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Introduction

I absolutely love making crocheted stuffed animals. They're cute and cuddly bundles that bring smiles to people's faces. It's always been my goal to design animals that are child friendly and suited to a wide range of skill levels. In this book, you'll find huggable animals from all over the world, and yarns from all over the world, too!

This book has been written with a familiar saying in mind: "Give a crocheter a pattern, and she'll make an exact copy of the sample in the pattern. But teach a crocheter how to use a pattern, and there's no stopping her!" (OK, fine—I modified the saying a bit—but it's still true.) You're welcome to follow my instructions and use the yarns I recommend—you'll end up with the exact cutie in the photographs (which isn't a bad thing!). However, if you read the information in the opening sections, you'll learn how to use the patterns to their fullest potential by substituting fibers, trying out different yarn weights, and finding the right hook size for your project. Then you'll end up with a zoo of plush animals limited by only your imagination. That's really crocheting!

Obviously I'm passionate about teaching people the art of crochet, and part of this art is caring about your yarns. In this book, the focus is not only on the cute animals, but also on the array of earth-friendly yarns and yarns made from unique fibers (see "Choosing a Yarn" on facing page). The world is too precious to not care about preserving it, and life is too short to use boring yarn. Besides, stuffed animals offer a great chance to try out unfamiliar fibers—they're mostly one-skein projects, so your yarn adventure won't put a dent in your budget.

I hope you enjoy an around-the-world adventure with my animals!



Getting Started

Choosing the right tools and understanding some basic guidelines will help you make these adorable toys with ease.

CHOOSING A YARN

OK, so you want to make one of the animals in this book—first you'll have to pick your yarn. Specific yarns are listed for each pattern, but what if you can't find that yarn in your area? Or what if you just want to be creative? In this section, you'll learn how to make successful substitutions, and by the end, you'll be substituting like a pro!

Why Experiment with Fibers?

Most of us have met the usual suspects in the yarn game: wool, acrylic, and cotton. But did you know that there are yarns made from bamboo, corn, soy, banana, possum fur, and milk?

Many of these unique fibers have interesting textures, and they're just plain fun to try. Stuffed animals are a fantastic opportunity to experiment with new and interesting fibers because they require just a skein or two of yarn. So it won't cost too much to spring for a luxurious fiber that you've been dying to crochet with (you can't say that about a sweater).

For my samples, I selected a range of yarns that are slightly outside the box. There are thousands of yarns to choose from, so why not use one that's really special? I picked yarns from unique fibers, yarns from organically grown fibers, undyed yarns (did you know that alpacas come in over 50 colors?), and yarns from companies that are committed to giving back to communities in need.

However, this is a tiny book (with much of the space dedicated to cute animal patterns), so I won't be able to go into the nitty-gritty details

of yarn content here. It's a fascinating topic, and I highly recommend *The Knitter's Book of Yarn* by Clara Parkes for learning about how your yarn gets made. (Don't worry . . . it says that it's for knitters, but we crocheters use the same yarn!)

Fiber Note

Throughout the book, look for boxes like this one where you'll learn a little bit about the yarns used in the samples.



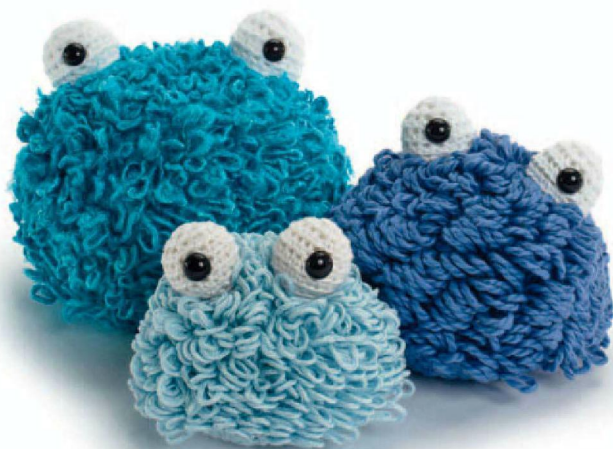
Making Yarn Substitutions

For each pattern, I've listed the yarn that I used for the sample. But don't feel tied to my yarn choices! I've already talked about how yarns are made up of different types of fibers. Another thing to know about yarn is that it comes in different thicknesses, ranging from lace weight to super bulky. Knowing a little bit about yarn thickness is the key to making successful yarn substitutions.

Fortunately, much of what you need to know about the yarn thickness is on the yarn label—even if it takes a little bit of decoding. Each yarn label has information about how thick the yarn is. Sometimes this information is in the form of an icon, such as , which tells you that you have a medium-weight yarn. If a yarn label doesn't have this icon, fear not! Just look for the number of stitches per inch (or "gauge" of the yarn), and then look at this book's handy reference guide (page 77) to see what thickness of yarn you have. For example, if my pattern says that I need a worsted-weight yarn, then a yarn that works up to a crochet gauge of 11 stitches per 4" will substitute perfectly!

OK, let's say you're ready to be more adventurous and you want to substitute a different weight of yarn. It's not as hard as you may think. All you need to do is pick your yarn, select the appropriate-sized hook (the one recommended on the yarn label or the one recommended in the table on page 77), and get started. Keep in mind, the thicker the yarn, the bigger your finished animal will be (and the more yarn you'll use).

The pattern for Mike the Microbe (page 74) calls for a bulky-weight yarn. But what if you don't want a 6"-tall microbe? Or what if crocheting with thick yarn makes your wrists hurt? Check out how cute Mike looks in a DK-weight yarn (Debbie Bliss Prima , center) and a worsted-weight yarn (Blue Sky Alpacas Worsted Cotton , right) in addition to the bulky-weight yarn called for in the pattern (Frabjous Fibers Banana Silk , left).



*Mike looks great in every thickness,
so substitute away!*

CROCHET HOOKS

There are nearly as many types of crochet hooks as there are types of yarn. They are made from different materials and come in different styles. The material and style of hook that you use is up to you. However, it's important to know that hooks come in different sizes. Bigger hooks make bigger stitches and smaller hooks make smaller stitches. Fortunately, the size is usually indicated right on your hook. So, just select the size that's called for in the pattern.

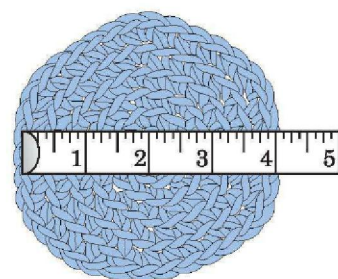
If you're interested in making yarn substitutions with a different weight of yarn, read "Sorta Gauge Swatch" (on facing page) for selecting the right hook size.

GAUGE

You can't talk yarn without talking gauge. Each project in this book has a gauge—that is, a description of how many stitches should be in an inch using the specified yarn and hook. I'll cover how to crochet a gauge swatch and how to make sure you're using the right size hook—even without a real gauge swatch.

Regular Gauge Swatch

Let's say you're trying to crochet Hootie (page 40). His pattern says, "7 rnds of sc = 3"-diameter circle," and the pattern notes say, "Work through back loops only." To check your gauge, crochet a circle, crocheting through the back loop of the stitches (use the pattern for "Basic Sphere" on page 19) until you've crocheted the number of rounds indicated (in this case 7). Now, measure the diameter of the circle.



The reason for doing this is that everyone crochets differently. Some people crochet very tightly, and others very loosely, resulting in different-sized stitches. If your circle is the size recommended (3" in this case), you're right on the money! If your circle is too big, switch to a smaller hook. If your circle is too small, switch to a larger hook.

If your gauge is a bit off (within reason), it's not too big of a deal; your owl may be a half-inch shorter than mine. Who's going to know? Besides, crocheting should be fun! So, by all means, if crocheting a swatch prevents you from getting started on that adorable owl, then skip it!

Sorta Gauge Swatch

A gauge swatch only works when you're using the suggested yarn weight. But what if you've decided to use a thicker yarn? (See "Making Yarn Substitutions" on page 7.) Or what if you're too lazy to break out your ruler? Can you still tell if you're using the right size hook? Of course you can!

When making stuffed animals, the most important thing is that you don't want your stuffing to poke through, which can happen if your stitches are too loose. Swatches (above right) were crocheted using a worsted-weight yarn and three different hook sizes. It's a little bit like Goldilocks—the first swatch was made with a hook that's too small (which isn't a problem for the finished look of your animals, but may give you a hand cramp), the third was made with a hook that's too big (look at those holes!), and the middle one is just right.



Left to right: Swatches crocheted with a hook that's too small, just right, and too big

As long as you have a good-looking fabric (see "just right," above), you've got the right hook size. So, start that animal!

OTHER SUPPLIES

While yarn and crochet hooks are the two essentials, a few other supplies are used for the projects in this book.

Plastic Craft Eyes

The stuffed animals feature plastic safety eyes, which come in a wide range of colors. These eyes are made with a post on the back and are fastened with a plastic or metal washer.



Plastic craft eyes are available in a range of colors and sizes.

To fasten these eyes, insert the post in the desired position on your animal (between two stitches) and push the washer on, over the ridges on the post. Be careful; once you put the washer on you won't be able to pull it off, so make sure the post is where you want it before attaching the washer. While these eyes are very secure, they aren't recommended for children under the age of three (or for pets). So, if you're crocheting a critter for a little one this age, replace these eyes with crocheted, child-safe eyes (below).

Child-Safe Crocheted Eyes

You can also embroider the eyes, but many people find this fussy. Crochet the eyes as instructed below and attach just like any other body part (see page 17).

Eyes (Make 2.)

With black yarn (same weight as used for animal and same hook), ch 2.

Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook.

Fasten off with long tail.



Crocheted eyes on jellyfish

Stuffing

A stuffed animal requires stuffing. I use polyester fiberfill, which is readily available, inexpensive, washable, and nonallergenic (all good things). It's available at your local craft store by the bag. You only need a few handfuls for each animal, so one bag will fill many huggable toys.

Locking Stitch Markers

Removable stitch markers are incredibly useful for keeping track of where you are when you're crocheting. I recommend the locking stitch markers that fasten securely onto your work. This means that the markers won't fall off. And trust me, once you've lost your place because someone was handling your crochet and the marker fell out, you'll think it's a good choice too. See "Working in the Round" (page 16) for details about how to put your stitch marker into action.



Locking stitch marker

Tapestry Needles

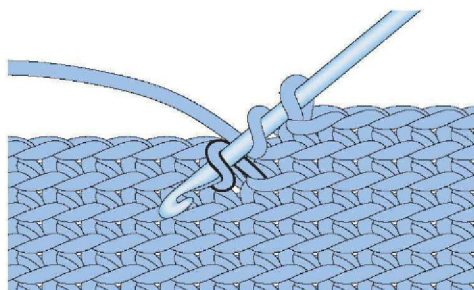
Tapestry needles are used for attaching pieces to one another (like attaching the ears onto the moose's head). The needles come in plastic or metal with straight or bent tips. Bent tips can make it easier to pick up stitches on the pieces that you're trying to attach. The most important thing when selecting your needle is to make sure your yarn will fit through the eye of the needle.

Crochet Stitches

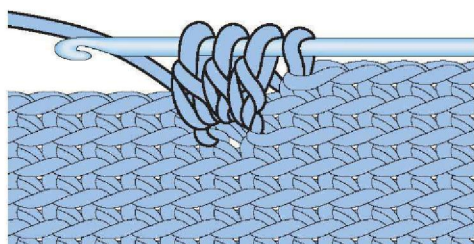
In this section you'll find an explanation of the stitches used in this book, listed in alphabetical order (with their abbreviations). See page 78 for a complete list of abbreviations used in this book.

BOBBLE (BBL)

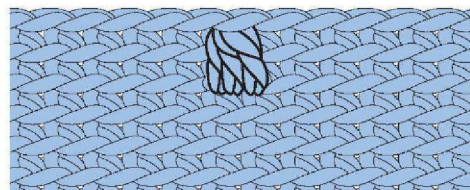
* To work a bobble, wrap the yarn over your hook; then insert the hook into the front loop of the stitch **one row below** the next stitch. This next stitch will remain unworked and the bobble will take the place of this next stitch.



Wrap the yarn over your hook and pull through the stitch, leaving three loops on the hook. Wrap the yarn over your hook and pull through the first two loops on the hook. Repeat from * twice more (inserting your hook into the same stitch)—you'll have four loops on the hook.

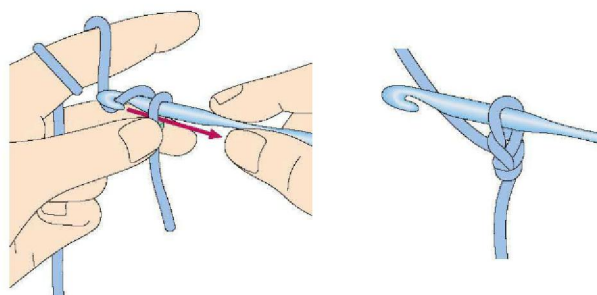


Wrap the yarn over your hook and pull through all the loops on your hook. Now you have a great bobble!



CHAIN (CH)

Each pattern specifies the number of chains needed to start. To make one chain, wrap the yarn over your hook. Using your hook, pull the yarn through the loop on the hook. This action pulls the new loop onto the hook and makes one chain. Repeat for the required number of chains.

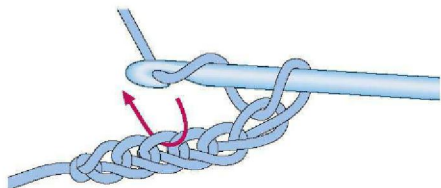


Holding the Hook

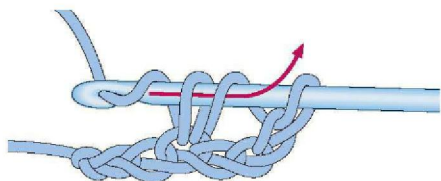
If you're having difficulty crocheting, how you're holding your hook may be the problem. When you wrap the yarn over your hook, the front of the hook should be facing you. When it's time to pull the yarn through the loop on the hook, rotate your hook downward. This way, the hook slides easily through the loop instead of getting caught on it.

DOUBLE CROCHET (DC)

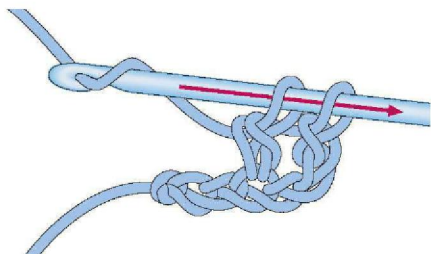
To work, wrap the yarn over your hook; then insert the hook into the next stitch.



Wrap the yarn over your hook and pull through the stitch, leaving three loops on the hook. Wrap the yarn over your hook and pull through the first two loops on the hook.

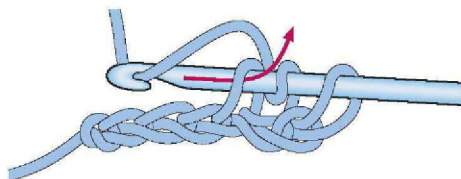


Wrap the yarn over your hook again and pull through the two remaining loops on the hook.

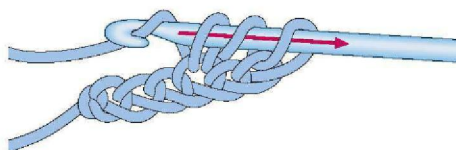


HALF DOUBLE CROCHET (HDC)

To work, wrap the yarn over your hook; then insert the hook into the next stitch.

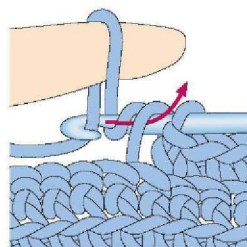


Wrap the yarn over your hook and pull through the stitch, leaving three loops on the hook. Wrap the yarn over your hook again and pull through all three loops on the hook.

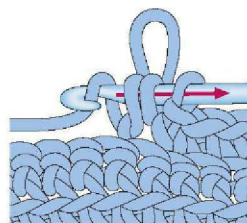


LOOP STITCH (LP ST)

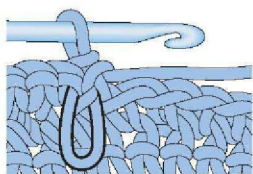
The loop stitch, as its name suggests, makes a loop. This is an excellent stitch to know for making fluffy alpacas or furry bits of other animals. To work, insert your hook into the next stitch, loop the yarn around the index finger of your left hand, and wrap the yarn on the near side of your index finger over the hook; then catch the yarn on the far side of your index finger and pull both yarns through the stitch.



Remove your index finger and you'll see the loop. Wrap the yarn over your hook again and pull through all the loops on the hook.



Notice that the loops form on the wrong side of your work. Therefore, when you're assembling your pieces that use the loop stitch, the wrong side (with the loops) should face outward.

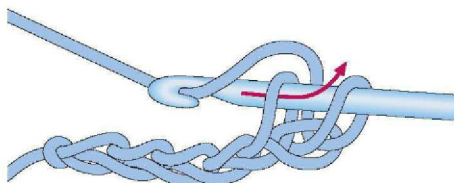


LOOP STITCH DECREASE (LP ST2TOG)

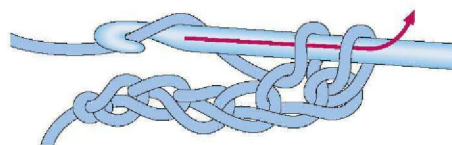
Working two loop stitches together creates a decrease. To work, insert your hook into the next stitch, loop the yarn over your index finger as described for the standard loop stitch, and pull through the stitch. Then insert the hook into the next stitch, loop the yarn over your index finger, and pull through the stitch. Next, wrap the yarn over your hook and pull through all the stitches on the hook.

SINGLE CROCHET (SC)

Single crochet is the stitch used most frequently in this book. It creates a thick fabric that's particularly useful in stuffed animals because it keeps the stuffing from poking through. To work, insert your hook into the next stitch and wrap the yarn over the hook. Pull the yarn through the stitch.

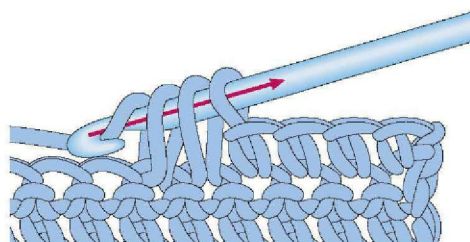


There are now two loops on the hook. Wrap the yarn over your hook again and pull through both loops on the hook.



SINGLE CROCHET DECREASE (SC2TOG)

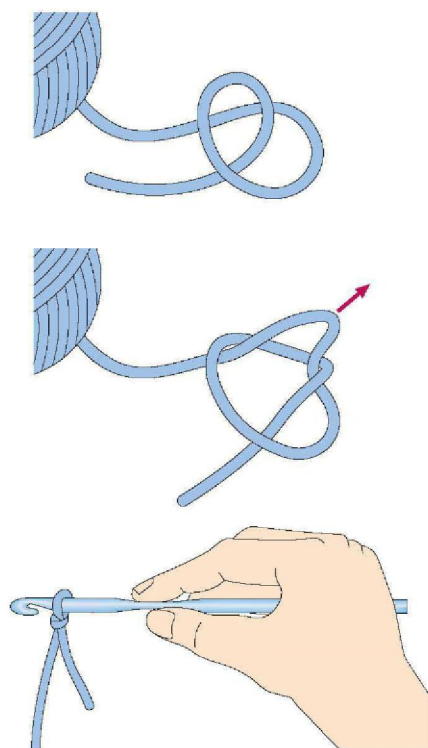
Working two single crochet stitches together is a very common decrease. To work, insert your hook into the next stitch, wrap the yarn over the hook, and pull through the stitch. Insert your hook into the next stitch, wrap the yarn over the hook, and pull through the stitch—that's not a typo, do it twice! There are now three loops on your hook. Wrap the yarn over your hook again and pull through all three loops on the hook. You now have one stitch where there used to be two.



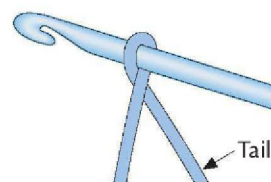
SLIPKNOT

I use two methods for making slipknots. The standard slipknot is great for all the projects, but sometimes it leaves a little hole in the middle when working in the round. To avoid this hole, I teach my students to work a sloppy slipknot. Try them both and use the one you like.

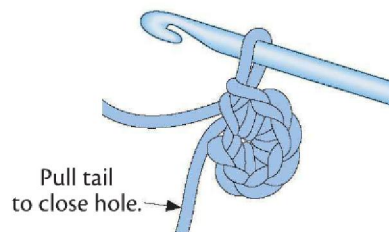
Standard slipknot. The standard slipknot is easy to do and begins your work with a solid knot. To work, make a loop about 3" from the end of the yarn. Insert the hook into the loop and pull the working yarn through the loop. Pull the tail to tighten and you're ready to start.



Sloppy slipknot. To work, put the yarn around your hook and simply twist the yarn once around your hook.

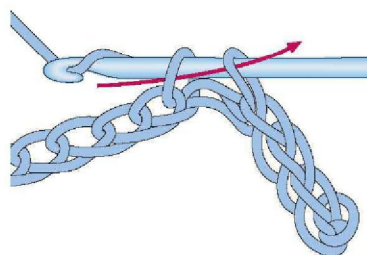


Hold the twisted yarn below the loop on the hook with your left fingers and chain (usually two stitches) as indicated in the pattern. Here's the best part: once you've completed the first round, just pull the tail and your hole closes up. Because you aren't starting with a knot, the starting loop is easily closed. Hooray!



SLIP STITCH (SL ST)

To work a slip stitch, insert your hook into the next stitch and wrap the yarn over the hook. Pull the yarn through both loops on the hook.

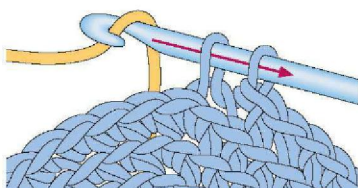


Additional Techniques

The following techniques will help you crochet the projects and finish them with ease.

CHANGING COLORS

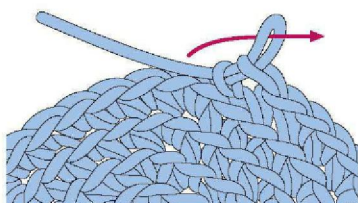
When you switch from one color to another, there's a trick to doing it so the change in color is very clean. Work to within two stitches before a color change. In the next stitch (the last one of your current color), stitch as usual, but don't pull the final loop through. Instead, wrap the new color of yarn around your needle and pull the yarn through the remaining loops. Continue stitching with the new color.



Since the pieces will be stuffed, tie a knot with the two tails and leave them on the inside of the stuffed piece. The tied knot ensures that the stuffing will not weaken the join.

FASTENING OFF

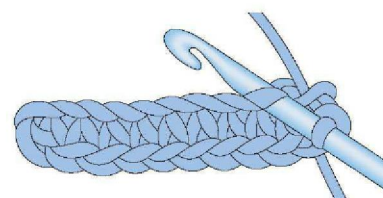
When you're done crocheting, cut the yarn a couple of inches from your last stitch. Wrap the yarn over your hook and pull it through the last loop until the yarn end is all the way through. Tug, and you have a finished knot.



When instructed to "fasten off with long tail," be sure to leave a long-enough piece of yarn before cutting the yarn and pulling it through the last loop. The long tail will be used for attaching parts during the assembly stage, so leave about 12" before cutting.

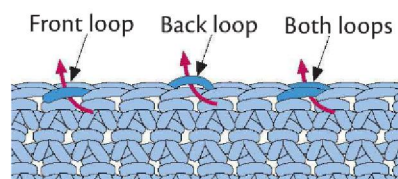
WORKING ON BOTH SIDES OF THE CHAIN

Some pieces are worked on both sides of the foundation chain. To do this, work the required number of chains, and then work into the top loop of each chain as instructed. At the end of the row of chains and with the right side still facing you, rotate the piece clockwise so that the bottom loop of the chain is now at the top; then work into each chain as instructed.



WORKING IN THE FRONT OR BACK LOOPS

When you make a crochet stitch, you end up with two loops at the top of the stitch: a front loop and a back loop. In the patterns in this book, you'll use three types of stitches to create the desired effect.



Through the back loop. Most of the patterns in this book instruct you to crochet through the back loop only. This leaves a little ridge (the unused front loops) that's not only cute but helps with attaching the pieces (see facing page).

Through the front loop. You'll occasionally be instructed to crochet through the front loop of a stitch, usually to create a textured effect such as the bobble stitch (page 11) or a ruffle (as in the jellyfish on page 68).

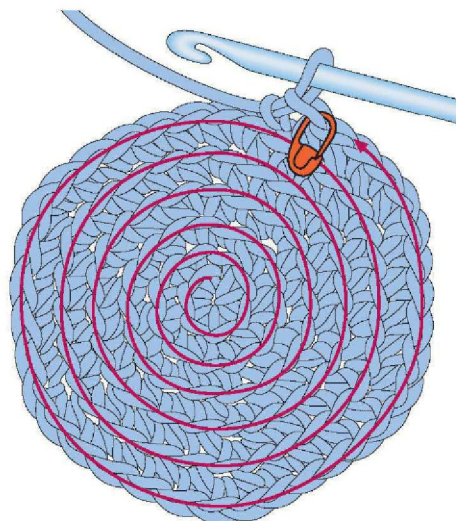
Through both loops. Although working through both loops is typical crochet protocol, you'll only crochet through both loops in making the walrus and alpaca (pages 49 and 58). However, if you prefer crocheting through both loops, you can do so in all patterns (except the jellyfish, crocodile, and alien), resulting in an animal with a different finished texture. If you choose to do this, you may need to use a smaller hook size to avoid holes in the fabric. (Make a "Sorta Gauge Swatch" first as instructed on page 9.)



The swatch on the left is crocheted through the back loops only. The swatch on the right is crocheted through both loops.

WORKING IN THE ROUND

Particularly when you're new to crochet, working in the round can be confusing. There's no clear indication where the round begins and ends, so it's easy to get lost. I recommend that you place a locking stitch marker in the last stitch at the end of the round. Then, after you've crocheted the stitches for the next round, you should end up exactly above the stitch marker. Move your stitch marker at the end of each round to keep track of where you are.



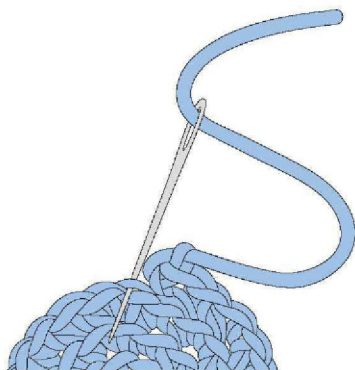
Follow the instructions and continue working in the round without turning until the piece is complete.

ATTACHING PIECES

The animals are made by crocheting all of their little parts, stuffing the parts, and then attaching the parts to complete the animal.

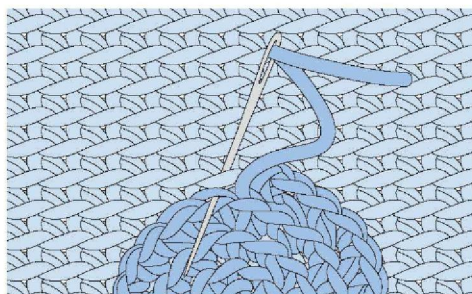
A Clean Start

For a nice finish, it's best to take a little step before attaching your animal's body parts. Thread the long tail through a tapestry needle and begin by inserting your tapestry needle through the back loop of the next stitch as shown. This tucks the little knot that you made into the body part and makes it less likely to show on your finished piece. You will now use this tail to attach the body part to the background.



Attaching Body Parts

Use this technique for attaching body parts, such as a head or an arm, to animal bodies. Begin with the clean start (above), and then insert the needle through one stitch on the background piece and through the back loop of the next stitch on the body part.



Continue in this manner until you've completely attached your piece. To finish, tie a knot on the wrong side of the body.

The pattern instructions indicate where to attach the various body parts. For example, when making Peanut the Elephant, you'll see, "attach bottom of legs to rnd 8 of body." To translate, the bottom of the leg will be attached to round eight of the body and the remainder of the leg will be positioned accordingly. This means that the top will be attached to approximately round 13 of the body—but you don't need to be too picky. Just do what looks good.

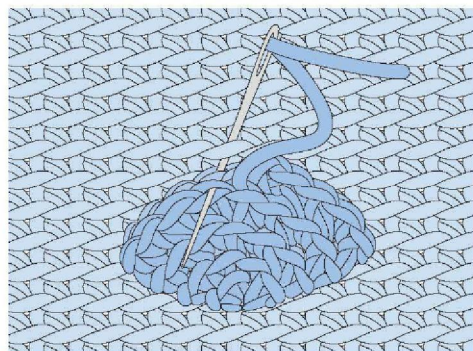
Creating a defined neck. The head of an animal is attached just like any other body part, with one exception. When you attach the head, pull the yarn tight before tying the finishing knot. This will create a more defined neck for your animal. In the photo below, the left kiwi's head was attached like any part, and you can see he has a bit of a thick neck. The right kiwi was made by giving the yarn a good yank while attaching the head, creating a much nicer-looking neck.



At left, a kiwi with a thick neck; at right, a kiwi with a well-defined neck

Attaching Flattened Pieces

Some pieces, such as an ear or a wing, are crocheted in the round and then flattened before attaching. To do this, begin by flattening the piece, with the fastened-off stitch on the right-hand side. Use the clean start (page 17), and then insert the needle through one stitch on the background piece and through the back loop of both layers of the next stitch on the flattened piece as shown.



Continue stitching in this manner until you've completely attached your piece. To finish, tie a knot on the wrong side of the body.

STUFFING ANIMALS

To create a nice-looking stuffed animal, you'll need to put in a fair amount of stuffing. I always stuff the animal with slightly more than I think I'll need, because the stuffing tends to compress over time—especially after lots of hugs! If stuffing shows through the animal, this is a sign that your stitches are too loose and you should go down a hook size. To avoid disappointment, you may want to test-stuff a piece to make sure it looks good before you complete the whole project.

CARING FOR YOUR FINISHED ANIMAL

These adorable animals don't need to be walked or fed, but they may occasionally require some care. Always follow the washing instructions on the label of the yarn that you used. In general, a light spot cleaning with a wet washcloth will be sufficient to keep your animal in good shape. If your beautiful creation looks a little deformed over time (and, if it's being squeezed by a young one, it will), just squish it back into shape. No permanent damage is done.

If your animal encounters a grave disaster (like a mud puddle, for example), and you crocheted it with a machine-washable yarn, then feel free to toss it in the washing machine. It's important to ensure that the animal dries out *completely* to avoid giving icky stuff an opportunity to grow. If you want some weird bacteria in your life, crochet a microbe (page 74). It's much safer than letting a stuffed animal become a science experiment.

Basic Animal Shapes

Many of the stuffed animals share the same basic body parts. Instructions for the most frequently used shapes are given here.

BASIC SPHERE

The same shape is used for the head and body in several of the animals.

With yarn and hook indicated, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 4: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnd 5: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (30)

Rnd 6: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 4 sts) 6 times. (36)

Rnd 7: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 5 sts) 6 times. (42)

Rnd 8: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 6 sts) 6 times. (48)

Rnd 9: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 7 sts) 6 times. (54)

Rnd 10: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 8 sts) 6 times. (60)

Rnds 11–20: Sc in each st. (60)

Rnd 21: (Sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts) 6 times. (54)

Rnd 22: (Sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts) 6 times. (48)

Rnd 23: (Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts) 6 times. (42)

Fasten off with long tail.

BASIC LEGS

With yarn and hook indicated, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12 sts)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 4: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnds 5–12: Sc in each st. (24)

Fasten off with long tail.

BASIC ARMS

With yarn and hook indicated, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnds 4–11: Sc in each st. (18)

Fasten off with long tail.





Peanut the Elephant

This cutie's big floppy ears let you know he's an African elephant (and not his smaller-eared cousin, the Asian elephant). Besides providing an opportunity for a zoology lesson, he's simply adorable!



Skill level: ■■■□□

Size: Approx 7½" tall

MATERIALS

Yarns:

Worsted Merino Wool
from Frog Tree Yarns
(100% baby merino
wool; 1.75 oz/50 g;
137 yds/125 m) 

MC 2 skeins in color
0011 (gray)

CC 20 yards in color
000 (white)

Hooks and notions:

Size H/8 (5 mm) crochet
hook

Tapestry needle

12 mm black plastic safety
eyes

Stuffing

GAUGE

7 rnds of sc = 3"- diameter
circle

PATTERN NOTES

Work through back loops only
(page 15).

HEAD AND BODY

With MC, refer to "Basic
Sphere" (page 19) to make 1 for
body and 1 for head.

LEGS (MAKE 2.)

With MC, refer to "Basic Legs"
(page 19).

ARMS (MAKE 2.)

With MC, refer to "Basic Arms"
(page 19).

TRUNK

With MC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook.
(6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next
st) 6 times. (18)

Rnds 4–7: Sl st in next 9 sts, sc in
next 9 sts. (18)

Rnds 8–12: Sc in each st. (18)

Rnds 13–17: Sc in next 9 sts, sl st
in next 9 sts. (18)

Rnd 18: Sc in next 9 sts; leave
rem 9 sts unworked. (18)

Fasten off with long tail.

EARS (MAKE 2.)

With MC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook.
(6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next
st) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 4: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next
2 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnd 5: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next
3 sts) 6 times. (30)

Rnd 6: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next
4 sts) 6 times. (36)

Rnd 7: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next
5 sts) 6 times. (42)

Rnds 8 and 9: Sc in each st. (42)

Rnd 10: (Sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts)
6 times. (36)

Rnd 11: (Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts)
6 times. (30)

Rnd 12: (Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts)
6 times. (24)

Rnd 13: (Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts)
6 times. (18)

Fasten off with long tail.

MOUTH

With MC, ch 4.

Row 1: Sc 5 in 4th ch from hook.
Turn. (Ch 3 counts as 1 dc, 6 dc
total)

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), dc
in st at base of ch 3, dc 2 in next
5 sts. (12 dc)

Fasten off with long tail.

TUSKS (MAKE 2.)

With CC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnds 3–5: Sc in each st. (12)

Fasten off with long tail.

ASSEMBLY

See “Attaching Pieces” (page 17).

Bottom Half

Stuff legs and attach bottom of legs to rnd 8 of body. Place legs toward front half of body to help elephant sit on his own.

Stuff arms and attach to body, 2 rnds above legs.

Looking at back of elephant, find middle st of rnd 10 between legs—this is where tail will go. To make tail, join a length of MC to fl of middle st on back and ch 10. Remove hook and insert 4 pieces of MC, 3" long, into loop to make fluff. Cut MC, leaving 4" tail, and tie knot to secure.

Top Half

Flatten ears (page 18) and attach top of ears to rnd 7 of head. Bottom of ears should reach rnd 14.

Stuff trunk and attach to center of head pointing upward.

Stuff tusks and attach to each side of trunk.

Attach flat side of mouth below trunk.

Attach eyes to head.

Join Top and Bottom

Stuff head and body. Using long tail from head, attach head to body, pulling tightly to form neck (page 17).

Yarn Company Note

Frog Tree Yarns is an eco-friendly yarn company, dedicated to helping some of my favorite animals on the planet—humans! They are a not-for-profit yarn company, working with artisans in Mexico and Bolivia to help the local economies by importing fabulous eco-friendly yarns to the United States. Who knew you could help your fellow man by buying yarn?





Stretch the Giraffe

Giraffes are well-known for their long necks and square-shaped spots. The simple shape of these spots and the unbearable cuteness of the finished animal makes this a great project to give colorwork a try.



Skill level: ■■■□

Size: Approx 12" tall

MATERIALS

Yarns:

Worsted Cotton from Blue Sky Alpacas (100% organic cotton; 3.5 oz/100 g; 150 yds/137 m) 

MC 1 skein in color 608 Lemonade

CC 45 yards in color 82 Nut

Hooks and notions:

Size H/8 (5 mm) crochet hook

Tapestry needle

12 mm brown plastic safety eyes

Stuffing

GAUGE

6 rnds of sc = 3"-diameter circle

PATTERN NOTES

- ✿ The body is crocheted from the bottom up. You'll attach features and stuff the body as you work to ensure that your hands will fit inside when they need to.
- ✿ Work through back loops only (page 15).
- ✿ See "Changing Colors" (page 15) for details on how to change colors cleanly.

ARMS (MAKE 2.)

With CC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnds 4 and 5: Sc in each st. (18)

Rnds 6–11: With MC, sc in each st. (18)

Fasten off with long tail.

LEGS (MAKE 2.)

With CC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 4: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnds 5 and 6: Sc in each st. (24)

Rnds 7–12: With MC, sc in each st. (24)

Fasten off with long tail.

EARS (MAKE 2.)

With MC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc in each st. (6)

Rnd 3: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnds 4–6: Sc in each st. (12)

Rnd 7: (Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts) 3 times. (9)

Fasten off with long tail.

HORNS (MAKE 2.)

With CC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: Sc in each st. (12)

Rnd 4: (Sc2tog) 6 times. (6)

Rnd 5: Sc in each st. (6)

Fasten off with long tail.

SNOUT

With MC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 4: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnds 5 and 6: Sc in each st. (24)

Fasten off with long tail.

BODY

With MC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 4: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnd 5: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (30)

Rnd 6: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 4 sts) 6 times. (36)

Rnd 7: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 5 sts) 6 times. (42)

Rnd 8: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 6 sts) 6 times. (48)

Rnd 9: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 7 sts) 6 times. (54)

Rnd 10: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 8 sts) 6 times. (60)

Rnds 11–14: (With CC, sc in next 4 sts; with MC, sc in next 8 sts) 5 times. (60)

Rnd 15: With MC, sc in each st. (60)

Rnds 16–19: With MC, sc in next 6 sts; with CC, sc in next 4 sts; (with MC, sc in next 8 sts; with CC, sc in next 4 sts) 4 times; with MC, sc in next 2 sts. (60)

Stranding Yarns in Back

Since there are only a few stitches in between when you change colors, carry the strands of unused color along the back of the work until you use it again, making the back of your work look like the photo below.



Rnd 20: With MC, sc in each st. (60)

Rnd 21: (With MC, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts; with CC, sc in next 4 sts) 6 times. (54)

Rnd 22: (With MC, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts; with CC, sc in next 4 sts) 6 times. (48)

Rnd 23: (With MC, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts; with CC, sc in next 4 sts) 6 times. (42)

Rnd 24: (With MC, sc2tog, sc in next st; with CC, sc in next 4 sts) 6 times. (36)

Remove hook but don't fasten off.

Assembly step: See "Attaching Pieces" (page 17).

Looking at your giraffe body, and pick a side where you like the distribution of spots and make this the front. Stuff legs and attach bottom of leg to rnd 8 of body. Place legs toward front half of body to help giraffe sit on his own. Stuff arms and attach bottom of arms 2 rnds above top of leg.

Looking at back of giraffe, find middle st on rnd 10 between legs—this is where tail will go. To make tail, join a length of MC to fl of middle st on back and ch 10. Remove hook and insert 4 pieces of MC, 3" long, into loop to make fluff. Cut MC, leaving 4" tail, and tie knot to secure. Stuff body and cont stitching.

Rnd 25: (With MC, sc2tog; with CC, sc in next 4 sts) 6 times. (30)

Rnd 26: (With MC, Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnds 27–30: (With CC, sc in next 4 sts; with MC, sc in next 4 sts) 3 times. (24)

Rnd 31: With MC, sc in each st. (24)

Rnd 32: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (30)

Rnd 33: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 4 sts) 6 times. (36)

Rnd 34: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 5 sts) 6 times. (42)

Rnd 35: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 6 sts) 6 times. (48)

Rnds 36–41: Sc in each st. (48)

Rnd 42: (Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts) 6 times. (42)

Rnd 43: (Sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts) 6 times. (36)

Rnd 44: (Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts) 6 times. (30)

Rnd 45: (Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnd 46: (Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (18)

Remove hook but don't fasten off.

Fiber Note

Traditional cotton farming makes intensive use of pesticides and chemicals that leech into our underground water supply and sneak into the finished product. Blue Sky Alpacas' Worsted Cotton is yarn made from 100% organic cotton—that's cotton grown without the use of pesticides and chemical fertilizers. The result is a fabulously soft yarn that you can feel confident about putting against your little baby's face—somewhere that stuffed animals often end up!



Assembly step: Stuff neck. Stuff snout and attach to center of head, shaping snout into slight oval. Fasten eyes above snout. Attach horns to rnds 45 and 46 of head. Flatten ears (page 18) and attach top of ears to rnd 44. Stuff head and cont stitching.

Rnd 47: (Sc2tog, sc in next st) 6 times. (12)

Rnd 48: (Sc2tog) 6 times. (6)

Rnd 49: Sc next and 4th sts tog, leaving rem sts unworked. Fasten off, pull knot to WS.





Mango the Orangutan

Orangutans are reddish-brown apes that live in the rain forests of Indonesia. Use an interesting-textured yarn so your orang looks extra furry and cuddly. Don't forget cuddly!



Skill level: ■■■
Size: Approx 8½" tall

MATERIALS

Yarns:

Dharma from Mango
 Moon Yarns (100% recycled silk; 150 yds/137 m)



MC 2 skeins in color
 9402 Coffee Bean

CC 1 skein in color
 9401 Apricot

Hooks and notions:

Size H/8 (5 mm) crochet hook

Tapestry needle

12 mm copper-colored plastic safety eyes

Stuffing

GAUGE

6 rnds of sc = 3"-diameter circle (See "Gauge Note," above right.)

GAUGE NOTE

When crocheting with hand-spun yarn that is thicker in some spots than others (like Dharma), your gauge may vary slightly from specified. What's important is that you like the look of your crocheted fabric. Change hook sizes until you're satisfied. (See "Sorta Gauge Swatch" on page 9 for tips on selecting a hook size to match your yarn.)

PATTERN NOTES

Work through back loops only (see page 15).

HEAD AND BODY

With MC, refer to "Basic Sphere" (page 19) to make 1 for body and 1 for head.

LEGS (MAKE 2.)

With MC, refer to "Basic Arms" (page 19) to make legs. (Not a typo . . . this orang has skinny legs!)

ARMS (MAKE 2.)

With MC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnds 4–9: Sl st in next 6 sts, sc in next 12 sts. (18)

Rnds 10–17: Sl st in next 6 sts, sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 6 sts, sc in next 3 sts. (18)

Fasten off with long tail.

FACE CIRCLE

With CC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 4: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnd 5: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (30)

Rnd 6: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 4 sts) 6 times. (36)

Rnd 7: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 5 sts) 6 times. (42)

Rnd 8: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 6 sts) 6 times. (48)

Fasten off with long tail.

SNOUT

With CC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 4: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnd 5: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (30)

Rnd 6: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 4 sts) 6 times. (36)

Rnds 7 and 8: Sc in each st. (36)

Fasten off with long tail.

MOUTH

With CC, ch 4.

Row 1: Sc 5 in 4th ch from hook. Turn. (Ch 3 counts as 1 dc, 6 dc total)

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), dc in st at base of ch 3, dc 2 in next 5 sts. (12 dc)

Fasten off with long tail.

EARS (MAKE 2.)

With CC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnds 4–6: Sc in each st. (18)

Fasten off with long tail.

ASSEMBLY

See “Attaching Pieces” (page 17).

Bottom Half

Stuff legs and attach bottom of legs to rnd 8 of body.

Stuff arms and attach 2 rnds above legs. You can put arms in lots of creative positions: curved inward, upward, or however you like.

Top Half

Flatten ears (page 18) and attach between rnds 12 and 17 of head.

Attach top of face circle to rnd 8 of head, centering between ears.

Stuff snout and attach to face circle. For best look, squish snout into an oval and attach to lower half of face circle so it almost reaches bottom of circle, leaving room for mouth.

Attach flat side of mouth below snout.

Fasten eyes above snout.

Join Top and Bottom

Stuff head and body. Using long tail from head, attach head to body, pulling tightly to form neck (page 17).

Yarn Company Note

The motto of Mango Moon Yarns is, “change the world one stitch at a time.”

They’ve formed a partnership with women’s groups in Nepal and Indonesia, bringing the rest of the world these lovely hand-spun yarns, and enriching the lives of the women who spin it. When you’re buying a yarn, it’s nice to know that you can help others at the same time.





Lala the Panda

Pandas are known for eating bamboo. This one's made from bamboo! Bamboo is an incredibly soft fiber, resulting in a super-cuddly stuffed animal.



Skill level: ■■■□□

Size: Approx 7" tall

MATERIALS

Yarns:

Bambool from Elsebeth
Lavold (80% bamboo, 20%
merino wool; 1.75 oz/50 g;
92 yds/84 m) 

MC 1 skein in color
01 (white)

CC 1 skein in color
03 (black)

Hooks and notions:

Size G/6 (4 mm) crochet
hook

Tapestry needle

12 mm white plastic safety
eyes

Stuffing

GAUGE

6 rnds of sc = 2½"-diameter
circle

PATTERN NOTES

Work through back loops only
(page 15).

BODY

With MC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook.
(6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next
st) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 4: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next
2 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnd 5: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next
3 sts) 6 times. (30)

Rnd 6: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next
4 sts) 6 times. (36)

Rnd 7: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next
5 sts) 6 times. (42)

Rnd 8: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next
6 sts) 6 times. (48)

Rnd 9: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next
7 sts) 6 times. (54)

Rnd 10: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in
next 8 sts) 6 times. (60)

Rnds 11–17: Sc in each st. (60)

Rnds 18–20: With CC, sc in each
st. (60)

Rnd 21: (Sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts)
6 times. (54)

Rnd 22: (Sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts)
6 times. (48)

Rnd 23: (Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts)
6 times. (42)

Fasten off with long tail.

HEAD

With MC, refer to "Basic
Sphere" (page 19) to make 1 for
head.

LEGS (MAKE 2.)

With CC, refer to "Basic Legs"
(page 19).

ARMS (MAKE 2.)

With CC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook.
(6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next
st) 6 times. (18)

Rnds 4–9: Sl st in next 6 sts, sc in
next 12 sts. (18)

Rnds 10–17: Sl st in next 6 sts, sc
in next 3 sts, hdc in next 6 sts, sc
in next 3 sts. (18)

Fasten off with long tail.

EYE CIRCLES (MAKE 2.)

With CC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook.
(6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next
st) 6 times. (18)

Fasten off with long tail.

SNOUT

With MC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook.
(6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 4: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnd 5: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (30)

Rnds 6 and 7: Sc in each st. (30)

Fasten off with long tail.

NOSE

With CC, ch 2.

Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Fasten off with long tail.

MOUTH

With MC, ch 4.

Sc 5 in 4th ch from hook. (Ch 3 counts as 1 dc, 6 dc total)

Fasten off with long tail.

EARS (MAKE 2.)

With CC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnds 4 and 5: Sc in each st. (18)

Fasten off with long tail.

ASSEMBLY

See "Attaching Pieces" (page 17).

Bottom Half

Stuff legs and attach bottom of legs to rnd 10 of body. Place legs slightly forward to help panda sit up on his own.

Stuff arms and attach to body, 1 rnd above legs. You can put arms in lots of creative positions: curved inward, upward, or however you like.

Top Half

Flatten ears (page 18) and attach tops of ears to rnd 7 of head.

Attach nose to snout. For best look, squish nose into an oval and attach to upper half of snout.

Stuff snout and attach top to rnd 11 at center of head.

Attach flat side of mouth below snout.

Attach eye circles above and to sides of snout. For best look, stretch eye circles into an oval shape so that they are taller than wide.

Fasten eyes in center of eye circles.

Join Top and Bottom

Stuff head and body. Using long tail from head, attach head to body, pulling tightly to form neck (page 17).





Salty the Crocodile

The bobbie stitch used in this pattern gives this croc his famous bumpy skin. And, unlike the real thing, this guy won't snap when you hug him!



Skill level: ■■■■□

Size: Approx 13½" long

MATERIALS

Yarns:

Corntastic from Kollage Yarns (100% corn; 1.75 oz/50 g; 105 yds/96 m)



MC 2 skeins in Peridot

CC 10 yards in Pearl

Hooks and notions:

Size F/5 (3.75 mm) crochet hook

Tapestry needle

12 mm black plastic safety eyes

Stuffing

GAUGE

8 rnds of sc = 3¼"-diameter circle

PATTERN NOTES

- ✿ See the explanation of the bobble (bbl) stitch (page 11) for details on how to make his cute bumpy skin.
- ✿ Work through back loops only (page 15), except where indicated for bbl.

HEAD

With MC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 4: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnd 5: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (30)

Rnd 6: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 4 sts) 6 times. (36)

Rnd 7: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 5 sts) 6 times. (42)

Rnd 8: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 6 sts) 6 times. (48)

Rnd 9: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 7 sts) 6 times. (54)

Rnd 10: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 8 sts) 6 times. (60)

Rnd 11: Sc in next 30 sts, (sc in next 9 sts, bbl in next st) 3 times. (60)

Rnd 12: Sc in each st. (60)

Rnd 13: Sc in next 30 sts, (sc in next 4 sts, bbl in next st, sc in next 5 sts) 3 times. (60)

Rnd 14: Sc in each st. (60)

Rnds 15–18: Rep rnds 11–14. (60)

Rnds 19 and 20: Rep rnds 13 and 14. (60)

Rnd 21: (Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, bbl in next st, sc in next 5 sts) 6 times. (54)

Rnd 22: (Sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts) 6 times. (48)

Rnd 23: (Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts) 6 times. (42)

Fasten off with long tail.

SNOUT

With MC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnds 4 and 5: Sc in each st. (18)

Rnd 6: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnds 7 and 8: Sc in each st. (24)

Rnd 9: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (30)

Rnds 10 and 11: Sc in each st. (30)

Rnd 12: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 4 sts) 6 times. (36)

Rnds 13 and 14: Sc in each st. (36)

Rnd 15: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 5 sts) 6 times. (42)

Rnds 16 and 17: Sc in each st. (42)

Fasten off with long tail.

NOSTRILS (MAKE 2.)

With MC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc in each st. (6)

Fasten off with long tail.

EYES AND EYELIDS

(Make 2 eyes in CC, make 2 eyelids in MC.)

Ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 4: Sc in each st. (18)

Fasten off with long tail.

BODY

With MC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnds 2 and 3: Sc in each st. (6)

Rnd 4: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 3 times. (9)

Rnds 5 and 6: Sc in each st. (9)

Rnd 7: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 2 sts) 3 times. (12)

Rnds 8–10: Sc in each st. (12)

Rnd 11: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnds 12 and 13: Sc in each st. (18)

Rnd 14: Sc in next 12 sts, bbl in next st, sc in next 5 sts. (18)

Rnd 15: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnds 16 and 17: Sc in each st. (24)

Rnd 18: Sc in next 13 sts, bbl in next st, sc in next 7 sts, bbl in next st, sc in next 2 sts. (24)

Rnd 19: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (30)

Rnds 20 and 21: Sc in each st. (30)

Rnd 22: Sc in next 22 sts, bbl in next st, sc in next 7 sts. (30)

Rnd 23: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 4 sts) 6 times. (36)

Rnds 24–40: Work rnds 7–23 of head.

Fasten off.

LEGS (MAKE 4.)

With MC, refer to “Basic Arms” (page 19) to make legs. (Not a typo . . . this croc has skinny legs!)

ASSEMBLY

See “Attaching Pieces” (page 17).

Body

The bumpy side of body should be on top.

Stuff legs. Attach front legs starting at rnd 37 of body. Attach back legs toward tail, leaving 4 rnds between front and back legs.





Head

The bumpy side of head should be on top.

Flatten nostrils (page 18) and attach to rnd 4 of snout.

Stuff and flatten snout into oval shape. Attach widest part of snout to rnd 9 on either side of head.

Fasten plastic eyes to center of crocheted eyes (the ones in CC).

Stuff eyes and attach to head above snout.

Flatten eyelids (the ones in MC) and attach to head on top of eyes.

Join Head and Body

Stuff head and body. Using long tail from head, attach head to body, pulling tightly to form neck (page 17).

Fiber Note

Corn, like soy (page 64), is a plant fiber that makes wonderful yarn. Corn yarn is made from the starch present in the corn, which is processed and extruded into fibers. Corn yarn has the feel and absorbency of cotton—and makes a cute crocodile.





Kai the Kiwi

Kiwis are funny little flightless birds from New Zealand. They're such a national symbol that people from New Zealand are called "Kiwis"! This kiwi is crocheted from a New Zealand possum yarn.



Skill level: ■□□□

Size: Approx 6" tall

MATERIALS

Yarns:

Kia Ora Rimu DK Weight from Zealana (60% New Zealand merino, 40% possum; 1.75 oz/50 g; 140 yds/128 m) 

MC 1 skein in Paru Brown

CC 40 yards in Flax

Hooks and notions:

Size G/6 (4 mm) crochet hook

Tapestry needle

12 mm black plastic safety eyes

Stuffing

GAUGE

6 rnds of sc = 2½"-diameter circle

PATTERN NOTES

Work through back loops only (page 15).

HEAD AND BODY (MAKE 1 FOR BODY AND 1 FOR HEAD.)

With MC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 4: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnd 5: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (30)

Rnd 6: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 4 sts) 6 times. (36)

Rnd 7: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 5 sts) 6 times. (42)

Rnd 8: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 6 sts) 6 times. (48)

Rnds 9–16: Sc in each st. (48)

Rnd 17: (Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts) 6 times. (42)

Rnd 18: (Sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts) 6 times. (36)

Rnd 19: (Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts) 6 times. (30)

Fasten off with long tail.

FOOT HALVES (MAKE 4.)

With CC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 4: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnd 5: (Dc 5 in 2nd st from hook, sl st in 2nd st from hook) 3 times. Leave rem sts unworked.

Fasten off with long tail.

BEAK

With CC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnds 2–11: Sc in each st. (6)

Fasten off with long tail.

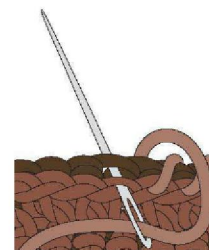
ASSEMBLY

See "Attaching Pieces" (page 17).

The trickiest part in assembling the kiwi is getting his feet just right.

Whipstitch

Insert needle into back loop of each piece and pull yarn through, cont all around, and then fasten off and pull knot to inside.



Joining pieces along an edge

Bottom Half

Hold 2 foot halves with WS tog and so that toes (the dc clusters) line up. Using long tail from one half, whipstitch around entire foot. Rep for second foot.

Thread tapestry needle with a length of CC and attach rnd 3 of foot to rnd 8 of body. For cutest look, turn feet so that toes point slightly outward.

Top Half

Attach beak to center of head. It will naturally curve down (yay, gravity!).

Fasten eyes to head.

Join Top and Bottom

Stuff head and body. Using long tail from head, attach head to body, pulling tightly to form neck (page 17).

Fiber Note

Possums are not native to New Zealand, and since their introduction, have become an invasive species. Left unchecked, they destroy the habitats of native species—including our dear friend, the kiwi. Possum fiber is a by-product of conservation efforts, resulting in a yarn that is warm and very soft. This amazing yarn is now readily available in a variety of colors and blends, and makes one fabulous kiwi!





Hootie the Owl

This adorable owl is made using three colors of yarn—and designed so that not a scrap of yarn goes to waste! You can make three owls from the three skeins by switching which color is used as the main color.



Skill level: ■ □ □ □

Size: Approx 8" tall

MATERIALS

Yarns:

Eco Duo from Cascade Yarns (70% baby alpaca/30% undyed merino wool; 3.5 oz/100 g; 197 yds/180 m) in colors 1704 (dark brown), 1708 (medium brown), and 1705 (cream)*

MC 150 yards

CC1 35 yards

CC2 20 yards

Hooks and notions:

Size H/8 (5 mm) crochet hook

Tapestry needle

12 mm black plastic safety eyes

Stuffing

*Color Key:

Light owl: MC 1705, CC1 1708, and CC2 1704;

Medium owl: MC 1708, CC1 1704, and CC2 1705;

Dark owl: MC 1704, CC1 1708, and CC2 1705

GAUGE

7 rnds of sc = 3"-diameter circle

PATTERN NOTES

Work through back loops only (page 15).

HEAD AND BODY

With MC, refer to "Basic Sphere" (page 19) to make 1 for body and 1 for head.

WINGS (MAKE 2.)

With MC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 4: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnd 5: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (30)

Rnds 6–12: Sc in each st. (30)

Rnd 13: (Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnd 14: (Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 15: Sc in each st. (18)

Rnd 16: (Sc2tog, sc in next st) 6 times. (12)

Rnd 17: Sc in each st. (12)

Fasten off with long tail.

TAIL

With MC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 3 times. (9)

Rnds 3 and 4: Sc in each st. (9)

Rnd 5: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 2 sts) 3 times. (12)

Rnd 6: Sc in each st. (12)

Rnd 7: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 8: Sc in each st. (18)

Rnd 9: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (24)

Fasten off with long tail.

FEET (MAKE 2.)

With CC1, ch 4.

Row 1: Sc 5 in 4th ch from hook. Turn. (Ch 3 counts as 1 dc, 6 dc total)

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), dc in st at base of ch 3, dc 2 in next 5 sts. (12 dc)

Fasten off with long tail.

TUMMY CIRCLE

With CC1, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 4: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnd 5: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (30)

Rnd 6: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 4 sts) 6 times. (36)

Rnd 7: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 5 sts) 6 times. (42)

Fasten off with long tail.

EARS (MAKE 2.)

(OK, they aren't really ears, but make 2 anyway.)

With MC, ch 4.

Row 1: Sc 5 in 4th ch from hook. Turn. (Ch 3 counts as 1 dc, 6 dc total)

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), dc in st at base of ch 3, dc 2 in next 5 sts. (12 dc)

Fasten off with long tail.

BEAK

With CC1, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 3 times. (9)

Rnds 3 and 4: Sc in each st. (9)

Fasten off with long tail.

INNER EYE CIRCLES (MAKE 2.)

With CC1, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Fasten off with long tail.

OUTER EYE CIRCLES (MAKE 2.)

With CC2, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 4: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnd 5: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (30)

Fasten off with long tail.

ASSEMBLY

See "Attaching Pieces" (page 17).

Bottom Half

Attach flat side of feet to rnd 8 of body. How you space the feet is up to you. As long as they aren't as far apart as the wings, they'll look great.

Attach bottom of tummy circle to rnd 9 and top to rnd 23.

Flatten wings (page 18) and attach to rnd 23. Wings should be placed far enough apart on each side so that they don't touch tummy circle.

Stuff tail and attach to middle of back with bottom at rnd 8.

Top Half

Attach bottom of outer eye circles 7 rnds up from last rnd of head so that they meet in center.

Attach inner eye circles to middle of outer eye circles.

Fasten eyes in center of eye circles.

Stuff beak and attach below eyes, between bottom of outer eye circles.

Flatten ears, fold in half, and attach flat side to head. Ear opening should face outward.

Join Top and Bottom

Stuff head and body. Using long tail from head, attach head to body, pulling tightly to form neck (page 17).





Milton the Slowpoke Snail

This snail looks smashing worked in different colored shells, so be creative! The shell shaping is deceptively simple (just increases and decreases), so it's easy to have this cutie in your home.



Skill level: ■■■□□

Size: Approx 10" x 11"

MATERIALS

Yarns:

Worsted Cotton from Blue Sky Alpacas (100% organic cotton; 3.5 oz/100 g; 150 yds/137 m) 

Blue snail

MC 1 skein in color 81 Sand

CC1 1 skein in color 630 Caribbean

CC2 20 yards in color 615 Tulip

Yellow snail

MC 1 skein in color 606 Shell

CC1 1 skein in color 607 Lemongrass

CC2 20 yards in color 615 Tulip

Hooks and notions:

Size H/8 (5 mm) crochet hook

Tapestry needle

12 mm black plastic safety eyes

Stuffing

GAUGE

6 rnds of sc = 3"-diameter circle

PATTERN NOTES

- ✿ This snail is crocheted from top of head to bottom of body. You'll attach features and stuff the body as you work to ensure your hands will fit inside when they need to.
- ✿ Work through back loops only (page 15).

SHELL

With CC1, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: Sc in each st. (12)

Rnd 4: (Sc2tog) 6 times. (6)

Rnd 5: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 6: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 7: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnd 8: Sc in each st. (24)

Rnd 9: (Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 10: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnd 11: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (30)

Rnd 12: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 4 sts) 6 times. (36)

Rnd 13: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 5 sts) 6 times. (42)

Rnd 14: Sc in each st. (42)

Rnd 15: (Sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts) 6 times. (36)

Rnd 16: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 5 sts) 6 times. (42)

Rnd 17: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 6 sts) 6 times. (48)

Rnd 18: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 7 sts) 6 times. (54)

Rnd 19: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 8 sts) 6 times. (60)

Rnds 20–29: Sc in each st. (60)

Rnd 30: (Sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts) 6 times. (54)

Rnd 31: (Sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts) 6 times. (48)

Rnd 32: (Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts) 6 times. (42)

Fasten off with long tail.

SNAILY FOOT

With MC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnds 3 and 4: Sc in each st. (12)

Rnd 5: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 6: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnds 7–9: Sc in each st. (24)

Rnd 10: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (30)

Rnds 11–15: Sc in each st. (30)
Fasten off with long tail.

ANTENNAE (MAKE 2.)

With MC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnds 2–7: Sc in each st. (6)

Fasten off with long tail.

EYES (MAKE 2.)

With CC2, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnds 4 and 5: Sc in each st. (18)

Rnd 6: (Sc2tog, sc in next st) 6 times. (12)

Fasten off with long tail.

SNOUT

With MC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnds 4–6: Sc in each st. (18)

Fasten off with long tail.

MOUTH

Small mouth is shown on blue snail; large mouth is shown on yellow snail.

With MC, ch 4.

Row 1: Dc 5 in 4th ch from hook. (Ch 3 counts as 1 dc, 6 dc total)

For small mouth: fasten off with long tail. **For large mouth:** don't fasten off, turn, and work next row.

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), dc in st at base of ch 3, dc 2 in next 5 sts. (12 dc)

Fasten off with long tail.

HEAD AND BODY

With MC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 4: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnd 5: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (30)

Rnd 6: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 4 sts) 6 times. (36)

Rnds 7–10: Sc in each st. (36)

Rnd 11: (Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts) 6 times. (30)

Rnd 12: (Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (24)

Remove hook but don't fasten off.

Assembly step: See "Attaching Pieces" (page 17). Fasten plastic eyes to rnd 4 of crocheted eyes. Stuff eyes and attach to rnd 6 at top of head. Attach antennae behind eyes. Stuff snout and attach to center of head. Attach flat side of mouth below snout. Stuff head and cont stitching.

Rnd 13: (Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (18)

Rnds 14–18: Sc in each st. (18)

Rnd 19: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnd 20: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (30)

Rnd 21: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 4 sts) 6 times. (36)

Rnd 22: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 5 sts) 6 times. (42)

Rnd 23: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 6 sts) 6 times. (48)

Rnds 24–31: Sc in each st. (48)

Rnd 32: (Sc2tog in next st, sc in next 6 sts) 6 times. (42)

Rnd 33: (Sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts) 6 times. (36)

Rnd 34: (Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts) 6 times. (30)

Remove hook but don't fasten off.

Assembly step: Stuff neck. Stuff shell and attach bottom of shell to rnd 31 of body; top of shell should reach rnd 22. Slightly stuff and flatten snail's foot and attach top below shell in same rnd as body. If you like, you can tack foot to bottom of shell with scrap yarn. Stuff body and cont stitching.

Rnd 35: (Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnd 36: (Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 37: (Sc2tog, sc in next st) 6 times. (12)

Rnd 38: (Sc2tog) 6 times. (6)

Rnd 39: Sc next and 4th sts tog, leaving rem sts unworked.

Fasten off, pull knot to WS.





Waddles the Penguin

This little waddler is a baby emperor penguin, native to Antarctica. They're well-known for snuggling together to keep warm, so get your snuggle on!



Skill level: 

Size: Approx 6½" tall

MATERIALS

Yarns:

Eco Alpaca from Cascade Yarns (100% undyed baby alpaca; 3.5 oz/100 g; 220 yds/200 m) 

MC 1 skein in color 1524 (gray)

CC1 35 yards in color 1520 (black)

CC2 15 yards in color 1510 (white)

Hooks and notions:

Size G/6 (4 mm) crochet hook

Tapestry needle

12 mm black plastic safety eyes

Stuffing

GAUGE

8 rnds of sc = 3"-diameter circle

PATTERN NOTES

Work through back loops only (page 15).

HEAD

With CC1, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 4: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnd 5: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (30)

Rnd 6: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 4 sts) 6 times. (36)

Rnd 7: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 5 sts) 6 times. (42)

Rnd 8: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 6 sts) 6 times. (48)

Rnd 9: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 7 sts) 6 times. (54)

Rnd 10: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 8 sts) 6 times. (60)

Rnds 11–15: Sc in each st. (60)

Rnds 16–20: With CC2, sc in next 20 sts; with CC1, sc in next 40 sts. (60)

Rnd 21: With CC2, (sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts) 2 times; with CC1, (sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts) 4 times. (54)

Rnd 22: With CC2, (sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts) 2 times; with CC1, (sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts) 4 times. (48)

Rnd 23: With CC2, (sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts) 2 times; with CC1, (sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts) 4 times. (42)

Fasten off with long tail.

EYE CIRCLES (MAKE 2.)

With CC2, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 4: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnd 5: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (30)

Fasten off with long tail.

BEAK

With CC1, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnds 3–5: Sc in each st. (12)

Fasten off with long tail.

BODY

With MC, refer to "Basic Sphere" (page 19) to make 1 for body.

WINGS (MAKE 2.)

With MC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnds 3 and 4: Sc in each st. (12)

Rnd 5: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnds 6–10: Sc in each st. (18)

Rnd 11: (Sc2tog, sc in next st) 6 times. (12)

Rnd 12: Sc in each st. (12)

Fasten off with long tail.

FEET (MAKE 2.)

With CC1, ch 4.

Row 1: Sc 5 in 4th ch from hook. Turn. (Ch 3 counts as 1 dc, 6 dc total)

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), dc in st at base of ch 3, dc 2 in next 5 sts. (12 dc)

Fasten off with long tail.

ASSEMBLY

See "Attaching Pieces" (page 17).

Bottom Half

Attach flat side of feet to rnd 8 of body.

Flatten wings (page 18) and attach to rnd 22 of body.

Top Half

Attach eye circles to head. They look best if bottom of circles overlap white portion of head, with a small space between circles on forehead.

Fasten eyes to head in center of eye circles.

Stuff beak and attach to center of head, fitting it snugly between bottoms of outer eye circles.

Join Top and Bottom

Stuff head and body. Using long tail from head, attach head to body, pulling tightly to form neck (page 17).





Tuskegee the Walrus

Who can resist a soft and awkwardly moving mammal? No one I know! Crochet this Arctic-inhabiting plush and avoid all the hassles associated with real-life tusks.



Skill level: ■■■■□

Size: Approx 4½" tall,
11" long

MATERIALS

Yarns:

Eco Alpaca from Cascade
Yarns (100% undyed baby
alpaca; 3.5 oz/100 g; 220
yds/200 m) 

MC 1 skein in color
1512 (brown)

CC 10 yards in color
1510 (white)

Hooks and notions:

Size G/6 (4 mm) crochet
hook

Tapestry needle

12 mm black plastic safety
eyes

Stuffing

GAUGE

7 rnds of sc = 2½"-diameter
circle

PATTERN NOTES

- ❖ The body is crocheted from the tail to the head. You'll attach his features and stuff him as you work to ensure that your hands will fit inside when they need to.
- ❖ Work through both loops (page 15).

FRONT FLIPPERS (MAKE 2.)

With MC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnds 3–11: Sc in each st. (12)
Fasten off with long tail.

SNOUT

With MC, ch 6.

Rnd 1: Turn, *sc 2 in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 3 sts, sc 2 in next st*. Don't turn piece, but rotate to work bottom of foundation ch (page 15); rep from * to * once. (14)

Rnd 2: (Sc in next st, sc 2 in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 2 times. (18)

Rnd 3: (Sc in next 2 sts, sc 2 in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc 2 in next st, sc in next 2 sts) 2 times. (22)

Rnd 4: (Sc in next 3 sts, sc 2 in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc 2 in next st, sc in next 3 sts) 2 times. (26)

Rnds 5–7: Sc in each st. (26)
Fasten off with long tail.

TUSKS (MAKE 2.)

With CC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 3 times. (9)

Rnds 3–5: Sc in each st. (9)
Fasten off with long tail.

BACK FLIPPERS (MAKE 2.)

With MC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc in each st. (6)

Rnd 3: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnds 4 and 5: Sc in each st. (12)

Rnd 6: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnds 7–9: Sc in each st. (18)

For first back flipper, fasten off.
For second back flipper, don't fasten off.

BODY

Rnd 10 (join back flippers): Sc in 9 sts of rnd 9 of yarn-attached back flipper. Sc in each st of rnd 9 of fastened-off back flipper. Sc in rem 9 sts of yarn-attached back flipper. (36)

Rnds 11 and 12: Sc in each st. (36)

Assembly step: See "Attaching Pieces" (page 17). If there's a small gap where the 2 back flippers were joined, thread a small length of MC in tapestry needle and pull through 1 st on

either side of gap. Tie knot on WS and it's fixed. Stuff tail and cont stitching.

Rnd 13: (Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts) 6 times. (30)

Rnd 14: (Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnds 15–17: Sc in each st. (24)

Rnd 18: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (30)

Rnds 19–22: Sc in each st. (30)

Rnd 23: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 4 sts) 6 times. (36)

Rnds 24–29: Sc in each st. (36)

Rnd 30: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 5 sts) 6 times. (42)

Rnds 31–37: Sc in each st. (42)

Work back and forth in rows to shape body.

Row 1: Sc in next 34 sts, turn, leaving rem sts unworked.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in next 33 sts, turn, leaving rem st unworked.

Rows 3–15: Ch 1, sc in each st, leaving last st of row unworked, turn; don't turn after row 15. (20 sts at end of row 15)

Return to working in rnds for rem of patt.

Rnd 1: Sc in 7 unworked sts along first side of body, sc in next 8 sts, sc in 7 unworked sts along second side of body, sc in 20 sts. (42)

Rnds 2–14: Sc in each st. (42)

Rnd 15: (Sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts) 6 times. (36)

Rnd 16: (Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts) 6 times. (30)

Rnd 17: (Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (24)

Assembly step: Flatten front flippers (page 18) and attach to triangle-shaped portion at sides where body was worked in rows. Stuff tusks and attach to bottom of snout. Stuff snout and attach top of snout to rnd 15 of head. Fasten eyes to rnd 17 of head. Stuff body and cont stitching.

Rnd 18: (Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 19: (Sc2tog, sc in next st) 6 times. (12)

Assembly step: Squish in a little bit more stuffing to round out top of head.

Rnd 20: (Sc2tog) 6 times. (6)

Rnd 21: Sc next and 4th sts tog, leaving rem sts unworked.

Fasten off, pull knot to WS.





Maple the Moose

It's not often that you encounter a big moose—and can give him a hug without getting a poke from an antler! This guy is so cute that you may be tempted to post "moose crossing" signs in your home.



Skill level: ■■■□□

Size: Approx 7½" tall and 9½" antler span

MATERIALS

Yarns:

½ N ½ from Kollage Yarns
(50% milk, 50% wool; 1.75
oz/50 g; 174 yds/160 m)



MC 1 skein in Burlywood

CC1 50 yards in Old
Lace

CC2 20 yards in
Midnight

Hooks and notions:

Size F/5 (3.75 mm) crochet
hook

Tapestry needle

12 mm black plastic safety
eyes

Stuffing

GAUGE

7 rnds of sc = 2½"-diameter
circle

PATTERN NOTES

Work through back loops only
(page 15).

HEAD AND BODY

With MC, refer to "Basic
Spheres" (page 19) to make 1
for body and 1 for head.

ARMS (MAKE 2.)

With CC2, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook.
(6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next
st) 6 times. (18)

Rnds 4 and 5: Sc in each st. (18)

Rnds 6–11: With MC, sc in each
st. (18)

Fasten off with long tail.

LEGS (MAKE 2.)

With CC2, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook.
(6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next
st) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 4: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next
2 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnds 5 and 6: Sc in each st. (24)

Rnds 7–12: With MC, sc in each
st. (24)

Fasten off with long tail.

EARS (MAKE 2.)

With MC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook.
(6)

Rnd 2: Sc in each st. (6)

Rnd 3: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnds 4–6: Sc in each st. (12)

Rnd 7: (Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts)
3 times. (9)

Fasten off with long tail.

SNOUT

With MC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook.
(6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next
st) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 4: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next
2 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnd 5: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next
3 sts) 6 times. (30)

Rnd 6: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next
4 sts) 6 times. (36)

Rnds 7–11: Sc in each st. (36)

Fasten off with long tail.

NOSTRILS (MAKE 2.)

With CC2, ch 2.

Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Fasten off with long tail.

ANTLER BASE (MAKE 2.)

With CC1, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnds 4–7: Sc in each st. (18)

Rnds 8–12: Sl st in next 6 sts, sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 6 sts, sc in next 3 sts. (18)

Rnds 13–23: Sc in each st. (18)

Fasten off with long tail.

ANTLER POINTS (MAKE 4.)

With CC1, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnds 4–7: Sc in each st. (18)

Fasten off with long tail.

ASSEMBLY

See “Attaching Pieces” (page 17).

Bottom Half

Stuff legs and attach bottom of legs to rnd 11 of body. Place legs toward front half of body to help your moose sit on his own.

Stuff arms and attach to body, 1 rnd above legs.

Top Half

Stuff antler points and attach 2 points to each antler base, points facing up.

Stuff antler base and attach to each side of head with top at rnd 7.

Flatten ears (page 18) and attach to sides of head, below antlers.

Attach nostrils to snout.

Stuff snout and attach top of snout to rnd 9 in center of head.

Fasten eyes to head.

Join Top and Bottom

Stuff head and body. Using long tail from head, attach head to body, pulling tightly to form neck (page 17).





Mr. Crabby

This is a "soft-shelled" crab of a new kind. With his big eyes and adorable pincers, this guy is sure to alleviate any crabbiness you might have!



Skill level: ■■■□

Size: Approx 6" tall and 16" span between claws

MATERIALS

Yarns:

Picoboo from Frog Tree Yarns (60% pima cotton, 40% bamboo; 1.75 oz/50 g; 116 yds/106 m) 

MC 2 skeins in color 1011 (red)

CC 10 yards in color 1001 (white)

Hooks and notions:

Size F/5 (3.75 mm) crochet hook

Tapestry needle

12 mm black plastic safety eyes

Stuffing

GAUGE

6 rnds of sc = 2½" - diameter circle

PATTERN NOTES

- ✿ The crab body is crocheted from the top down. You'll stuff and attach his features at various points to ensure that your hands will fit inside when they need to.
- ✿ Work through back loops only (see page 15).

CLAWS (MAKE 2.)

Start with pinchers. Make 2 for each claw.

With MC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc in each st. (6)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 3 times. (9)

Rnd 4: Sc in each st. (9)

Rnd 5: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 2 sts) 3 times. (12)

Rnd 6: Sc in each st. (12)

Rnd 7: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 8: Sc in each st. (18)

For first pincher, fasten off.

For second pincher, don't fasten off.

Rnd 9 (join pinchers): Sc in each st of rnd 8 of first pincher. Sc in each st of rnd 8 of second pincher. (36)

Rnds 10–12: Sc in each st. (36)

Rnd 13: (Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts) 6 times. (30)

Rnd 14: (Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (24)

Remove hook but don't fasten off.

Assembly step: See "Attaching Pieces" (page 17). If there's a small gap where the 2 pinchers were joined, thread a length of MC on a tapestry needle and insert needle through 1 st on either side of gap. Tie knot on WS and it's fixed. Stuff claw, making sure stuffing goes into pinchers. If you don't do it now, your hand won't fit inside later. Cont stitching.

Rnd 15: (Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 16: (Sc2tog, sc in next st) 6 times. (12)

Rnds 17–29: Sc in each st. (12)
Fasten off with long tail.

EYESTALKS (MAKE 2.)

With CC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnds 4–6: Sc in each st. (18)

Rnd 7: (Sc2tog, sc in next st) 6 times. (12)

Remove hook but don't fasten off.

Assembly step: Fasten plastic eyes to rnd 5 of crocheted eyes. Stuff eye and cont stitching.

Rnd 8: With MC, (sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts) 3 times. (9)

Rnds 9–11: Sc in each st. (9)
Fasten off with long tail.

LITTLE LEGS (MAKE 8.)

With MC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 3 in 2nd ch from hook. (3)

Rnds 2–14: Sc in each st. (3)

Leg should be about 3½" long in case it's too finicky to count rnds here.

Fasten off with long tail.

SHELL

With MC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 4: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnd 5: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (30)

Rnd 6: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 4 sts) 6 times. (36)

Rnd 7: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 5 sts) 6 times. (42)

Rnd 8: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 6 sts) 6 times. (48)

Rnd 9: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 7 sts) 6 times. (54)

Rnd 10: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 8 sts) 6 times. (60)

Rnd 11: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 9 sts) 6 times. (66)

Rnd 12: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 10 sts) 6 times. (72)

Rnd 13: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 11 sts) 6 times. (78)

Rnds 14–18: Sc in each st. (78)

Rnd 19: (Sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts) 6 times. (72)

Rnd 20: (Sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts) 6 times. (66)

Rnd 21: (Sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts) 6 times. (60)

Rnd 22: (Sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts) 6 times. (54)

Rnd 23: (Sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts) 6 times. (48)

Rnd 24: (Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts) 6 times. (42)

Remove hook but don't fasten off.

Assembly step: Stuff the rest of the eyestalks and attach to rnd 2 of shell. Stuff the rest of the claws and attach top of claw to rnd 15 of shell, slightly toward front to allow room for little legs. Attach 4 little legs along rnd 15 on each side of shell, with 1 st between each leg. Stuff shell and cont stitching.

Rnd 25: (Sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts) 6 times. (36)

Rnd 26: (Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts) 6 times. (30)

Rnd 27: (Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnd 28: (Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (18)

Assembly step: Squish in a little bit more stuffing to round out the shell. Cont stitching.

Rnd 29: (Sc2tog, sc in next st) 6 times. (12)

Rnd 30: (Sc2tog) 6 times. (6)

Rnd 31: Sc next and 4th sts tog, leaving rem sts unworked.

Fasten off, pull knot to WS.





Sherwin the Alpaca

The loop stitch is fantastic for giving this cuddly alpaca a furry look. Make this little guy out of alpaca yarn for a genuine feel. Alpacas naturally come in many colors, and the new undyed yarns reflect that spectrum. Try out the different colors and make a whole herd!



Skill level: ■■■□

Size: Approx 8" tall

MATERIALS

Yarns:

Eco Alpaca from Cascade Yarns (100% undyed baby alpaca; 3.5 oz/100 g; 220 yds/200 m) 

Dark alpaca

MC 1 skein in color 1622 (brown)

CC 20 yards in color 1520 (black)

Light alpaca

MC 1 skein in color 1529 (tan)

CC 20 yards in color 1520 (black)

Hooks and notions:

Size H/8 (5 mm) crochet hook

Tapestry needle

12 mm black plastic safety eyes

Stuffing

GAUGE

8 rnds of sc = 3"-diameter circle

PATTERN NOTES

- ✿ The body is crocheted from the top down. You'll attach features and stuff the body as you work down.
- ✿ When crocheting the loop stitch (page 12), the loops are created on the wrong side, so you'll be crocheting the piece inside out. Don't worry, you'll get a reminder to turn him right-side in!
- ✿ Work through both loops (page 15).

LEGS (MAKE 4.)

With CC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnds 4 and 5: Sc in each st. (18)

Rnds 6–11: With MC, sc in each st. (18)

Fasten off with long tail.

NOSE

With CC, ch 2.

Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Fasten off with long tail.

SNOUT

With MC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnds 4–6: Sc in each st. (18)

Fasten off with long tail.

MOUTH

With MC, ch 4.

Dc 5 in 4th ch from hook. (Ch 3 counts as 1 dc, 6 dc total)

Fasten off with long tail.

EARS (MAKE 2.)

With MC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 4: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnds 5–7: Sc in each st. (24)

Rnd 8: (Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 9: (Sc2tog, sc in next st) 6 times. (12)

Fasten off with long tail.

HEAD

With MC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Lp st 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Lp st 2 in next st, lp st in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 4: (Lp st 2 in next st, lp st in next 2 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnd 5: (Lp st 2 in next st, lp st in next 3 sts) 6 times. (30)

Rnd 6: (Lp st 2 in next st, lp st in next 4 sts) 6 times. (36)

Rnd 7: (Lp st 2 in next st, lp st in next 5 sts) 6 times. (42)

Rnd 8: (Lp st 2 in next st, lp st in next 6 sts) 6 times. (48)

Rnds 9–14: Lp st in next 24 sts. Sc in next 24 sts. (48)

NECK

Rnd 15: (Lp st2tog, lp st in next 6 sts) 3 times, (sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts) 3 times. (42)

Rnd 16: (Lp st2tog, lp st in next 5 sts) 3 times, (sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts) 3 times. (36)

Rnd 17: (Lp st2tog, lp st in next 4 sts) 3 times, (sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts) 3 times. (30)

Rnd 18: (Lp st2tog, lp st in next 3 sts) 3 times, (sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts) 3 times. (24)

Rnds 19–22: Lp st in next 12 sts, sc in next 12 sts. (24)

Remove hook but don't fasten off.

Assembly step: See "Attaching Pieces" (page 17). Turn alpaca inside out and attach pieces with the loopy side facing outward. Because it's difficult to identify rnd numbers through loops, specific rnds aren't provided for placement. Refer to the photo (page 58) for guidance. Flatten ears (page 18) and attach to sides of head. Stuff snout, flatten into an oval shape, and attach to middle of face. Fasten eyes evenly spaced above snout. Attach flat side of mouth below snout. Cont stitching.

MAIN BODY

Rnd 23: (Lp st 2 in next st, lp st in next 3 sts) 3 times, (sc 2 in next st, sc in next 3 sts) 3 times. (30)

Rnd 24: (Lp st 2 in next st, lp st in next 4 sts) 3 times, (sc 2 in next st, sc in next 4 sts) 3 times. (36)

Rnd 25: (Lp st 2 in next st, lp st in next 5 sts) 3 times, (sc 2 in next st, sc in next 5 sts) 3 times. (42)

Rnd 26: (Lp st 2 in next st, lp st in next 6 sts) 3 times, (sc 2 in next st, sc in next 6 sts) 3 times. (48)

Rnd 27: (Lp st 2 in next st, lp st in next 7 sts) 3 times, (sc 2 in next st, sc in next 7 sts) 3 times. (54)

Rnd 28: (Lp st 2 in next st, lp st in next 8 sts) 3 times, (sc 2 in

next st, sc in next 8 sts) 3 times. (60)

Rnds 29–38: Lp st in next 30 sts, sc in next 30 sts. (60)

Rnd 39: (Sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts) 6 times. (54)

Rnd 40: (Sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts) 6 times. (48)

Remove hook but don't fasten off.

Assembly step: Stuff arms and legs; then attach arms and legs to body, with bottom of legs at rnd 38 and arms 2 or 3 rnds above legs. Remember to attach pieces with the loopy side facing outward. Cont stitching.

Rnd 41: (Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts) 6 times. (42)

Rnd 42: (Sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts) 6 times. (36)

Rnd 43: (Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts) 6 times. (30)

Rnd 44: (Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnd 45: (Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 46: (Sc2tog, sc in next st) 6 times. (12)

Assembly step: Stuff body and cont stitching.

Rnd 47: (Sc2tog) 6 times. (6)

Rnd 48: Sc next and 4th sts tog, leaving rem sts unworked.

Fasten off, pull knot to WS.

Fiber Note

Did you know that alpacas are classified in more than 50 natural colors? The spectrum includes white, fawn, brown, gray, and black, with all the shades in between. Cascade's Eco Alpaca is made exclusively with natural undyed alpaca and comes in 16 solid colors and 11 twisted colors.





Slithers the Snake

He's curly, soft and cuddly—and not at all scary. The alternate use of slip stitch and single crochet makes a snake with a coiled body. He can either sit in a coil or be straightened to crawl—fun for any kid!



Skill level: ■■■□

Size: Approx 8" coiled and 24" long when stretched out

MATERIALS

Yarns:

Milky Whey from Kollage Yarns (50% milk, 50% soy; 1.75 oz/50 g; 137 yds/145 m) 

MC 2 skeins in Milky Green

CC 10 yards in Pearl

Hooks and notions:

Size F/5 (3.75 mm) crochet hook

Tapestry needle

12 mm black plastic safety eyes

Stuffing

16 locking stitch markers (optional)

GAUGE

7 rnds of sc = 2½"-diameter circle

PATTERN NOTES

- ✦ The body is crocheted from the tail to the head. You'll stuff the body as you work to ensure that your hands will fit inside when they need to.
- ✦ Work through back loops only (page 15).

EYES (MAKE 2.)

With CC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnds 4 and 5: Sc in each st. (18)

Rnd 6: (Sc2tog, sc in next st) 6 times. (12)

Fasten off with long tail.

BODY

With MC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnds 2–4: Sc in each st. (6)

Rnd 5: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 3 times. (9)

Rnds 6–8: Sc in each st. (9)

Rnd 9: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 2 sts) 3 times. (12)

Rnds 10–13: Sl st in next 6 sts, sc in next 6 sts. (12)

Rnd 14: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnds 15–20: Sl st in next 9 sts, sc in next 9 sts. (18)

Rnd 21: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnds 22–29: Sl st in next 12 sts, sc in next 12 sts. (24)

Rnd 30: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (30)

Rnds 31–38: Sl st in next 15 sts, sc in next 15 sts. (30)

Rnd 39: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 4 sts) 6 times. (36)

Assembly step: As you crochet, be sure to stuff snake every 6" or so of length since it will become more difficult to do so as he gets longer.

Rnds 40–199: Sl st in next 18 sts, sc in next 18 sts. (36)

Counting Rounds

Counting the 160 rounds required for the main stretch of the snake's body may seem daunting, but don't fret. Once you start round 40, place a new locking stitch marker every 10 rounds. When you have 16 stitch markers, you're done!

Rnd 200: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 5 sts) 6 times. (42)

Rnd 201: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 6 sts) 6 times. (48)

Rnd 202: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 7 sts) 6 times. (54)

Rnd 203: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 8 sts) 6 times. (60)

Rnds 204–213: Sc in each st. (60)

Rnd 214: (Sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts) 6 times. (54)

Rnd 215: Sc in each st. (54)

Rnd 216: (Sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts) 6 times. (48)

Rnd 217: Sc in each st. (48)

Rnd 218: (Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts) 6 times. (42)

Rnd 219: (Sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts) 6 times. (36)

Rnd 220: (Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts) 6 times. (30)

Remove hook but don't fasten off.

Assembly step: See "Attaching Pieces" (page 17). Fasten plastic eyes to rnd 4 of crocheted eyes. Stuff eyes and attach between rnds 211 and 213 of head. Stuff head and cont stitching.

Rnd 221: (Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnd 222: Sc in each st. (24)

Rnd 223: (Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 224: (Sc2tog, sc in next st) 6 times. (12)

Assembly step: Shove in a tiny bit more stuffing and cont stitching.

Rnd 225: (Sc2tog) 6 times. (6)

Rnd 226: Sc next and 4th sts tog, leaving rem sts unworked. Fasten off, pull knot to WS.

Fiber Note

Soy is a particularly eco-friendly product—it's made from the by-product of the tofu-manufacturing process. These waste materials are processed in a method similar to bamboo yarn, resulting in a yarn that feels as soft as silk.





Fins the Fish

When you go fishing, you're not always guaranteed to reel in the big one, but when you start crocheting, you'll end up hooking one amazing catch!



Skill level: ■■■■□

Size: Approx 8" tall and 12" long

MATERIALS

Yarns:

Worsted Cotton from Blue Sky Alpacas (100% organic cotton; 3.5 oz/100 g; 150 yds/137 m) 

MC 1 skein in color 601 Poppy

CC1 1 skein in color 617 Lotus

CC2 10 yards in color 615 Tulip

Hooks and notions:

Size H/8 (5 mm) crochet hook

Tapestry needle

12 mm black plastic safety eyes

Stuffing

GAUGE

6 rnds of sc = 3"-diameter circle

PATTERN NOTES

- ✿ The body is crocheted from the tail up to the face. You'll attach features and stuff the body as you work to ensure that your hands will fit inside when they need to.
- ✿ Work through back loops only (see page 15).

TOP FIN

Start by making 2 bumps.

With MC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 4: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnd 5: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (30)

For first bump, fasten off.

For second bump, don't fasten off.

Rnd 6 (join bumps): Sc in 15 sts of rnd 5 of yarn-attached bump. Sc in each st of rnd 5 of fastened-off bump. Sc in rem 15 sts of yarn-attached bump. (60)

Rnd 7: (Sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts) 6 times. (54)

Rnd 8: (Sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts) 6 times. (48)

Rnd 9: (Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts) 6 times. (42)

Rnd 10: (Sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts) 6 times. (36)

Fasten off.

SIDE FINS (MAKE 2.)

With MC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 4: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnds 5–8: Sc in each st. (24)

Rnd 9: (Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 10: (Sc2tog, sc in next st) 6 times. (12)

Fasten off with long tail.

EYES (MAKE 2.)

With CC2, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 4: Sc in each st. (18)

Fasten off with long tail.

TAIL

Start by making 2 flippers.

With MC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 4: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnds 5–8: Sc in each st. (24)

Rnd 9: (Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 10: (Sc2tog, sc in next st) 6 times. (12)

For first flipper, fasten off.

For second flipper, don't fasten off.

Rnd 11 (join flippers): Sc in 6 sts on rnd 10 of yarn-attached flipper. Sc in each st on rnd 10 of fastened-off flipper. Sc in rem 6 sts of yarn-attached flipper. (24)

BODY

Rnd 12: Sc in each st. (24)

Rnd 13: With CC1, (sc 2 in next st, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (30)

Rnd 14: Sc in each st. (30)

Rnd 15: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 4 sts) 6 times. (36)

Rnd 16: With MC, sc in each st. (36)

Rnd 17: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 5 sts) 6 times. (42)

Rnd 18: Sc in each st. (42)

Rnd 19: With CC1, (sc 2 in next st, sc in next 6 sts) 6 times. (48)

Rnd 20: Sc in each st. (48)

Rnd 21: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 7 sts) 6 times. (54)

Rnd 22: With MC, sc in each st. (54)

Rnd 23: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 8 sts) 6 times. (60)

Rnd 24: Sc in each st. (60)

Rnds 25–36: Beg with CC1, sc in each st. Alternate between MC and CC1 every 3 rows, ending with MC. (60)

Remove hook but don't fasten off.

Assembly step: See "Attaching Pieces" (page 17). If there's a small gap where the 2 bumps on top fin or 2 flippers on tail were joined, thread a length of MC in tapestry needle and pull yarn through 1 st on either side of gap. Tie knot on WS and it's fixed! Hold your fish so that tail is upright (one flipper on top of the other) and ends of rnds are at bottom of fish. This will ensure your fish can swim properly, and also hides the zigzags at color changes. Flatten side fins (page 18) and attach to rnd 32 of body. Flatten top fin as shown in photo (below). Attach bottom of fin starting at last rnd you crocheted. Stuff tail and cont stitching.

Rnd 37: With CC1, (sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts) 6 times. (54)

Rnd 38: Sc in each st. (54)

Rnd 39: (Sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts) 6 times. (48)

Rnd 40: Sc in each st. (48)

Rnd 41: (Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts) 6 times. (42)

Rnd 42: Sc in each st. (42)

Rnd 43: (Sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts) 6 times. (36)

Rnd 44: Sc in each st. (36)

Rnd 45: (Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts) 6 times. (30)

Rnd 46: Sc in each st. (30)

Rnd 47: (Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnd 48: Sc in each st. (24)

Remove hook but don't fasten off.

Assembly step: Fasten plastic eyes in center of crocheted eyes. Stuff eyes and attach between rnds 41 and 45 of head. Stuff body and cont stitching.

Rnd 49: (Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 50: Sc in each st. (18)

Rnd 51: (Sc2tog, sc in next st) 6 times. (12)

Assembly step: Shove a tiny bit more stuffing into tip of head. Cont stitching.

Rnd 52: (Sc2tog) 6 times. (6)

Rnd 53: Sc next and 4th sts tog, leaving rem sts unworked.

Fasten off, pulling knot to WS.





Gordon (aka *Sting*) the Jellyfish

The only thing that you need to be careful about with this jellyfish is that he'll want to sneak up and cuddle you! These guys are so quick to make, you may have a jellyfish "bloom" (that's what a group is called) on your hands in no time.



Skill level: ■■■□□

Size: Approx 9½" long,
including tentacles

MATERIALS

Yarns:

2 skeins of Corntastic from
Kollage Yarns (100% corn;
1.75 oz/50 g; 105 yds/96
m) in color Rose Quartz 

Hooks and notions:

Size F/5 (3.75 mm) crochet
hook

Tapestry needle

12 mm black plastic safety
eyes

Stuffing

1 locking stitch marker

GAUGE

8 rnds of sc = 3¼"-diameter
circle

PATTERN NOTES

- ✦ The body is crocheted from the top down. You'll attach tentacles and stuff the body before you finish crocheting.
- ✦ Unless otherwise instructed, work through back loops only (page 15).

BIG TENTACLES (MAKE 4.)

Ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook.
(6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnds 3–22: Sc in each st. (12)

Fasten off with long tail.

SMALL TENTACLES (MAKE 4.)

Leaving about 2" before the slip
knot and with MC, ch 70.
Fasten off, leaving about 2" at
end.

BODY

Ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook.
(6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next
st) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 4: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next
2 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnd 5: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next
3 sts) 6 times. (30)

Rnd 6: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next
4 sts) 6 times. (36)

Rnd 7: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next
5 sts) 6 times. (42)

Rnd 8: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next
6 sts) 6 times. (48)

Rnd 9: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next
7 sts) 6 times. (54)

Rnd 10: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in
next 8 sts) 6 times. (60)

Rnd 11: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in
next 9 sts) 6 times. (66)

Rnd 12: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in
next 10 sts) 6 times. (72)

Rnd 13: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in
next 11 sts) 6 times. (78)

Rnds 14–18: Sc in each st. (78)

Rnd 19: (Sc2tog, sc in next 11
sts) 6 times. (72)

Rnd 20: (Sc2tog, sc in next 10
sts) 6 times. (66)

Rnd 21: (Sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts)
6 times. (60)

Mark rnd 21 with locking st
marker; you'll come back to it
later.

Rnd 22: (Sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts)
6 times. (54)

Rnd 23: (Sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts)
6 times. (48)

Rnd 24: (Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts)
6 times. (42)

Rnd 25: (Sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts)
6 times. (36)

Rnd 26: (Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts)
6 times. (30)

Remove hook but don't fasten
off.

RUFFLE

Remember that rnd you marked earlier? Now it's time to visit it again.

Rnd 1: Join yarn (you can use opposite end of ball of yarn) to fl of a st on rnd 21 with sc. Sc *through fl* of each st of rnd. (60)

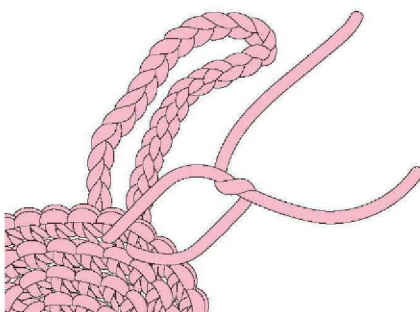
Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (120)

Rnds 3 and 4: Sc in each st. (120)

Fasten off and weave in tail.

Assembly step: See "Attaching Pieces" (page 17). Fasten eyes to rnd 18 of body about 7 or 8 sts apart. Don't stuff big tentacles; they look best when they are flowy, just like a real jellyfish. Attach 1 big tentacle between rnds 23 and 26 of body. Attach rem 3 big tentacles evenly spaced around body. Attach 1 small tentacle to rnd 24 of body, spaced evenly between 2 big tentacles as follows: fold chain in half, thread each end of chain through body and tie knot on

WS as shown. Attach rem 3 small tentacles between other big tentacles. Stuff body and cont stitching.



Attaching small tentacle to jellyfish

Cont with body: Pick up yarn where you left off at rnd 26 and cont.

Rnd 27: (Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnd 28: (Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 29: (Sc2tog, sc in next st) 6 times. (12)

Rnd 30: (Sc2tog) 6 times. (6)

Rnd 31: Sc next and 4th sts tog, leaving rem sts unworked.

Fasten off, pull knot to WS.





Zork the Alien

Zork is from another planet—fortunately, a friendly one! This adorable alien would look great crocheted in any color, so use your imagination.



Skill level: ■■■■□

Size: Approx 12" tall

MATERIALS

Yarns:

Worsted Cotton from Blue Sky Alpacas (100% organic cotton; 3.5 oz/100 g; 150 yds/137 m) 

MC 1 skein in color 633 Pickle

CC 45 yards in color 615 Tulip

Hooks and notions:

Size H/8 (5 mm) crochet hook

Tapestry needle

12 mm black plastic safety eyes

Stuffing

1 locking stitch marker

GAUGE

6 rnds of sc = 3"-diameter circle

PATTERN NOTES

- ✿ The body is crocheted from the top down. You'll attach features and stuff the body as you work to ensure that your hands will fit inside when they need to.
- ✿ Work through back loops only (page 15).

MOUTH

With MC, ch 12.

Rnd 1: Sc in first ch (to join in rnd) and in each rem ch. (12)

Rnds 2–5: Sc in each st. (12)

Fasten off with long tail.

ARMS (MAKE 2.)

With MC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnds 3–7: Sc in each st. (12)

Fasten off with long tail.

EYES AND EYE STALKS (MAKE 2.)

Start by making 2 eyes.

With CC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 4: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnd 5: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (30)

Rnds 6–10: Sc in each st. (30)

Rnd 11: (Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnd 12: (Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 13: (Sc2tog, sc in next st) 6 times. (12)

Rnds 14–18: With MC, sc in each st. (12)

For first eye, fasten off.

For second eye, don't fasten off.

BODY

Rnd 19 (join eyes): Sc in each st on rnd 18 of first eye. Sc in each st on rnd 18 of second eye. (24)

Remove hook but don't fasten off.

Assembly step: See "Attaching Pieces" (page 17). Fasten plastic eyes to rnd 8 of crocheted eyes. Feel free to be creative if you want a googly-eyed look. Stuff eyes and cont stitching.

Rnd 20: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (30)

Rnd 21: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 4 sts) 6 times. (36)

Rnd 22: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 5 sts) 6 times. (42)

Rnds 23–26: Sc in each st. (42)

Rnd 27: (Sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts) 6 times. (36)

Rnd 28: (Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts) 6 times. (30)

Rnd 29: (Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnd 30: (Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (18)

Rnds 31–33: Sc in each st. (18)

Assembly step: If there's a small gap where the 2 eyes were joined, thread a length of MC in tapestry needle; pull yarn through 1 st on either side of the gap. Tie knot on WS and it's fixed.

To finish mouth, bring rnd 5 to foundation chain, essentially folding mouth in half. With folded edge facing outward, attach top of mouth on rnd 24 of head (stitching through both rnd 5 and foundation chain). Stuff head and cont stitching.

Rnd 34: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnd 35: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (30)

Rnd 36: Sc in each st. (30)

Rnd 37: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 4 sts) 6 times. (36)

Rnd 38: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 5 sts) 6 times. (42)

Rnd 39: Sc in each st. (42)

Rnd 40: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 6 sts) 6 times. (48)

Rnd 41: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next 7 sts) 6 times. (54)

Rnds 42–50: Sc in each st. (54)

Mark rnd 50 with locking st marker. You'll come back to it later.

Rnd 51: (Sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts) 6 times. (48)

Rnd 52: (Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts) 6 times. (42)

Rnd 53: (Sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts) 6 times. (36)

Rnd 54: (Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts) 6 times. (30)

Remove hook but don't fasten off.

Assembly step: Stuff arms and attach bottom of arms to rnd 42. Stuff body and cont stitching.

RUFFLE

Remember that rnd you marked earlier? Now it's time to visit it again.

Rnd 1: Join MC (you can use opposite end of ball of yarn) to fl of a st on rnd 50 with a sc. Sc *through fl* of each st of rnd. (54)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (108)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 54 times. (162)

Rnd 4: Sc in each st. (162)

Fasten off and weave in tail.

Cont with body: Pick up yarn where you left off at rnd 54 and cont.

Rnd 55: (Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnd 56: (Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 57: (Sc2tog, sc in next st) 6 times. (12)

Rnd 58: (Sc2tog) 6 times. (6)

Rnd 59: Sc next and 4th sts tog, leaving rem sts unworked.

Fasten off, pulling knot to WS.





Mike the Microbe & *Mac* the Macrobe

These microbes are super-fluffy and really cute. (Mac's the big one; Mike's the tiny guy.) They're also quick to make, so you can end up with a whole family in no time! These microbes are a great opportunity to try using some fun yarn in great colors.



Skill level: ■■■□

Size: Large: Approx 8" tall;

Small: Approx 6" tall

MATERIALS

Yarns:

Banana Silk from Frabjous Fibers (100% rayon made from banana fiber; 7 oz/200 g; 150 yds/137 m) 

MC for large

260 yds in Celery

MC for small

150 yds in Turquoise

Worsted Cotton from Blue Sky Alpacas (100% organic cotton; 3.5 oz/100 g; 150 yds/137 m) 

CC for both 15 yards in color 615 Tulip

Hooks and notions:

Size K/10.5 (6.5 mm) crochet hook

Size H/8 (5 mm) crochet hook

Tapestry needle

12 mm black plastic safety eyes

Stuffing

GAUGE

With size K hook and MC, 5 rnds of lp st = 3"-diameter circle (See "Gauge Note," above right.)

GAUGE NOTE

When you're crocheting with handspun yarn that's thicker in some spots than others (like Banana Silk), your gauge may vary slightly from specified. What's important is that you like the look of your crocheted fabric. Change hook sizes, if necessary, until you're satisfied. (See "Sorta Gauge Swatch" on page 9 for tips on selecting a hook size to match your yarn.)

PATTERN NOTES

- ✦ The body is crocheted from the top down. You'll attach eyes and stuff the body before you have finished crocheting. Just follow along and you'll be fine.
- ✦ When crocheting the loop stitch (see page 12), the loops are formed on the WS, so you'll be crocheting the piece inside out. Don't worry, you'll get a reminder to turn him right-side in!
- ✦ Work through back loops only (page 15).

EYES (MAKE 2.)

With CC and smaller hook, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnds 4–6: Sc in each st. (18)

Rnd 7: (Sc2tog, sc in next st) 6 times. (12)

Fasten off with long tail.

BODY

With MC and larger hook, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Rnd 2: Lp st 2 in each st. (12)

Rnd 3: (Lp st 2 in next st, lp st in next st) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 4: (Lp st 2 in next st, lp st in next 2 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnd 5: (Lp st 2 in next st, lp st in next 3 sts) 6 times. (30)

Rnd 6: (Lp st 2 in next st, lp st in next 4 sts) 6 times. (36)

Rnd 7: (Lp st 2 in next st, lp st in next 5 sts) 6 times. (42)

Rnd 8: (Lp st 2 in next st, lp st in next 6 sts) 6 times. (48)

FOR SMALL:

Rnds 9–15: Lp st in each st. (48)

Skip to rnd 25 on page 76.

FOR LARGE:

Rnd 9: (Lp st 2 in next st, lp st in next 7 sts) 6 times. (54)

Rnd 10: (Lp st 2 in next st, lp st in next 8 sts) 6 times. (60)

Rnd 11: (Lp st 2 in next st, lp st in next 9 sts) 6 times. (66)

Rnds 12–21: Lp st in each st. (66)

Rnd 22: (Sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts) 6 times. (60)

Rnd 23: (Sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts) 6 times. (54)

Rnd 24: (Sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts) 6 times. (48)

FOR BOTH SIZES:

Rnd 25: (Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts) 6 times. (42)

Rnd 26: (Sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts) 6 times. (36)

Rnd 27: (Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts) 6 times. (30)

Remove hook but don't fasten off.

Assembly step: See "Attaching Pieces" (page 17). Turn your microbe inside out so that all of his cute loops are facing outward. Fasten plastic eyes in rnd

5 of crocheted eyes. Stuff eyes and attach to body. The lp st makes seeing the sts on body difficult, and some loops are going to get squished—that's normal. Just attach eye so that no stuffing comes out and you've done a good job. Stuff body and cont stitching.

Rnd 28: (Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts) 6 times. (24)

Rnd 29: (Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 30: (Sc2tog, sc in next st) 6 times. (12)

Rnd 31: (Sc2tog) 6 times. (6)

Rnd 32: Sc next and 4th sts tog, leaving rem sts unworked.

Fasten off, pulling knot to WS.

Fiber Note

Yarn from bananas? Well, almost. Banana silk is yarn made from the stalks and leaves of non-fruit-bearing plants. Since banana plants are quick-growing, they are a sustainable source of fiber. Frabjous Fibers' banana silk is particularly eco-friendly because the yarn is spun from threads that are left over from the process of weaving threads into fabric. Nothing goes to waste, and this handspun yarn is delightfully soft and makes an awesome microbe!



Useful Information

STANDARD YARN WEIGHTS						
Yarn-Weight Symbol and Category Name	 1 Super Fine	 2 Fine	 3 Light	 4 Medium	 5 Bulky	 6 Super Bulky
Types of Yarn in Category	Sock, Fingering, Baby	Sport, Baby	DK, Light Worsted	Worsted, Afghan, Aran	Chunky, Craft, Rug	Bulky, Roving
Crochet Gauge* Range in Single Crochet to 4"	21 to 32 sts	16 to 20 sts	12 to 17 sts	11 to 14 sts	8 to 11 sts	5 to 9 sts
Recommended Hook in US Size Range	B-1 to E-4	E-4 to 7	7 to I-9	I-9 to K-10½	K-10½ to M-13	M-13 and larger
Recommended Hook in Metric Size Range	2.25 to 3.5 mm	3.5 to 4.5 mm	4.5 to 5.5 mm	5.5 to 6.5 mm	6.5 to 9 mm	9 mm and larger

**These are guidelines only. The above reflect the most commonly used gauges and needle or hook sizes for specific yarn categories.*

METRIC CONVERSIONS

Yards x .91 = meters
Meters x 1.09 = yards
Grams x .035 = ounces
Ounces x 28.35 = grams



SKILL LEVELS

-  **Beginner:** Projects for first-time crocheters using basic stitches; minimal shaping.
-  **Easy:** Projects using yarn with basic stitches, repetitive stitch patterns, simple color changes, and simple shaping and finishing.
-  **Intermediate:** Projects using a variety of techniques, such as basic lace patterns or color patterns; midlevel shaping and finishing.
-  **Experienced:** Projects with intricate stitch patterns, techniques, and dimension, such as nonrepeating patterns, multi-color techniques, fine threads, small hooks, detailed shaping, and refined finishing.



Abbreviations & Glossary

approx	approximately
beg	begin(ning)
bl	back loop(s)
bbl	bobble (page 11)
CC	contrasting color
CC1	first contrasting color
CC2	second contrasting color
ch	chain
cont	continue(ing)(s)
dc	double crochet(s) (page 12)
fl	front loop(s)
g	gram(s)
hdc	half double crochet (page 12)
inc	increase(ing)(s)
lp st	loop stitch (page 12)
lp st2tog	loop 2 stitches together—1 stitch decreased (page 13)
m	meter(s)
MC	main color
mm	millimeter(s)
oz	ounce(s)
patt	pattern(s)
pm	place marker
rem	remain(ing)
rep(s)	repeat(s)
rnd(s)	round(s)
RS	right side
sc	single crochet(s) (page 13)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together—1 stitch decreased (see page 13)
sl st	slip stitch(es) (page 14)
st(s)	stitch(es)
tog	together
WS	wrong side
yd(s)	yard(s)
YO	yarn over

Resources

Please contact the following manufacturers to learn where you can purchase their products.

YARNS

Blue Sky Alpacos

www.blueskyalpacos.com
Worsted Cotton

Cascade Yarns

www.cascadeyarns.com
Eco Alpaca
Eco Duo

Debbie Bliss

Distributed by Knitting Fever
www.knittingfever.com
Prima

Elsebeth Lavold

Distributed by Knitting Fever
www.knittingfever.com
Bamboo

Frabjous Fibers

www.frabjousfibers.com
Banana Silk

Frog Tree Yarns

www.frogtreeyarns.com
Merino Wool
Picoboo

Kollage Yarns

www.kollageyarns.com
Corntastic
½ N ½
Milky Whey

Mango Moon Yarns

www.mangomoonyarns.com
Dharma

Zealana

www.zealana.co.nz
Kia Ora Rimu

NOTIONS

Bryson Distributing

www.brysonknits.com
Bent-tip and straight metal
tapestry needles

Clover

www.clover-usa.com
Locking stitch markers

Fairfield

www.poly-fil.com
Poly-fil stuffing

Suncatcher Eyes

www.suncatchereyes.net
Plastic craft eyes

Susan Bates

www.coatsandclark.com
Aluminum and plastic
crochet hooks





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