

Gourmet
Crochet™

MONSTER MASH Amigurumi



Dear Friend,

Thank you very much for appreciating and supporting the efforts of an independent crochet designer. It is my mission to bring you exciting, fun, top-quality designs with detailed instructions to help you get maximum enjoyment from your crochet hobby.

Now, on a more serious note. This is an original crochet pattern, joyfully created by me—an independent, self-employed crochet designer. This pattern holds a registered United States copyright with world rights retained. Please do not copy, scan, share, email, post, or otherwise distribute this pattern in any manner. To do so is equivalent to stealing from me. It is a federal offense, and an international crime.

Internet pattern sharing has put many designers out of business and this makes me incredibly sad. Every designer I know feels the same sadness and betrayal when this happens. I'm appealing to you, as purchaser of this pattern, to support the efforts of independent crochet designers by NOT sharing, emailing, posting or otherwise distributing my patterns. Refraining from doing so is the first step in breaking the chain of unlawful distribution.

Why is sharing such a problem? I'll explain. Say you copy and email this pattern to your three closest crochet friends. The next day they each email it to three of their crochet friends. The next day those people do the same. At the end of a week, the pattern will have been emailed to over 3,000 people. And that is not even considering that somewhere in there, there is bound to be at least a handful of crocheters who send the pattern out to dozens of people at once.

Thanks very much for reading this all the way to the end! And thanks again for purchasing this pattern. Best wishes and happy crocheting!

Carolyn

Gourmet
Crochet

Create these frighteningly adorable characters for Halloween. Called "amigurumi" in Japan—translation "knitted doll"—little crocheted animals and dolls are fun to make for decorations and little gifts. This collection includes

Frankenstein's monster, Count Dracula, witch, cat, pumpkin, ghost and creepy crawly spider. 2½" to 6½" tall, made with worsted-weight yarn.

Skill level:



INTERMEDIATE

MONSTER MASH Amigurumi



by Carolyn Christmas

Carolyn Christmas
DESIGNS

© 2008 Carolyn Christmas Designs All rights reserved.
Unauthorized reproduction in any manner including electronic reproduction is prohibited.
Gourmet Crochet™ is a trademark of Carolyn Christmas Designs.
Visit our website at: www.gourmetcrochet.com
Contact us at: mail@gourmetcrochet.com

Printed in the USA.

If you believe this pattern contains an error, please check the "Corrections" page at www.gourmetcrochet.com. If no corrections are posted, please contact us at mail@gourmetcrochet.com

The author has tried to make the contents of this pattern as accurate and complete as possible to help you achieve success with these projects. Text, illustrations and photos have been thoroughly checked and cross-checked, and are presented in good faith, but no warranty is given and results are not guaranteed. Carolyn Christmas Designs assumes no responsibility for any unsatisfactory results from the materials contained herein.

GC70108

Monster Mash Amigurumi

Crochet abbreviations

ch(s)	chain(s)
dc	double crochet
lp	loop
rnd	round
sc	single crochet
sl	slip
sl st	slip stitch
sp(s)	space(s)
st(s)	stitch(es)

General Instructions

All amigurumi in this pattern are made with size F or G hook and worsted-weight yarn.

Gauge

Gauge is roughly 4 sc and 4 sts per inch. Exact gauge is not important; however, work should be close enough that stuffing should not show through stitches.

Working in rounds

To avoid a hole in piece at center of first round, work over yarn tail for round one. After round two is completed, pull on yarn tail of round one to close opening; thread tapestry needle with yarn tail and weave in end securely so hole will not reopen; then continue crocheting. Most body parts are made

by working in rounds without joining. To make this easier, use a scrap of yarn between the last stitch of one row and first stitch of the next row. Flip the end of the scrap yarn to the front on one row, then to the back on the next row and so on, weaving scrap yarn through work as you stitch. When counting rows, count just to the right of the scrap yarn.

Changing colors

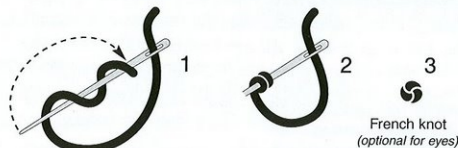
To change colors, in last sc before color change, do not complete sc. Do not pull yarn through last 2 lps on hook; pull new color through last 2 lps on hook. Make next sc with new color.

Sewing parts together

Leave tails for sewing body parts together when fastening off. Thread tapestry needle with yarn tail, and sew pieces together as neatly as possible, adding extra stuffing if needed right before closing seam. For the most attractive amigurumi, position body parts so that color changes are at center back of body.

Safety for children

Buttons and small parts can be a hazard to small children. To be safe, all items intended for use as toys should have embroidered eyes, not button eyes. To embroider eyes, make French knots using yarn or embroidery floss.



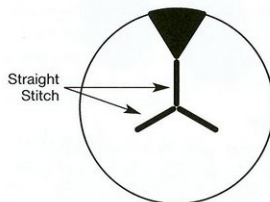
Embroidering faces

Basic embroidery stitches are used for embroidering faces. Instructions for these patterns specify using yarn, sometimes splitting four-ply yarn into two plies. Faces may also be embroidered with fingering weight yarn or embroidery floss.

Straight Stitch: Straight stitch is formed by bringing the needle up at point A and taking it down through fabric at point B.



Embroidered Muzzle



Basic Materials

Worsted weight yarn in colors specified in each pattern, or colors of choice

F (3.75 mm) or G (4 mm) crochet hook
1/8" half-ball shank buttons or other eyes as desired (I used #753 Black 1/8"/5mm La Petite buttons by Blumenthal Lansing)

Tapestry needle

Sewing needle and thread for attaching eyes

Polyester fiberfill

Basic Instructions

These basic body parts are used in several of the amigurumi in this pattern.

Basic Head

Rnd 1: Ch 5, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, 8 sc in ring, do not join; work in rnds using scrap yarn to mark end of rnds. (8)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around. (16)

Rnd 3: (2 sc in next st, sc in next st) around. (24)

Rnds 4-9: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 10: (Sc next 2 sts together, sc in next st) around. (16)

Stuff.

Rnd 11: (Sc next 2 sts together) around. (8)

Sl st in next st. Fasten off.

Thread tapestry needle with yarn tail; weave in and out of stitches of last row adding more stuffing if needed. Pull yarn tail to close opening; take small stitches to secure.

Basic Body

Rnd 1: Ch 5, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, 8 sc in ring, do not join; work in rnds using scrap yarn to mark end of rnds. (8)

Rnd 2: (2 sc in next st, sc in next st) around. (12)

Rnds 3-7: Sc in each st around.

Sl st in next st. Fasten off, leaving tail for sewing.

Stuff. Thread tapestry needle with yarn tail. Position body with open end centered over last rnd of head. Pin in place if needed. Sew body to head sewing through sts of last rnd of body and catching threads of head as neatly as possible. Add more stuffing to body before closing seam if needed.

Frankenstein's Monster

Size

About 5" tall.

Materials

Basic materials (see page 3)

Small amounts pale green, black gray and red worsted-weight yarn, or colors desired.

Instructions

Head

Row 1: With black, ch 8, sc in second ch from hook, sc in each ch across, turn.

Rows 2-7: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Rnd 1: Ch 1, work 7 sc across each of the four sides of the piece, do not join, work in rnds using scrap yarn to mark ends of rnds. (28)

Rnd 2: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 3: Sc in each st around, changing to pale green in last 2 lps of last st.

Rnd 4: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 5: (Sc next 2 sts together, sc in next 5 sts) around. (24)

Rnds 6-8: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 9: (Sc next 2 sts together, sc in next st) around. (16)

Stuff.

Rnd 10: (Sc next 2 sts together) around. (8)

Sl st in next st. Fasten off.

Thread tapestry needle with yarn tail; weave in and out of stitches of last row adding more stuffing if needed. Pull yarn tail to close opening; take small stitches to secure.



Body

With gray, make Basic Body on page 3.

Stuff. Thread tapestry needle with yarn tail. Position body with open end centered over last rnd of head. Pin in place if needed. Sew body to head sewing through sts of last rnd of body and catching threads of head as neatly as possible. Add more stuffing to body before closing seam if needed.

Leg (make 2)

Rnd 1: With black, ch 4, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, 6 sc in ring, do not join; work in rnds using scrap yarn to mark end of rnds. (6)

Rnd 2: (2 sc in next) around. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc next 2 sts together) around, changing to gray in last 3 lps of last st. (6)

Rnds 4-7: With gray, sc in each st around. (6)

Sl st in next. Fasten off, leaving tail for sewing.

Stuff foot area; stuff remainder of leg lightly.

Position legs at sides of bottom of body (flat top of head should have corners at temples); flatten tops of legs against body. Sew legs in place with yarn tails.

Arm (make 2)

Rnd 1: With pale green, ch 4, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, 6 sc in ring, do not join; work in rnds using scrap yarn to mark end of rnds. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc in each st around, changing to gray in last 2 lps of last st.

Rnds 3-6: With gray, sc in each st around.

Sl st in next st. Fasten off, leaving tail for sewing.

Leave arm unstuffed.

Position arms at sides of body; sew arms in place with yarn tails.

Neck band

With red, ch 11 or as needed to fit around neck. Fasten off. Place around neck and sew ends together at back.

Neck bolts (make 2)

With pale green, ch 4, 4 dc in fourth ch from hook, remove hook from lp; insert hook in top of beginning ch-4, pull dropped lp through, ch 1. Fasten off. Sew yarn ends together to create round shape. Sew one neck bolt to each side of neck over neck band.

Finishing

1: Using sewing thread and needle, sew eyes to face.

2: To embroider scars, with red, use straight stitch and embroider as shown. ½



Count Dracula

Size

About 5" tall.

Materials

Small amounts peach, black, red and white worsted-weight yarn, or colors desired.

Instructions

Head

With peach, make Basic Head on page 3.

Body

With black, make Basic Body on page 3.

Leg (make 2)

Rnd 1: With black, ch 5, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, 8 sc in ring, do not join; work in rnds using scrap yarn to mark end of rnds. (8)

Rnds 2-7: Sc in each st around.

Fasten off, leaving tail for sewing. Stuff lightly.

Position legs at sides of bottom of body; flatten tops of legs against body. Sew legs in place with yarn tails.

Arm (make 2)

Rnd 1: With peach, ch 4, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, 6 sc in ring, do not join; work in rnds using scrap yarn to mark end of rnds. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc in each st around, changing to black in last 2 lps of last st.

Rnds 3-5: With black, sc in each st around.

Sl st in next st. Fasten off, leaving tail for sewing.

Leave arm unstuffed.

Position arms at sides of body; sew arms in place with yarn tails.



Hair

Rnd 1: With black, ch 5, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, 8 sc in ring, do not join; work in rnds using scrap yarn to mark end of rnds. (8)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around. (16)

Rnd 3: (2 sc in next st, sc in next st) around. (24)

Rnd 4: (2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts) around. (32)

Rnds 5-8: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 9: Sc in first 16 sts, 3 dc in next st (widow's peak), sc in last 15 sts, sl st in next st. Fasten off.

Place hair on head with widow's peak at center front. Sew hair in place.

Cape

Row 1: With red, ch 65. Fasten off.

Row 2: Join with sc in 26th ch, sc in next 14 ch, turn. (15)

Rows 3-10: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

At end of last row, fasten off.

For collar, join with sl st in opposite side of starting ch opposite first sc, ch 3, dc in same st, (dc in next st, 2 dc in next st) 6 times, dc in next st, dc in next st, ch 3, sl st in same st. Fasten off.

Finishing

1: Using sewing thread and needle, sew eyes to face.

2: To embroider mouth, with red and straight stitch and embroider as shown. With white and straight stitch, embroider tiny fangs at corners of mouth.

3: Place cape on doll, tie chains in bow at neck. $\frac{1}{2}$

Witch

Size

About 6½" tall.



Materials

Small amounts peach, purple, green, black and gray worsted-weight yarn, or colors desired.

Instructions

Head

With peach, make Basic Head on page 3.

Body

With purple, make Basic Body on page 3.

Leg (make 2)

Rnd 1: With green, ch 4, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, 6 sc in ring, do not join; work in rnds using scrap yarn to mark end of rnds. (6)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around. (12)

Rnd 3: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 4: (Sc next 2 sts together) around. (6)

Rnds 5-6: Sc in each st around, changing to gray in last 2 lps of last st on rnd 6.

Rnds 7-8: With gray, sc in each st around.

Sl st in next st. Fasten off, leaving tail for sewing. Stuff lightly.

Position legs at sides of bottom of body; flatten tops of legs against body. Sew legs in place with yarn tails.

Arm (make 2)

Rnd 1: With peach, ch 4, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, 6 sc in ring, do not join; work in rnds using scrap yarn to mark end of rnds. (6)

Rnd 2: Sc in each st around, changing to black in last 2 lps of last st.

Rnds 3-5: With black, sc in each st around.

Sl st in next st. Fasten off, leaving tail for sewing.

Leave arm unstuffed.

Position arms at sides of body; sew arms in place with yarn tails.

Skirt

Rnd 1: With purple, ch 14, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, sc in each ch around, join with sl st in first sc. (14)

Rnd 2: Ch 3, dc in same st, dc in next st, (2 dc in next st, dc in next st) around, join. Fasten off. Slip on doll; sew in place at waist.

Capelet

Row 1: With green, ch 65. Fasten off.

Row 2: Join with sc in 26th ch, sc in next 14 ch, turn. (15)

Row 3: Ch 3, dc in same st, (dc in next st, 2 dc in next st) 6 times, dc in next st, dc in next st, ch 3, sl st in same st. Fasten off.

Hat

Rnd 1: With gray, ch 4, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, 5 sc in ring, do not join; work in rnds using scrap yarn to mark end of rnds. (5)

Rnds 2-6: 2 sc in next st, sc in each st around. (10 sc on rnd 6)

Rnd 7: (2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts) 2 times. (12)

Rnd 8: (Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts) 2 times. (14)

Rnd 9: (2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts) 2 times. (16)

Rnd 10: (2 sc in next st, sc in next st) around. (24)

Rnd 11: (Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st) around. (32)

Rnd 12: Working in front lps only, (2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts) around. (40)

Rnd 13: Working in both lps, sc in each st around, sl st in next st. Fasten off.

Hair

Hair is made by making fringe in unworked back lps of rnd 12 of hat. For each fringe, cut two 12" strands black. Holding strands together, fold in half forming loop. Insert hook in unworked lp of any st on rnd 12 of hat and pull loop through; pull cut ends of strands through loop. Pull to tighten. When all fringe is in place, place hat on head; pin in place.

Check position of eyes and mark with straight pins. Trim fringes across front of face for bangs. Trim remaining hair evenly. Tack hat/hair in place.

Finishing

1: Using sewing thread and needle, sew eyes to face.

2: With black and straight stitch, embroider squares on fronts of shoes for shoe buckles.

3: Tie capelet in bow around neck. ✂

Ghost

Size

About 4" tall.

Materials

Small amount white worsted-weight yarn.



Instructions

Body

Rnd 1: Ch 4, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, 6 sc in ring, do not join; work in rnds using scrap yarn to mark end of rnds. (6)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in next st, sc in next st around. (12)

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

Rnd 4: (Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st) around. (24)

Rnds 5-14: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 15: (2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts) around. (32)

Rnds 16-17: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 18: Working in front lps only, ch 1, sc in first st, skip next st, 3 dc in next st, (skip next st, sc in next st, skip next st, 3 dc in next st) around, join. Sl st in next st. Fasten off, leaving tail for sewing.

Bottom

Rnd 1: Ch 5, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, 8 sc in ring, do not join; work in rnds using scrap yarn to mark end of rnds. (8)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in next st, sc in next st around. (16)

Rnd 3: (Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) around. (24)

Rnd 4: (Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st) around, sl st in next st. Fasten off. (32)

Finishing

1: Sew bottom to back lps of last rnd on top, stuffing before closing.

2: Using sewing thread and needle, sew eyes to face. ✂

Cat

Size

About 5 1/2" tall.

Materials

Small amounts gray, white, and light orange or colors desired.

Instructions

Head

With gray, make Basic Head on page 3.

Body

Rnd 1: With gray, ch 5, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, 8 sc in ring, do not join; work in rnds using scrap yarn to mark end of rnds. (8)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in next st, sc in next st around. (16)

Rnds 3-7: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 8: (Sc next 2 sts together, sc in next st) around. (12)

Sl st in next st. Fasten off, leaving tail for sewing. Stuff. Hold body over last rnd of head; sew in place.

Foot and Leg (make 4)

Rnd 1: With white, ch 5, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, 8 sc in ring, do not join; work in rnds using scrap yarn to mark end of rnds. (8)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around. (16)

Rnd 3: Sc in each st around. (16)

Rnd 4: (Sc in next 2 sts, sc next 2 sts together) around. (12)

Rnd 5: (Sc next 2 sts together) around, stuffing before completing rnd and changing to gray in last st. (6)

Rnds 6-8: With gray, sc in each st around.

Sl st in next st. Fasten off, leaving tail for sewing.



Stuff remainder of leg lightly or leave unstuffed.

Position legs at sides of bottom of body; flatten tops of legs against body. Legs may be attached in sitting or standing position. Sew legs in place with yarn tails.

Tummy

Rnd 1: With white, ch 5, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, 8 sc in ring, do not join; work in rnds using scrap yarn to mark end of rnds. (8)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around. (16)

Sl st in next st. Fasten off, leaving tail for sewing. Sew to body.

Muzzle

Rnd 1: With white, ch 4, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, 7 sc in ring, do not join; work in rnds. (7)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around. (14)

Sl st in next st. Fasten off, leaving tail for sewing.

Position muzzle on face with joining at center bottom of muzzle. Pin in place if needed; sew muzzle to face.

Nose

Row 1: With light orange, ch 3, 2 hdc in second ch from hook, ch 1, sl st in same ch. Fasten off.

Center nose on top of muzzle as shown in photo; sew in place.

Ear back (make 2)

Row 1: With gray, ch 2, 3 sc in second ch from hook, turn. (3)

Row 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in each, turn. (6)

Row 3: (right side of work) Ch 1, sc in first 2 sts, (sc, dc) in next st, (dc, sc) in next st, sc in last 2 sts. Fasten off, leaving tail for sewing.

Inside ear (make 2)

Row 1: With light orange, ch 2, 3 sc in second ch from hook, turn.

Row 2: (right side of work) Ch 1, sc in

first st, 3 dc in next st, sc in next st. Fasten off, leaving tail for sewing.

Holding wrong side of inside ear against right side of ear back, aligning bottom edge and having last row of ear back extend around remaining sides of "triangle", sew inside ear to ear back catching only one layer of threads of ear back and trying not to let orange threads show from gray side of ear back.

Curving ear slightly, sew ears to head with orange facing front and with ears about 1/8" apart at top of head.

Tail (optional)

With gray, ch 16, sc in second ch from hook, sc in each ch across. Fasten off. Sew in place.

Finishing

1: Using sewing thread and needle, sew eyes to face.

2: With orange and straight stitch, embroider face (see page 3). ½

Pumpkin

Size

About 2 1/2" tall.

Materials

Small amounts orange, green and brown worsted-weight yarn.



Instructions

Pumpkin

Rnd 1: With orange, ch 5, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, 8 sc in ring, do not join; work in rnds using scrap yarn to mark end of rnds. (8)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around. (16)

Rnd 3: (2 sc in next st, sc in next st) around. (24)

Rnds 4-7: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 8: (Sc next 2 sts together, sc in next st) around. (16)

Stuff.

Rnd 9: (Sc next 2 sts together) around. (8)

Sl st in next st. Fasten off.

Leaf (make 2)

With green, ch 5, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, (ch 4, sc in second ch from hook, hdc in next 2 sts, sl st in ring) 2 times. Fasten off.

Spider

Size

About 6" across.

Materials

Small amounts red, black, green and purple worsted-weight yarn or colors desired.

Six chenille stems (craft pipe cleaners) any color

Stem

With brown, ch 4, sc in second ch from hook, sc in next 2 ch. Fasten off.

Finishing

1: Using sewing thread and needle, sew eyes to face.

2: Sew leaves to top of pumpkin, overlapping slightly.

3: Sew stem in place. $\frac{1}{2}$

Instructions

Head

Rnd 1: With red, ch 4, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, 6 sc in ring, do not join; work in rnds using scrap yarn to mark end of rnds. (6)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around. (12)

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

Rnd 4: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 5: (Sc next 2 sts together, sc in next st) around, sl st in next st. Fasten off. Stuff.

Body

Rnd 1: With black, ch 5, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, 8 sc in ring, do not join; work in rnds using scrap yarn to mark end of rnds. (8)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around. (16)

Rnd 3: (2 sc in next st, sc in next st) around. (24)

Rnds 4-9: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 10: (Sc next 2 sts together, sc in next st) around. (16)

Stuff.

Rnd 11: (Sc next 2 sts together) around. (8)

Sl st in next st. Fasten off.

Thread tapestry needle with yarn tail; weave in and out of stitches of last row adding more stuffing if needed. Pull yarn tail to close opening; take small stitches to secure.

Sew last rnd of head over last rnd of body.

Foot and Leg (make 6)

Rnd 1: With purple, ch 5, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, 8 sc in ring, do not join; work in rnds using scrap yarn to mark end of rnds. (8)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around. (16)

Rnd 3: Sc in each st around. (16)

Rnd 4: (Sc in next 2 sts, sc next 2 sts together) around. (12)

Rnd 5: (Sc next 2 sts together) around, stuffing before completing rnd and changing to green in last st. (6)

Rnds 6-16: With green, sc in each st around.

Sl st in next st. Fasten off, leaving tail for sewing.

Finishing

1: Cut chenille stems length of green rows of leg; insert into legs. Bend legs as shown in photo and sew in place with yarn tails.

2: Using sewing thread and needle, sew eyes to face. $\frac{1}{2}$

