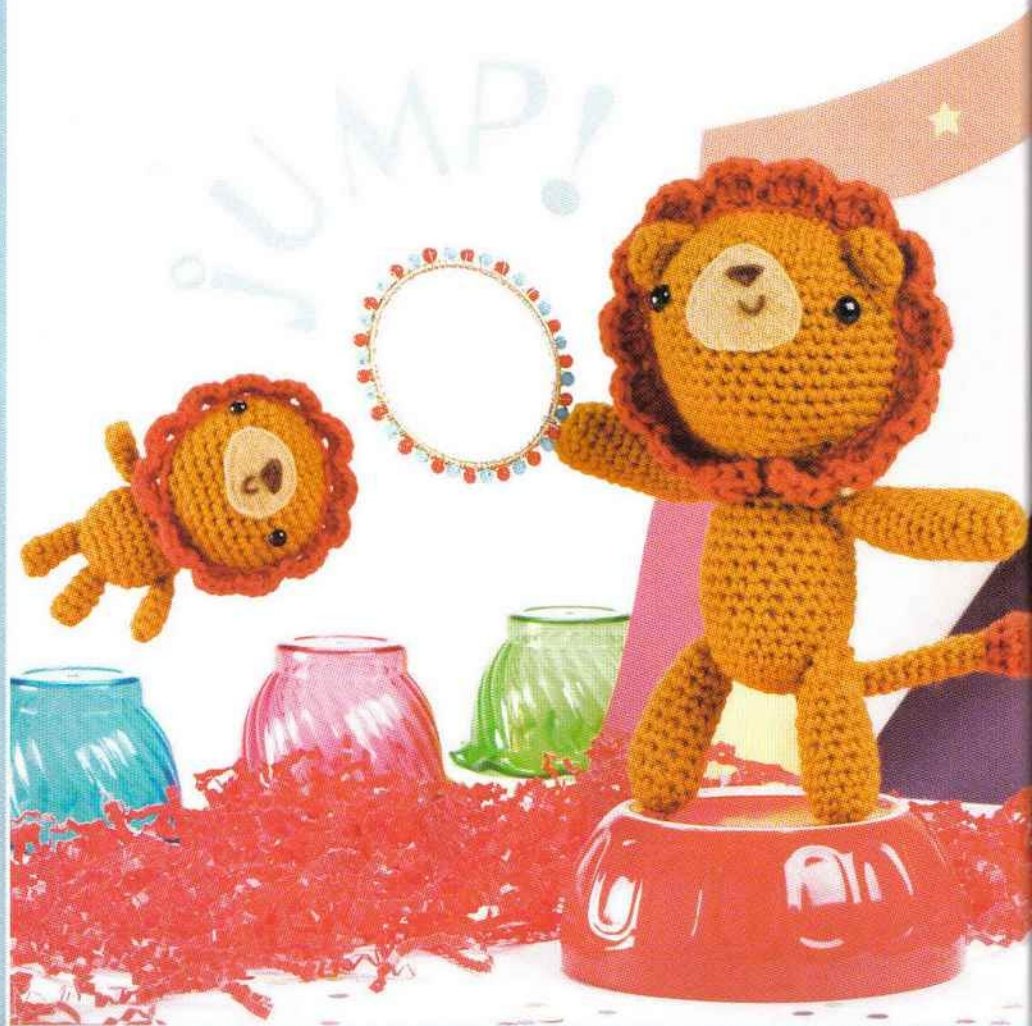
Ch 2, hdc in third ch from hook and in each ch across.

Fasten off and weave in ends.



Bear muzzle





BABY LION AND HIS DADDY

When I was little, my cousins and I used to go to a small zoo in the countryside where a single lion was kept in the saddest cage. He would stand on his hind legs, jump on the bars, roar, and scare us silly. I always thought he was so sad all by himself in that horrible place. All these years later, I still think about him once in a while, and I just had to make him a friend and imagine him all happiness and smiles.



FINISHED SIZES

Daddy: Approx 7½"/19 cm tall

Baby: Approx 4"/10 cm tall

Depending on your tension and yarn choice, finished sizes may vary.

MATERIALS

Worsted-weight yarn in gold and orange

Size G/6 (4 mm) and E/4 (3.50 mm) crochet hooks

6 mm and 9 mm plastic eyes with safety backings

Small piece of tan craft felt

Sewing thread and sharp needle

Brown embroidery floss and tapestry needle

Fiberfill or stuffing of your choice

DADDY

Use gold yarn for everything except the mane and the tip of the tail.

HEAD

Using G hook,

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R4: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R5: *Sc 3, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (30 sts)

R6: *Sc 4, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (36 sts)

R7: *Sc 5, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (42 sts)

R8-19: Sc 42.

R20: *Sc 5, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (36 sts)

R21: *Sc 4, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (30 sts)

Work on face: Attach eyes. Cut muzzle from felt, embroider nose and mouth, and sew muzzle to head.

R22: *Sc 3, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R23: *Sc 2, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R24: *Sc 1, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (12 sts)

Stuff head.

R25: *Sk 1 sc, sc 1*, rep 6 times. (6 sts)

Fasten off and weave in ends.

MANE

Using G hook and orange yarn,
Loosely ch 45.

4 tr in fourth ch from hook, sk 1 sc, sl st 1, *5 tr in next st, sk 1 sc, sl st 1, rep from * 13 times.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Sew both ends tog and place mane on lion's head as if it were a headband. When you're happy with the position of the mane, sew it in place.

EARS (Make 2)

Using G hook,

R1: Ch 2, 5 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (10 sts)

R3: Sc 10.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing, and sew to head in front of mane.

BODY

Using G hook,

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R4: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R5-14: Sc 24.

R15: *Sc 2, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R16 and 17: Sc 18.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Stuff and sew to head.

LEGS AND ARMS (Make 2 of each)

Using G hook,

R1: Ch 2, 5 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (10 sts)

Arms: R3-15: Sc 10.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Stuff, sew open end tog, and sew arm to body.

Legs: R3-12: Sc 10.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Stuff, sew open end tog, and sew leg to body.

TAIL

Using G hook and orange yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: Sc 6.

R3: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R4: *Sk 1 sc, sc 1*, rep 6 times. (6 sts)

Stuff end a little and change to gold yarn.

R5: Sc 6.

Rep R5 until tail is approx 3½"/9 cm long.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing, and sew to body.





YARN

Use gold yarn for everything except the mane.

HOOK

Using E hook.

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R4: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R5: *Sc 3, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (30 sts)

R6-14: Sc 30.

Work on face: Attach eyes. Cut muzzle from felt, embroider nose and mouth, and sew muzzle to head.

R15: *Sc 3, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R16: *Sc 2, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R17: *Sc 1, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (12 sts)

Stuff head.

R18: *Sk 1 sc, sc 1*, rep 6 times. (6 sts)

Fasten off and weave in ends.

MANE

Using E hook,

Loosely ch 38 sts.

4 hdc in third ch from hook, sk 1 sc, sl st 1, *5 hdc in next st, sk 1 sc, sl st 1*, rep from * 11 times.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Sew both ends tog and place mane on lion's head as if it were a headband. When you're happy with the position of the mane, sew it in place.

BODY

Using E hook,

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R4-8: Sc 18.

R9: *Sc 1, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (12 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Stuff and sew to head.

LEGS AND ARMS (Make 4)

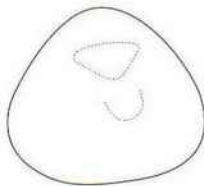
Using E hook,

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

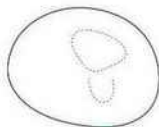
R2-5: Sc 6.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Lightly stuff arms, sew open end tog, and sew to body. Lightly stuff legs and sew to body.



Daddy lion muzzle



Baby lion muzzle

LUCKY PUP



PUPPY and HIS DaDDY

Talk about convenient dogs—they're already housebroken, they won't bark at strangers, and they make great cuddle friends! Did I mention they're also super quick to crochet?



FINISHED SIZES

Daddy: Approx 7"/17.75 cm long

Puppy: Approx 4½"/11.5 cm tall

Depending on your tension and yarn choice, finished sizes may vary.

MATERIALS

Worsted-weight yarn in black, orange, and brown

Size G/6 (4.50 mm) crochet hook

9 mm plastic eyes with safety backings

Black embroidery floss and tapestry needle

Fiberfill or stuffing of your choice



DADDY

NOSE

Using black yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 8 sc in second ch from hook,

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (16 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing,
and set aside.

EYE SPOT

Using brown yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3: Sc 5, 4 sc in next sc, sc 6.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing,
and set aside.

HEAD

The head is started from the nose end.

Using orange yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6
times. (18 sts)

R4: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6
times. (24 sts)

R5: *Sc 3, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6
times. (30 sts)

R6: *Sc 4, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6
times. (36 sts)

R7-16: Sc 36.

R17: *Sc 4, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (30 sts)
Sew nose to head.

R18 and 19: Sc 30.

R20: *Sc 3, dec 1*, rep 6 times (24 sts)

R21-23: Sc 24.

Work on face: Insert one eye into
center of the eye spot, attach eye
to head, and sew spot to head.
Attach second eye to head.
Embroider mouth.

R24: *Sc 2, dec 1*, rep 6 times.
(18 sts)

Stuff head almost to the top.

R25: *Sc 1, dec 1*, rep 6 times.
(12 sts)

Finish stuffing.

R26: *Sk 1 sc, sc 1*, rep 6 times.
(6 sts)

Fasten off and weave in ends.

EARS (Make 2)

Using brown yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 5 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (10 sts)

R3-11: Sc 10.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.
Stuff and sew to head.

BODY

Using orange yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6
times. (18 sts)

R4: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6
times. (24 sts)

R5: *Sc 3, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6
times. (30 sts)

R6-15: Sc 30.

R16: *Sc 3, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R17: Sc 24.

R18: *Sc 2, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R19-21: Sc 18.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.
Stuff and sew to head.

LEGS (Make 4)

Using orange yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 5 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (10 sts)

R3-9: Sc 10.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.
Stuff and sew to body.

To make a leg with a different color foot,
work R1-4 with one color, then work
the rem with another color.

TAIL

Using brown yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 5 sc in second ch from hook.

R2-4: Sc 5.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing,
and sew to body. No need to stuff
the tail.



PUPPY

NECK

Using black yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 5 sc in second ch from hook,

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (10 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing,
and set aside.

NOSE SPOT

Using orange yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 5 sc in second ch from hook,

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (10 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing,
and set aside.

HEAD

Using brown yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 5 sc in second ch from hook,

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (10 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 5
times. (15 sts)

R4: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 5
times. (20 sts)

R5: *Sc 3, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 5
times. (25 sts)

R6-13: Sc 25.

Work on face: Insert one eye into
center of eye spot, attach eye to
head, and sew spot to head.
Attach second eye to head. Sew
nose on head.

R14: *Sc 3, dec 1*, rep 5 times.
(20 sts)

R15-17: Sc 20.

R18: *Sc 2, dec 1*, rep 5 times.
(15 sts)

Stuff head almost to the top.

R19: *Sc 1, dec 1*, rep 5 times.
(10 sts)

Finish stuffing.

R20: *Sk 1 sc, sc 1*, rep 5 times.
(5 sts)

Fasten off and weave in ends.

EARS (Make 2)

Using brown yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 4 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (8 sts)

R3-7: Sc 8.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.
Stuff and sew to head.

BODY

Using brown yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 5 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (10 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 5
times. (15 sts)

R4: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 5
times. (20 sts)

R5-8: Sc 20.

R9: *Sc 2, dec 1*, rep 5 times. (15
sts)

R10-13: Sc 15.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.
Stuff and sew to head.

LEGS (Make 4)

Using brown yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 4 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (8 sts)

R3-6: Sc 8.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.
Stuff and sew to body.

Make 1 leg a different color if desired.

TAIL

Using orange yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 4 sc in second ch from hook.

R2 and 3: Sc 4.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for
sewing, and sew to body. No need
to stuff tail.

MONKEY TROUBLE



BABY MONKEY AND HER DADDY

Who doesn't love monkeys? They're fun, playful, and cute—and lots of fun to crochet, too! Make Daddy and Baby Monkey, and your little monkeys will jump around in joy. Just make sure they don't jump on the bed—they might bump their heads! To make Mommy monkey, add a skirt and earrings to the Daddy pattern.



FINISHED SIZES

Daddy: Approx. 10"/25.5 cm tall

Baby: Approx 6"/15 cm tall

Depending on your tension and yarn choice, finished sizes may vary.

MATERIALS

Worsted-weight yarn in brown and red

Size G/6 (4mm) crochet hook

9 mm plastic eyes with safety backings

Small piece of tan craft felt

Sewing thread and sharp needle

Brown embroidery floss and tapestry needle

Fiberfill or stuffing of your choice

2 little buttons or beads for earrings (4 buttons if making Mommy)



DADDY

HEAD

Using brown yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R4: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R5: *Sc 3, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (30 sts)

R6: *Sc 4, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (36 sts)

R7: *Sc 5, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (42 sts)

R8-19: Sc 42.

R20: *Sc 5, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (36 sts)

R21: *Sc 4, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (30 sts)

Work on face: Cut out muzzle and eye pieces from felt. Embroider nose and mouth on muzzle and sew to head. Cut a little slit in middle of eye pieces, put eyes through slit, and sew felt pieces to head.

R22: Sc 30.

R23: *Sc 3, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R24: *Sc 2, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R25: *Sc 1, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (12 sts)

Stuff head.

R26: *Sk 1 sc, sc 1*, rep 6 times. (6 sts)

Fasten off and weave in ends.

EARS (Make 2)

Using brown yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3-5: Sc 12.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing, and sew to head.

BODY

Using brown yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R4: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R5: *Sc 3, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (30 sts)

R6-11: Sc 30.

Change to red yarn.

For Daddy:

R12: Sc 30.

R13: BPsc 30.

If making Mommy:

R12: Sc 30 through back loops only (you'll use the front loops later when crocheting the skirt).

R13: Sc 30.

For both:

R14-20: Sc 30.

R21: *Sc 3, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R22: Sc 24.

R23: *Sc 2, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R24: Sc 18.

Stuff body.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing, and sew to head.

ARMS (Make 2)

Using brown yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3-23: Sc 12, stuffing as you go.

Change to red yarn.

R24: Sc 12.

R25: BPsc 12.

R26-35: Sc 12, stuffing as you go.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Sew open end tog and sew to body.

BOOTS (Make 2)

Using brown yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3-17: Sc 12, stuffing as you go.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing, and sew to body.

TAIL

Using brown yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 8 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: Sc 8.

Rep R2, stuffing as you go, until tail is approx 6"/15 cm long.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing, and sew to body.

SKIRT FOR MOMMY (optional)

Using red yarn,

Holding doll upside down (legs up in the air), join yarn at back of body to one of the front loops you left in R12 when making body.

R1: Sc 30 through front loops all around body.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (60 sts)

R3: Sc 60.

Rep R3 until you're happy with the skirt length.

Fasten off and weave in ends.





BABY

HEAD

Using brown yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R4: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R5: *Sc 3, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (30 sts)

R6–14: Sc 30.

Work on face: Cut out muzzle and eye pieces from felt. Embroider nose and mouth on muzzle and sew to head. Cut a little slit in middle of eye pieces, put eyes through slit, and sew felt pieces to head.

R15: *Sc 3, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R16: Sc 24.

R17: *Sc 2, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R18: *Sc 1, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (12 sts)

Stuff head.

R19: *Sk 1 sc, sc 1*, rep 6 times. (6 sts)

Fasten off and weave in ends.

EARS (Make 2)

Using brown yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 5 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (10 sts)

R3 and 4: Sc 10.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Sew little buttons or beads to ear lobes and sew ears to head.

BODY

Using brown yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R4: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R5 and 6: Sc 24.

Change to red yarn.

For girl:

R7: Sc 24 through back loops only (you'll use the front loops later when crocheting the skirt)

R8: Sc 24.

Head:

R1: Sc 24.

R2: Sc 24.

R3: Sc 24.

R4: Sc 24.

R5: *Sc 2, dec 1*, rep 6 times, (18

sts)

R6: Sc 18.

R7: Sc 12.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing,
and sew to head.

Arms (Make 2)

Using brown yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 4 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (8 sts)

R3: Sc 8, stuffing as you go.

Change to red yarn.

R4: Sc 8.

R5: Sc 8.

R10-19: Sc 8, stuffing as you go.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Sew open end tog and sew to body.

LEGS (Make 2)

Using brown yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 4 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (8 sts)

R3-9: Sc 8, stuffing as you go.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing,
and sew to body.

TAIL

Using brown yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 5 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: Sc 5.

Rep R2, stuffing as you go, until tail is
approx 2½"/6 cm long.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing,
and sew to body.

SKIRT

Using red yarn,

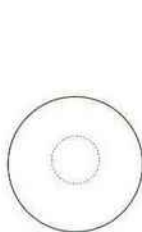
Holding doll upside down (legs up in the
air), join yarn at back of body to one
of front loops you left in R7 when
making body.

R1: Sc 24 through front loops all around
body.

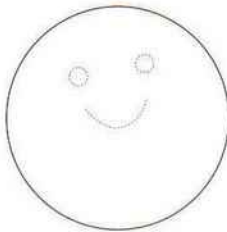
R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (48 sts)

R3: Sc 48.

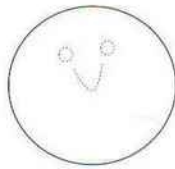
Rep R3 until you're happy with the skirt
length. Fasten off and weave in
ends.



Monkey eye



Daddy monkey muzzle



Baby monkey muzzle

STAYING COOL



BABY PENGUIN AND HER MOMMY

Between watching March of the Penguins and Happy Feet, my daughter Oli won't stop talking about and walking like a little penguin, so I had to make some.



FINISHED SIZES

Mommy: Approx 6½"/16.5 cm tall

Baby: Approx 4½"/11.5 cm tall

Depending on your tension and yarn choice, finished sizes may vary.

MATERIALS

Worsted-weight yarn in black, blue, yellow, and white

Size G/6 (4 mm) and F/5 (3.75 mm) crochet hooks

9 mm plastic eyes with safety backings

Fiberfill or stuffing of your choice



MOMMY

EYE ROUNDIES (Make 2)

Using F hook and blue yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing, and set aside.

BEAK

Using F hook and yellow yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 5 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (10 sts)

R3: Sc 10.

R4: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 5 times. (15 sts)

R5 and 6: Sc 15.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing, and set aside.

HEAD

Using G hook and black yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R4: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R5: *Sc 3, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (30 sts)

R6: *Sc 4, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (36 sts)

R7: *Sc 5, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (42 sts)

R8–19: Sc 42.

R20: *Sc 5, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (36 sts)

R21: *Sc 4, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (30 sts)

Work on face: Insert eyes into roundies, attach eyes to head, and sew roundies to head. Stuff beak and sew to head.

R22: Sc 30.

R23: *Sc 3, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R24: *Sc 2, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

Stuff head firmly.

R25: *Sc 1, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (12 sts)

Fasten off and weave in ends.

BELLY SPOT

Using G hook and white yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R4: *4 sc in next sc, sc 8*, rep twice. (24 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing, and set aside.

BODY

Using G hook and black yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R4: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R5: *Sc 3, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (30 sts)

R6: *Sc 4, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (36 sts)

R7: *Sc 5, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (42 sts)

R8: *Sc 6, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (48 sts)

R9-14: Sc 48.

R15: *Sc 6, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (42 sts)

R16: Sc 42.

R17: *Sc 5, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (36 sts)

R18-20: Sc 36.

R21: *Sc 4, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (30 sts)

R22-25: Sc 30.

R26: *Sc 3, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R27: Sc 24.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Sew belly spot to body, stuff body firmly, and sew to head.

FEET (Make 2)

Using G hook and yellow yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 8 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (16 sts)

R3-8: Sc 16.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Stuff, sew open end tog, and sew to body. Make sure you sew feet almost to edge of body so your penguin can stand by herself.

WINGS (Make 2)

Using G hook and black yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 7 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (14 sts)

R3-13: Sc 14.

R14: *Sk 1 sc, sc 1*, rep 7 times. (7 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Sew open end tog and sew to body (no need to stuff wings).



BABY

EYE ROUNDIES (Make 2)

Using F hook and blue yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing, and set aside.

BEAK

Using F hook and yellow yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 4 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (8 sts)

R3: Sc 8.

R4: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 4 times. (12 sts)

R5: Sc 12.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing, and set aside.

HEAD

Using G hook and black yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R4: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R5: *Sc 3, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (30 sts)

R6-14: Sc 30.

R15: *Sc 3, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

Work on face: Insert eyes into roundies, attach eyes to head, and sew roundies to head. Stuff beak and sew to head.

R16: *Sc 2, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R17: Sc 18.

Stuff head firmly.

R18: *Sc 1, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (12 sts)

Fasten off and weave in ends.

BELLY SPOT

Using G hook and white yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3: *3 sc in next sc, sc 5*, rep twice. (16 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing, and set aside.

BODY

Using G hook and black yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R4: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R5: *Sc 3, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (30 sts)

R6: *Sc 4, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (36 sts)

R7-9: Sc 36.

R10: *Sc 4, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (30 sts)

R11: *Sc 3, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R12: *Sc 2, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R13-15: Sc 18.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Sew belly spot to body, stuff body firmly, and sew to head.

FEET (Make 2)

Using G hook and yellow yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 5 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (10 sts)

R3-5: Sc 10.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Stuff, sew open end tog, and sew to body. Make sure you sew feet almost to the edge of body so your penguin can stand by herself.

WINGS (Make 2)

Using G hook and black yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 4 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (8 sts)

R3-9: Sc 8.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Sew open end tog and sew to body (no need to stuff wings).



WHOOO?



BABY OWL AND HER MOMMY

A family of burrowing owls used to live in my backyard when I was growing up, and I always wanted to bring a couple of them inside to play with me. I told my daughter Oli the story and this little pair followed. I hope you enjoy making them.



FINISHED SIZES

Mommy: Approx 4½"/11.5 cm tall

Baby: Approx 3"/7.5 cm tall

Depending on your tension and yarn choice, finished sizes may vary.

MATERIALS

Worsted-weight yarn in brown, gold, tan, and orange

Size G/6 (4 mm) crochet hook

9 mm plastic eyes with safety backings

Tapestry needle

Fiberfill or stuffing of your choice



MOMMY

EYE ROUNDIES (Make 2)

Using gold yarn,

R1: Ch 3, 6 hdc in third ch from hook.

R2: 2 hdc in each hdc around. (12 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next hdc*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.
Set aside.

BODY

Using brown yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R4: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R5: *Sc 3, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (30 sts)

R6: *Sc 4, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (36 sts)

R7–12: Sc 36.

Change to tan yarn.

R13–18: Sc 36.

Work on face: Insert eyes into roundies, attach eyes to head, and sew roundies to head. Embroider beak using orange yarn.

R19: *Sc 5, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (42 sts)

R20–28: Sc 42.

R29: *Sc 5, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (36 sts)

R30: *Sc 4, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (30 sts)

R31: *Sc 3, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R32: *Sc 2, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R33: *Sc 1, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (12 sts)
Stuff body.

R34: *Sk 1 sc, sc 1*, rep 6 times. (6 sts)
Fasten off and weave in ends.

WINGS (Make 2)

Using gold yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3–10: Sc 12.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.
Sew open end tog and sew to body (no need to stuff wings).



BABY

EYE ROUNDIES (Make 2)

Using gold yarn,

R1: Ch 3, 6 hdc in third ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each hdc around. (12 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.
Set aside.

BODY

Using brown yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R4: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R5-8: Sc 24.

Change to tan yarn.

R9-14: Sc 24.

Work on face: Insert eyes into roundies, attach eyes to head, and sew roundies to head. Embroider beak with orange yarn.

R15: *Sc 3, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (30 sts)

R16-18: Sc 30.

R19: *Sc 3, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R20: *Sc 2, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R21: *Sc 1, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (12 sts)

Stuff body.

R22: *Sk 1 sc, sc 1*, rep 6 times. (6 sts)

Fasten off and weave in ends.

WINGS (Make 2)

Using brown yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 5 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (10 sts)

R3-7: Sc 10.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Sew open end tog and sew to body (no need to stuff wings).

MUSHROOMS & MUNCHKINS



BABY HEDGEHOG AND HER MOMMY

Hedgehogs remind me of little babies, all cute and cuddly and shy. Mine, however, turned out like little disco kids. Don't they remind you of the '70s, with their hair and carefree look? Maybe you have a friend who loves the '70s that would like to have these little cuties as dancing companions.



FINISHED SIZES

Mommy: Approx 4½"/11.5 cm tall

Baby: Approx 3"/7.5 cm tall

Depending on your tension and yarn choice, finished sizes may vary.

MATERIALS

Worsted-weight yarn in tan and brown

Size G/6 (4 mm) crochet hook

6 mm and 9 mm plastic eyes with safety backings

Black and red embroidery floss and tapestry needle

Fiberfill or stuffing of your choice

2 little mushrooms (optional, available at www.smallstump.com)

MOMMY

MUZZLE

Using tan yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 5 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (10 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 5 times. (15 sts)

R4: Sc 15.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Embroider nose and mouth and set aside.

HEAD AND BODY

Using tan yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 8 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (16 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 8 times. (24 sts)

R4: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 8 times. (32 sts)

R5: *Sc 3, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 8 times. (40 sts)

R6–17: Sc 40.

R18: *Sc 6, dec 1*, rep 5 times. (35 sts)

R19: *Sc 5, dec 1*, rep 5 times. (30 sts)

R20–22: Sc 30.

R23: *Sc 4, dec 1*, rep 5 times. (25 sts)

R24: Sc 25.

R25: *Sc 3, dec 1*, rep 5 times. (20 sts)

Work on face: Sew muzzle in place and attach 9 mm eyes.

R26: *Sc 2, dec 1*, rep 5 times. (15 sts)

Stuff body.

R27: *Sc 1, dec 1*, rep 5 times. (10 sts)

R28: *Sk 1 sc, sc 1*, rep 5 times. (5 sts)

Fasten off and weave in ends.

EARS (Make 2)

Using tan yarn,

Ch 3, 6 dc in third ch from hook.

Fasten off, leaving long tail for sewing.

Fold in half, sew bottom part tog (so ears look like little mouse ears), and sew to head.

PRICKLY COAT

Using brown yarn, join yarn at a sc on bottom of back of body. Get ready; this takes forever!

I worked in rows all over the back and on top of the head as follows:

*Ch 3, sk 2 sc, sc 1, rep from *.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

ARMS (Make 2)

Using tan yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 5 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (10 sts)

R3–8: Sc 10.

Fasten off, leaving long tail for sewing.

Stuff lightly and sew to body.

BABY

MUZZLE

Using tan yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 5 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (10 sts)

R3: Sc 10.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Embroider nose and mouth and set aside.

HEAD AND BODY

Using tan yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 8 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (16 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 8 times. (24 sts)

R4–10: Sc 24.

R11: *Sc 4, dec 1*, rep 4 times. (20 sts)

R12 and 13: Sc 20.

R14: *Sc 3, dec 1*, rep 4 times. (16 sts)

Work on face: Sew muzzle in place and attach 6 mm eyes.

R15: *Sc 2, dec 1*, rep 4 times. (12 sts)

Stuff body.

R16: *Sc 1, dec 1*, rep 4 times. (8 sts)

R17: *Sk 1 sc, sc 1*, rep 4 times. (4 sts)

Fasten off and weave in ends.

EARS (Make 2)

Using tan yarn,

Ch 2, 7 sc in third ch from hook.

Fasten off, leaving long tail for sewing.

Fold ears in half, sew bottom part tog
(so ears look like little mouse ears),
and sew to head.

PRICKLY COAT

Work as for Mommy.

ARMS (Make 2)

Using tan yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 3 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (6 sts)

R3-6: Sc 6.

Fasten off, leaving long tail for sewing.

Stuff lightly and sew to body.



TRUE
LOVE



BOY AND GIRL ELEPHANTS

Villa Dolores is Montevideo's zoo, and for the longest time, Leo the baby elephant was its most visited and popular resident. We all drew pictures of him and visited and brought him peanuts. My drawings always involved a long scarf and a friend with a tutu, so here's Leo and friend in their softie versions.



FINISHED SIZE

Approx 7"/17.75 cm tall

Depending on your tension and yarn choice, finished sizes may vary.

MATERIALS

Worsted-weight yarn in gray, pink, white, and green

Size G/6 (4 mm) crochet hook

9 mm plastic eyes with safety backings

Small pieces of white craft felt

Sewing thread and sharp needle

Black embroidery floss and tapestry needle

Fiberfill or stuffing of your choice

BOY OR GIRL ELEPHANT

TRUNK

Use gray yarn if making boy and pink yarn if making girl.

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3-7: Sc 12.

R8: Hdc 6 through back loops only, sc 6.

R9-12: Sc 12.

R13: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R14: Sc 18.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Stuff and set aside.

HEAD

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R4: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R5: *Sc 3, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (30 sts)

R6: *Sc 4, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (36 sts)

R7: *Sc 5, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (42 sts)

R8-18: Sc 42.

Work on face: Sew trunk to head. Cut 2 circles from white felt. Cut a small slit in middle of each circle, insert

eyes, and secure to head. Sew circles to head.

R19: *Sc 5, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (36 sts)

R20: *Sc 4, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (30 sts)

R21: Sc 30.

R22: *Sc 3, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R23: *Sc 2, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

Stuff head firmly.

R24: *Sc 1, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (12 sts)

R25: *Sk 1 sc, sc 1*, rep 6 times. (6 sts)

Fasten off and weave in ends.

EARS (Make 2)

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R4: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R5-10: Sc 24.

R11: *Sc 2, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R12: Sc 18.

R13: *Sc 1, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (12 sts)

R14-15: Sc 12.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Sew open end tog and sew to head.

BODY

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R4: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R5: *Sc 3, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (30 sts)

R6-8: Sc 30.

For girl:

R9: Sc 30 through back loops only. (You'll use the front loops later when crocheting the skirt.)

For boy:

R9: Sc 30.

For both:

R10: *Sc 3, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R11-15: Sc 24.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Stuff and sew to body.

SKIRT FOR GIRL

Using white yarn,

Holding doll upside down (legs up in the air), join yarn at back to one of the front loops you left in R9 when making body.

R1: Sc 30 through the front loops all around body.

R2: Sc 2 in each sc around. (60 sts)

R3: Sc 60.

Rep R3 until you're happy with the skirt length.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

LEGS AND ARMS (Make 2 of each)**R1:** Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.**R2:** 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)**R3:** *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)**R4:** *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)**R5:** Through back loops only, *sc 2, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)**R6:** *Sc 1, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (12 sts)**R7:** Sc 12.**Toenails:** Cut 2 toenail pieces from felt. Referring to photo, sew to top of foot.**R8-11:** Sc 12.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Stuff arms, sew open end tog, and sew to body. Stuff legs and sew to body.

TAIL

Ch 5. Starting in second ch from hook, sl 1 st, sc 1, hdc 1, dc 1.

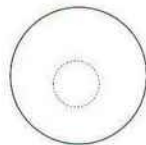
Fasten off, leaving long tail for sewing, and sew to body.

SCARF FOR BOY

Using green yarn, Loosely ch 80, turn.

R1: Ch 2, hdc in third ch from hook and in each ch across.**R2:** Hdc 80.

Fasten off and weave in loose ends.



Elephant eye



Elephant toes

CATCHING A WAVE



BABY OCTOPUS AND HER MOMMY

The octopi were the first in a moms and babies series I started right after my daughter Martina was born. I figured that with a newborn and a three-year-old I would actually need eight arms to be able to hug them both as many times as I wanted to, and to keep up with the housework—don't we all wish we had eight arms once in awhile?



FINISHED SIZES

Mommy: Approx 3"/7.5 cm when sitting

Baby: Approx 2¼"/5.75 cm when sitting

Depending on your tension and yarn choice, finished sizes may vary.

MATERIALS

- Worsted-weight yarn in desired color
- Size F/5 (4 mm) crochet hook
- 9mm plastic eyes with safety backings
- Small pieces of red and pink craft felt
- Sewing thread and sharp needle
- Black embroidery floss and tapestry needle
- Fiberfill or stuffing of your choice



MOMMY

HEAD AND BODY

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second chain from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R4: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R5: *Sc 3, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (30 sts)

R6: *Sc 4, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (36 sts)

R7: *Sc 5, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (42 sts)

R8-18: Sc 42.

R19: *Sc 5, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (36 sts)

R20: *Sc 4, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (30 sts)

R21-22: Sc 30.

Work on face: Attach eyes and embroider mouth. For cheeks, cut 2 circles from felt and sew to head.

R23: *Sc 3, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R24: *Sc 2, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

Stuff body almost to top.

R25: *Sc 1, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (12 sts)

Finish stuffing.

R26: *Sk 1 sc, sc 1*, rep 6 times. (6 sts)

Fasten off and weave in ends.

ARMS (Make 8)

R1: Ch 2, 4 sc in second chain from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (8 sts)

R3-11: Sc 8, stuffing as you go.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

After all eight arms are finished, sew them evenly around the body.

BABY

HEAD AND BODY

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second chain from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R4: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R5: *Sc 3, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (30 sts)

R6-11: Sc 30.

R12: *Sc 3, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R13-15: Sc 24.

Work on face: Attach eyes and embroider mouth. For cheeks, cut 2 circles from felt and sew to head.

R16: *Sc 2, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

Stuff body almost to top.

R17: *Sc 1, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (12 sts)

Finish stuffing.

R18: *Sk 1 sc, sc 1*, rep 6 times. (6 sts)

Fasten off and weave in ends.

ARMS (Make 8)

R1: Ch 2, 3 sc in second chain from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around (6 sts)

R3-6: Sc 6, stuffing as you go.

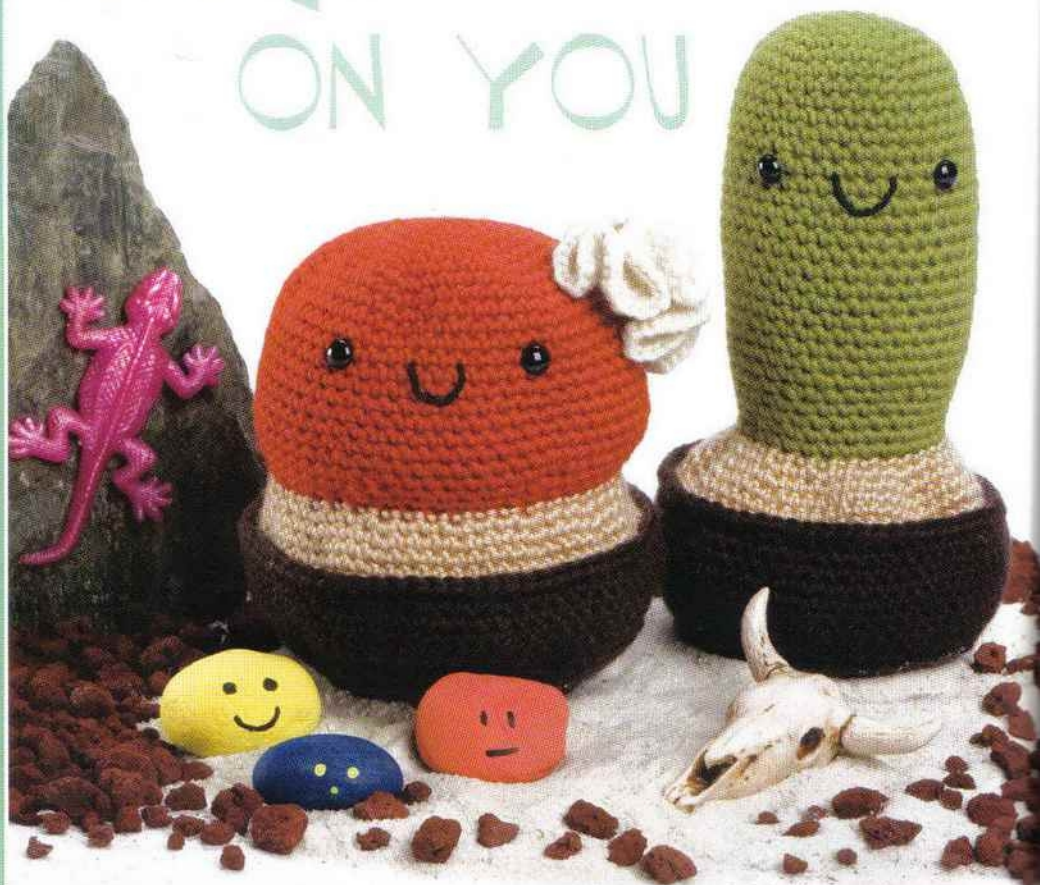
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. After all eight arms are finished, sew them evenly around the body.



Octopus cheek



STUCK ON YOU



MR. AND MRS. CACTUS

*These are the best plants for people who—just like me—
can't take care of a real plant or who have an office
without a window. Give them as computer friends
to whoever will love them. It might also be the only
time you get to cuddle with a cactus.*



FINISHED SIZES

Mr. Cactus: Approx 6½"/16.5 cm tall

Mrs. Cactus: Approx 4½"/11.5 cm tall

Depending on your tension and yarn choice, finished sizes may vary.

MATERIALS

Worsted-weight yarn in green, orange, tan, and brown

Size G/6 (4.25 mm) crochet hook

9 mm plastic eyes with safety backings

Black embroidery floss and tapestry needle

Fiberfill or stuffing of your choice

MR. CACTUS

CACTUS

Using green yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R4: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R5: *Sc 3, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (30 sts)

R6: *Sc 4, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (36 sts)

R7-26: Sc 36.

Work on face: Attach eyes and embroider mouth.

R27: *Sc 4, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (30 sts)

R28-31: Sc 30.

Change to tan yarn.

R32: Sc 30 through front loops only.

R33: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 15 times. (45 sts)

R34: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 15 times. (60 sts)

R35-37: Sc 60.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing, and set aside.

POT

Using brown yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R4: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R5: *Sc 3, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (30 sts)

R6: *Sc 4, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (36 sts)

R7: *Sc 5, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (42 sts)

R8: *Sc 6, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (48 sts)

R9: *Sc 7, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (54 sts)

R10: Sc 54.

R11: Through back loops only, *sc 7, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (48 sts)

R12: *Sc 7, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (54 sts)

R13: *Sc 8, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (60 sts)

R14-20: Sc 60.

Fasten off and weave in ends. Stuff cactus and pot and sew cactus to inside of pot approx $\frac{3}{4}$ " / 1 cm below rim.



MRS. CACTUS

FLOWER

Using white yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 10 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (20 sts)

R3: 2 sc in each sc around. (40 sts)

R4: 2 sc in each sc around. (80 sts)

R5: 2 sc in each sc around. (160 sts)

Fasten off and weave in ends.

CACTUS

Using orange yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R4: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R5: *Sc 3, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (30 sts)

R6: *Sc 4, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (36 sts)

R7: *Sc 5, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (42 sts)

R8: *Sc 6, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (48 sts)

R9: *Sc 7, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (54 sts)

R10: *Sc 8, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (60 sts)

R11–20: Sc 60.

R21: *Sc 8, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (54 sts)

R22: *Sc 7, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (48 sts)

R23: *Sc 6, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (42 sts)

Change to tan yarn.

R24: Sc 42 through front loops only.

R25: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 14 times. (56 sts)

R26: *Sc 3, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 14 times. (70 sts)

R27 and 28: Sc 70.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing, and set aside.

Work on face: Attach eyes and embroider mouth.

Sew flower in place with white yarn.

POT

Using brown yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 7 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (14 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 7 times. (21 sts)

R4: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 7 times. (28 sts)

R5: *Sc 3, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 7 times. (35 sts)

R6: *Sc 4, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 7 times. (42 sts)

R7: *Sc 5, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 7 times. (49 sts)

R8: Sc 49.



R9: Through back loops only, *sc 5, dec 1*, rep 7 times. (42 sts)

R10: *Sc 5, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 7 times. (49 sts)

R11: *Sc 6, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 7 times. (56 sts)

R12: *Sc 7, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 7 times. (63 sts)

R13: *Sc 8, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 7 times. (70 sts)

R14–20: Sc 70.

Fasten off and weave in ends. Stuff cactus and pot, and sew cactus to inside of pot approx ¼"/1 cm below rim.

EGGZACTLY!



HAPPY EGGS

These eggs are a definite favorite among kids and grown-ups! I made them when I was on maternity leave and was going through a breakfast obsession. I usually don't eat breakfast, but back then we were going through eggs like we owned shares in a chicken farm! My daughter Oli and her friends love to see what's inside the eggs and they spend a lot of time taking them out of the egg crate and reorganizing them.



FINISHED SIZES

Whole egg: Approx 2½"/6.25 cm tall

Eggshell bottom: Approx 1½"/3.75 cm tall

Eggshell top: Approx 1¼"/3 cm tall

Chick: Approx 1¾"/4.5 cm tall

Depending on your tension and yarn choice, finished sizes may vary.

MATERIALS

Worsted-weight yarn in white, gold, and orange

Size F/4 5 (3.75 mm) and E/4 (3.5 mm) crochet hooks

6 mm plastic eyes with safety backings

Small pieces of tan craft felt

Sewing thread and sharp needle

Black embroidery floss and tapestry needle

Fiberfill or stuffing of your choice

WHOLE EGG

Using F hook and white yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 5 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (10 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 5 times. (15 sts)

R4: Sc 15.

R5: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 5 times. (20 sts)

R6: *Sc 3, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 5 times. (25 sts)

R7-13: Sc 25.

R14: *Sc 3, dec 1*, rep 5 times. (20 sts)

Work on face: Attach eyes and embroider mouth. For cheeks, cut 2 circles from felt and sew in place.

R15: *Sc 2, dec 1*, rep 5 times. (15 sts)

R16: Sc 15.

Stuff.

R17: *Sc 1, dec 1*, rep 5 times. (10 sts)

R18: *Sk 1 sc, sc 1*, rep 5 times. (5 sts)

Fasten off and weave in ends.

EGGSHELL

EGGSHELL BOTTOM

Using F hook and white yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 5 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (10 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 5 times. (15 sts)

R4: Sc 15.

R5: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 5 times. (20 sts)

R6: *Sc 3, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 5 times. (25 sts)

R7-9: Sc 25.

R10: BPsc 25.

R11: *Sc 3, dec 1*, rep 5 times. (20 sts)

R12: Sc 20, sl st in next sc.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

EGGSHELL TOP

Using F hook and white yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 5 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (10 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 5 times. (15 sts)

R4: Sc 15.

R5: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 5 times. (20 sts)

R6: *Sc 3, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 5 times. (25 sts)

R7-10: Sc 25.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

CHICK

Using E hook and gold or orange yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 5 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (10 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 5 times. (15 sts)

R4: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 5 times. (20 sts)

R5-10: Sc 20.

Work on face: Attach eyes. Cut beak from felt and sew in place.

R11: *Sc 2, dec 1*, rep 5 times. (15 sts)

R12: Sc 15.

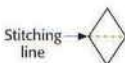
Stuff almost to top.

R13: *Sc 1, dec 1*, rep 5 times. (10 sts)

Finish stuffing.

R14: *Sk 1 sc, sc 1*, rep 5 times. (5 sts)

Fasten off and weave in ends.



Chick beak



Egg cheek



HAPPY
SNACKS 5¢



SMILING DESSERTS

What can be better than a smiling dessert? I bet you they're smiling because you can make as many cupcakes and ice-cream cones and café con leche cups as you want and never, ever grow tired of looking at them . . . and they know it. (They make great pincushions, too!)



FINISHED SIZES

Café con Leche cup: Approx 1¾"/4.5 cm tall

Cupcake: Approx 2"/5 cm tall

Ice-cream cone: Approx 3¼"/8.25 cm tall

Depending on your tension and yarn choice, finished sizes may vary.

MATERIALS

Worsted-weight yarn in blue, tan, bright pink, light pink, and brown

Size F/5 (4mm) crochet hook

6 mm plastic eyes with safety backings

Small piece of pink craft felt

Sewing thread and sharp needle

Black embroidery floss and tapestry needle

Small seed beads in assorted colors for cupcake

Fiberfill or stuffing of your choice



CAFÉ CON LECHE CUP

Using blue yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 7 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (14 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 7 times. (21 sts)

R4: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 7 times. (28 sts)

R5: *Sc 3, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 7 times. (35 sts)

R6: Through back loops only, *sc 3, dec 1*, rep 7 times. (28 sts)

R7: Sc 28.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

Work on face: Attach eyes and embroider mouth. For cheeks, cut 2 circles of pink felt and sew in place.

HANDLE

Using blue yarn,

Ch 14, hdc 12 starting in third ch from hook.

Fasten off, leaving long tail for sewing. Weave in ends and sew to mug.

CAFÉ CON LECHE

Using tan yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 5 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (10 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 5 times. (15 sts)

R4: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 5 times. (20 sts)

R5: *Sc 3, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 5 times. (25 sts)

Stuff mug and sew café con leche to inside of mug, about $\frac{1}{2}$ " / 1 cm below rim.



CUPCAKE

Using tan yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3: *1 sc, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R4: *2 sc, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R5: *3 sc, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (30 sts)

R6: Through back loops only, *sc 3, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R7: *3 sc, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (30 sts)

R8-11: Sc 30.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing, and set aside.

Work on face: Attach eyes and embroider mouth.



Cup cheek

ICING

Using light pink yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3: *1 sc, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R4: *2 sc, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R5: *3 sc, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (30 sts)

R6-9: Sc 30.

R10: *4 sc in next sc, sk 1 sc, sl st 1*, rep 10 times.

Fasten off and weave in ends. Using a sharp needle and sewing thread, sew seed bead "sprinkles" to icing.

FINISHING

Place the icing on top of the cupcake, lining up the stitches of the bottom with the stitches inside the wavy part of the top (don't sew into the wavy portion). Sew three-quarters of the way around and stuff the bottom with fiberfill so the cupcake sits nice and flat. Stuff the cupcake and icing with fiberfill. Finish sewing all the way around.



ICE-CREAM CONE

CONE

Using tan yarn,

R1: Ch 2, sc 4 in second ch from hook.

R2: Sc 4.

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep twice. (6 sts)

R4: Sc 6.

R5: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 3 times. (9 sts)

R6: Sc 9.

R7: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 3 times. (12 sts)

R8: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R9-11: Sc 18, sl st to first st of rnd.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing, and set aside.

ICE CREAM

Using bright pink yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3: *1 sc, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R4: *2 sc, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R5: *3 sc, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (30 sts)

R6-12: Sc 30.

R13: *Sc 3, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

Work on face: Attach eyes and embroider mouth.

R14: *Sc 2, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

Stuff almost full.

R15: *Sc 1, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (12 sts)

Finish stuffing, fasten off, and weave in ends. Stuff cone and sew to ice cream.

CHOCOLATE TOPPING

Using brown yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3: *1 sc, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R4: *2 sc, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R5: Sc 24.

R6: *3 hdc in next sc, sk 1 sc, sl st in next sc*, rep 8 times.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing, and sew to top of ice cream.

ami Stack- UP



The basic instructions are the same for each of the seven tiny amis pictured. The ears vary, as do the feet for the duck and the shell for the itty-bitty turtle. So choose your yarn colors and crochet the body, head, and legs following the basic directions. Choose the type of ears you need and refer to the photo for the facial details you'd like your little critter to have. It's just that easy.



FINISHED SIZES

Each animal: Approx 3"/7.5 cm tall

Depending on your tension and yarn choice, finished sizes may vary.

MATERIALS

Worsted-weight yarn in assorted colors

Size F/5 (4 mm) and E/4 (3.50 mm) crochet hooks

6 mm plastic eyes with safety backings

Small pieces of craft felt for faces

Sewing thread and sharp needle

Black, pink, and brown embroidery floss and tapestry needle

Fiberfill or stuffing of your choice

Bear front



Bear back



Turtle front



TINY AMI

HEAD

Using F hook,

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R4: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R5–11: Sc 24.

R12: *Sc 2, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

Work on faces: For all animals, attach eyes. For bear, cut eye circles from felt, make a small slit in the circles, and insert eyes. For bear, cat, bunny, mouse, and monkey, cut muzzle from felt, embroider nose and mouth, and sew muzzle to head. For turtle, embroider nose and mouth. For cat, embroider whiskers to face after

sewing on muzzle.

R13: *Sc 1, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (12 sts)

Stuff head.

R14: *Sk 1 sc, sc 1*, rep 6 times. (6 sts)

Fasten off, and weave in loose ends.

BODY

Using F hook,

R1: Ch 2, 5 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (10 sts)

R3: *1 sc, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 5 times. (15 sts)

R4–7:** Sc 15.

**If you're planning to give your toy a skirt, crochet R5 through back loops only (you'll use the front loops later when making the skirt). R6 and R7 are crocheted the usual way.

Turtle side



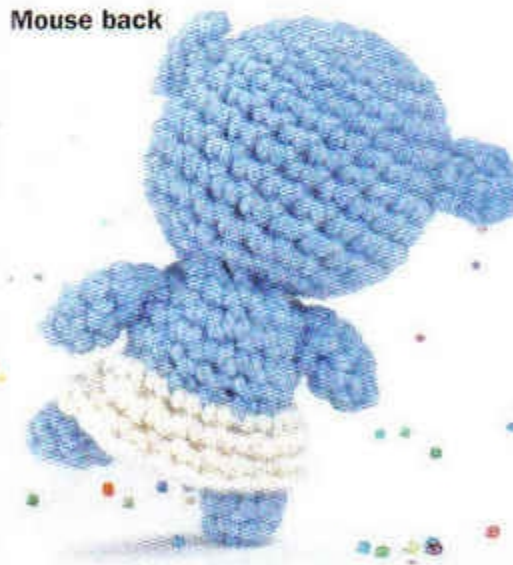
R8: *Sc 1, dec 1*, rep 5 times. (10 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Stuff and sew body to head.

Mouse front



Mouse back



LEGS AND ARMS

(Make 2 of each for each animal)

These are the same for all the animals except the duck (see page 72).

Using E hook,

Duck front



Duck side



R1: Ch 2, 3 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (6 sts)

R3 and 4: Sc 6.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Sew open end tog and sew to body (no need to stuff legs and arms).

Note that if you're making the turtle, you should sew on shell (see page 72) before sewing on arms and legs.

SKIRT FOR MOUSE

Using F hook,

Holding toy upside down (head down), join yarn at back to one of front loops you left when making body.

R1: Sc 15.

R2: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 5 times. (20 sts)

R3: Sc 20.

Fasten off and weave in loose ends.

SCARF FOR BEAR

Using E hook,

Loosely ch 40, turn.

Ch 1, sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

HAT FOR BUNNY

Using F hook,

R1: Ch 2, 7 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (14 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 7 times. (21 sts)

R4: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 7 times. (28 sts)

R5-9: Sc 28.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

EARS AND OTHER DETAILS

Follow the directions for the particular animal you're making.

DEAR AND MONKEY EARS (Make 2)

Using E hook,

R1: Ch 2, 4 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (8 sts)

R3: Sc 8. Join with sl st.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Sew open end tog and sew to head.

BUNNY EARS (Make 2)

Using E hook,

R1: Ch 14, turn.

R2: Hdc in third ch from hook and in next 10 sts. 5 hdc in next st (you should now be on the other side of the ch), hdc 12.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Cut inner ear from felt, whipstitch to inside of crocheted ear, and sew ear to head.

TURTLE SHELL

Using F hook,

R1: Ch 2, 5 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 Sc in each sc around. (10 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 5 times. (15 sts)

R4-6: Sc 15.

R7: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 5 times. (20 sts)

R8: Sc 20.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Sew to back, approx three-quarters of the way around, stuff, and finish sewing.

MOUSE EARS (Make 2)

Using E hook,

Ch 2, 7 sc in second ch from hook.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing, and sew to head.

CAT EARS (Make 2)

Using E hook,

R1: Ch 2, sc 5 in second ch from hook.

R2: Sc 5.

R3: Sc 2 in each sc around. (10 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Sew open end tog and sew to head.

CAT TAIL

Using E hook,

Make a chain the desired tail length and sew to cat's body.

DUCK BEAK, LEGS, AND WINGS

There's no need to stuff any of these pieces.

Using E hook,

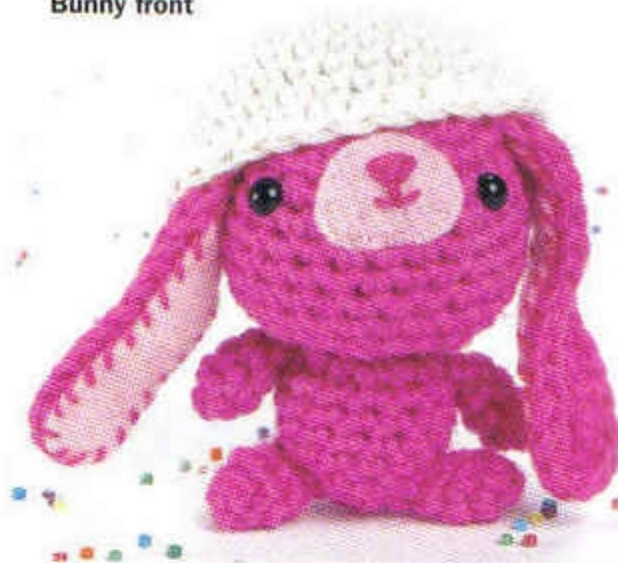
R1: Ch 2, 4 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (8 sts)

For beak:

R3: Sc 8.

Bunny front



Bunny back



Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Sew open end tog and sew to head.

For legs and wings (make 2 of each):

R3-4: Sc 8.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Sew open end tog and sew to body.

Cat front



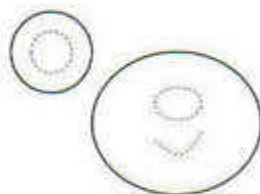
Monkey front



Monkey back



Cat back



Tiny bear eye and muzzle



Tiny cat muzzle



Tiny mouse muzzle



Tiny monkey muzzle



Tiny bunny muzzle and ear

GOT FRUIT?



LITTLE PEAR

*How many times can a kid hear "eat your fruit"?
Maybe we should start saying "hug your fruit."
Who knows, befriending a pear might be the
beginning of a wonderful, fruity friendship.*



FINISHED SIZE

Approx 3"/7.5 cm tall

Depending on your tension and yarn choice, finished sizes may vary.

MATERIALS

Worsted-weight yarn in green and brown
Size F/5 (4mm) crochet hook
9 mm plastic eyes with safety backings
Small pieces of pink craft felt
Sewing thread and sharp needle
Black embroidery floss and tapestry needle
Fiberfill or stuffing of your choice

PEAR

Pear is worked from the bottom up (keep that in mind when working on the face).

With green yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R4: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R5: *Sc 3, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (30 sts)

R6: *Sc 4, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (36 sts)

R7: *Sc 5, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (42 sts)

R8-16: Sc 42.

R17: *Sc 5, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (36 sts)

R18: *Sc 4, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (30 sts)

R19 and 20: Sc 30.

Work on face: Attach eyes and embroider mouth. For cheeks, cut 2 circles from pink felt and sew in place.

R21: *Sc 3, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R22-24: Sc 24.

R25: *Sc 2, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

Stuff almost to top.

R26: *Sc 1, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (12 sts)

Finish stuffing.

R27: *Sk 1 sc, sc 1*, rep 6 times. (6 sts)

Fasten off and weave in ends.

STEM

Using brown yarn,

Ch 5, sc 4 starting at second ch from hook.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing, and sew to pear.

LEAF

Using brown yarn,

Ch 8, and starting at second bump (the bumps are on opposite side, or behind the braidlike ch where you usually crochet) from hook:

Sl st 1, sc 1, dc 1, tr 1, dc 1, sc 1, sl st 1, rep once on opposite side (which now looks like regular sc because you crocheted in the bumps).

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing, and sew to pear.



Pear cheek



LITTLE APPLE AND WORM

*An apple a day . . . should put a smile on your face,
especially when it's hanging out with such an odd friend!*

*This pair would make a great present for
your favorite teacher or apple lover.*



FINISHED SIZE

Approx 3" wide x 2" tall / 7.5 cm x 5 cm

Depending on your tension and yarn choice, finished sizes may vary.

MATERIALS

Worsted-weight yarn in red, green, and brown

Size F/5 (4mm) crochet hook

9 and 6 mm plastic eyes with safety backings

Black embroidery floss and tapestry needle

Fiberfill or stuffing of your choice

LITTLE APPLE WITH WORM

STEM

Using brown yarn,

Ch 5, sc 4 starting at second ch from hook.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing, and set aside.

LEAF

Using green yarn,

Ch 8, and starting at second bump (the "bumps" are on the opposite side of, or behind, the braidlike ch where you usually crochet) from hook,

Sl st 1, sc 1, dc 1, tr 1, dc 1, sc 1, sl st 1, rep on the opposite side (which now looks like regular sc because you crocheted in the bumps)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing, and set aside.

APPLE

Using red yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook.

R2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)

R3: *Sc 1, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R4: *Sc 2, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

R5: *Sc 3, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (30 sts)

R6: *Sc 4, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (36 sts)

R7: *Sc 5, 2 sc in next sc*, rep 6 times. (42 sts)

R8-17: Sc 42.

R18: *Sc 5, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (36 sts)

R19: *Sc 4, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (30 sts)

R20: *Sc 3, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (24 sts)

Work on face: Attach 9 mm eyes and embroider mouth.

Sew stem and leaf to top of apple (it's easier to attach them now when you can work from the inside).

R21: *Sc 2, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (18 sts)

R22: Sc 18.

Stuff almost to the top.

R23: *Sc 1, dec 1*, rep 6 times. (12 sts)

Finish stuffing.

R24: *Sk 1 sc, sc 1*, rep 6 times. (6 sts)

Fasten off, and weave in ends.

WORM

Using green yarn,

R1: Ch 2, 8 sc in second ch from hook.

R2-4: Sc 8.

Work on face: Attach 6 mm eyes and embroider mouth.

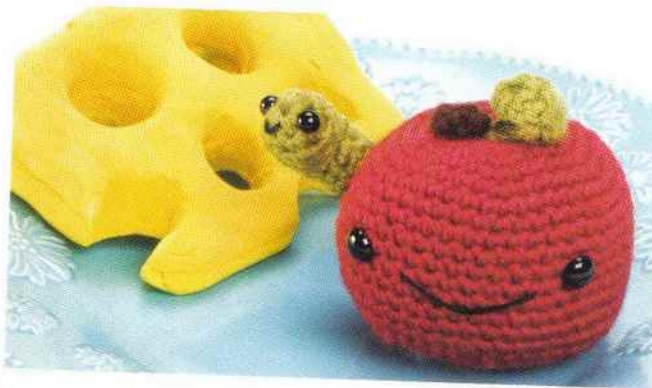
R5 and 6: Sc 8, stuffing as you go.

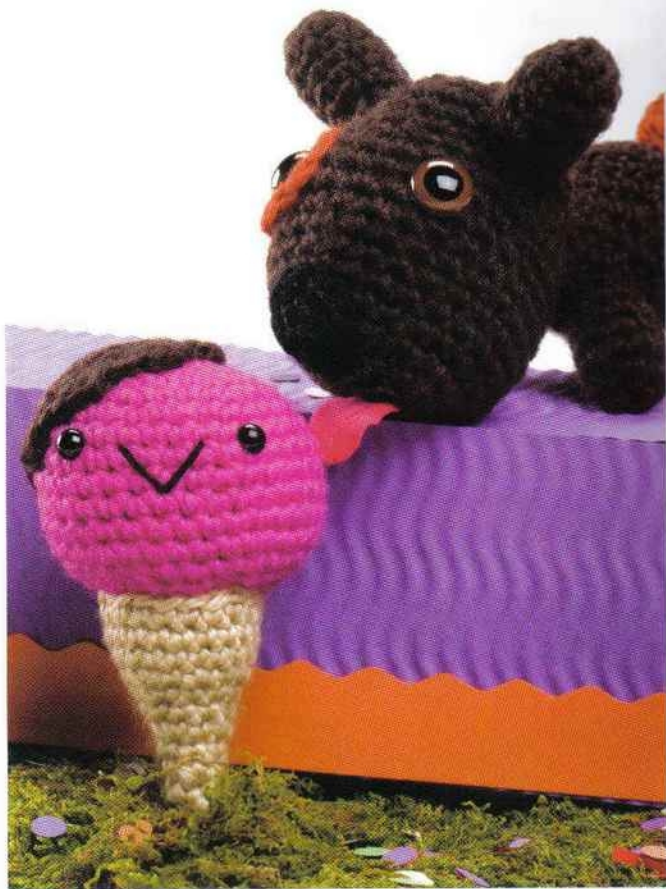
R7: Sc 4 through back loops only, sc 4.

R8: Hdc 4, sc 4.

R9: Sc 4.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing, and sew to apple.





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