

Felicity the fox

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Thank you for understanding!

Abbreviations

SC: Single crochet

MR: Make an adjustable ring. All of the rings in this pattern except for the muzzle and the flower begin with 6 single crochets.

HDC: Half double crochet

DC: Double crochet

Inc: (SC 2 into same SC)

Inc 2: (SC 3 into same SC)

Invdec: Invisible decrease - not quite the same as regular decrease. If you are unfamiliar with the method, check the last page of the pattern for a helpful youtube link.

BLO: Back loops only

SL: Slip stitch

The number in parentheses at the end of each round indicates the number of stitches you should have by the end of that round.

Materials

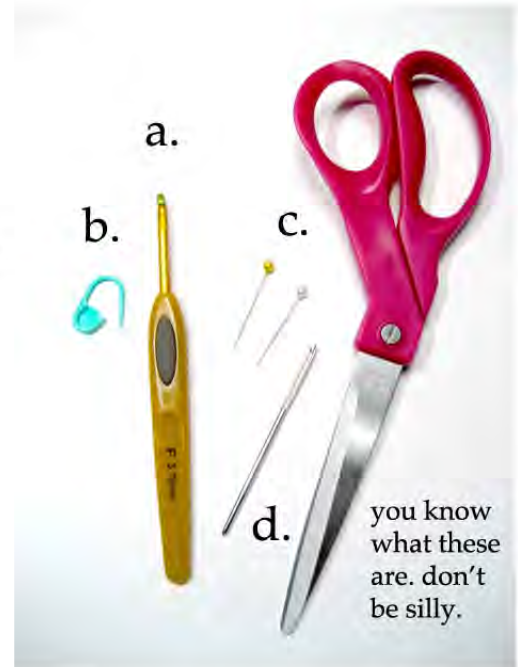
1. Size F (3.75 mm) crochet hook (a)
2. Worsted weight yarn
3. Stitch markers or safety pins to keep track of your stitches (b)
4. Straight pins (c)
5. Yarn needle (d)
6. Polyester stuffing

Optional (but recommended):

1. Plastic safety eyes
2. Embroidery thread & sewing needle
3. Thin knitting needle (to poke holes for the safety eye posts, and to skewer your amigurumi when you are sewing the head to the body - it really helps!)
4. Fabric glue and regular glue (Tacky Glue or just hot glue)
5. Black eyeshadow and make-up brushes, if you're planning on getting the same effect as the completed fox in the photo. I used one of the single cakes of Cover Girl eyeshadow that you can buy individually. The color was called "Shimmering Onyx." (So classy) If you don't want to do this, you can just start the feet, arms and ears with black yarn and switch to orange further up!
6. A safety pin or a locking pin to attach the flower to the fox's head, if you don't feel like sewing or gluing it on



Finished doll is approximately 7.5", depending on hook size and tension



you know what these are. don't be silly.

Head:

Round 1: MR (6)

Round 2: SC 2 in each SC around. (12)

Round 3: (SC 1, inc 1) 6 times around. (18)

Round 4: (SC 2, inc 1) 6 times around. (24)

Round 5: (SC 3, inc 1) 6 times around. (30)

Round 6: SC 30 around.

Round 7: (SC 4, inc 1) 6 times around. (36)

Rounds 8-9: SC 36 around.

Round 10: (SC 8, inc 1) 4 times around. (40)

Round 11: SC 40 around.

Round 12: (SC 9, inc 1) 4 times around. (44)

Round 13: SC 8, (Inc 1, SC 1, inc 1, SC 1, inc 1), SC 18, (Inc 1, SC 1, inc 1, SC 1, inc 1), SC 8. (50)

Round 14: SC 10, (Inc 1, SC 1, inc 1, SC 1, inc 1), SC 20, (Inc 1, SC 1, inc 1, SC 1, inc 1), SC 10. (56)

Round 15: SC 56 around.

Round 16: (SC 5, invdec 1) 8 times around. (48)

Round 17: (SC 4, invdec 1) 8 times around. (40)

Round 18: (SC 3, invdec 1) 8 times around. (32)

Round 19: (SC 2, invdec 1) 8 times around. (24)

Begin to add the facial features and stuff the head. The increases in rounds 13 and 14 are what give the head its shape on the sides. Therefore, when you add the facial features to the head, the sides of the head will be where you made those increases, and the front of the face will be the space between them in the middle.

Round 20: SC 24 around.

Round 21: (SC 2, invdec 1) 6 times around. (18)

Round 22: (SC 2, invdec 1) 4 times around. This round isn't even; it'll end on 2 SCs instead of an increase. (14)

Round 23: SC 14 around.

Finish stuffing and shaping the head, fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing.

Muzzle:

Round 1: MR (5)

Round 2: SC 2 in each SC around. (10)

Round 3: SC 1, inc 2 in next stitch, SC 6, inc 2 in next stitch, SL in last stitch. (14)

Round 4: SL 3, inc 2 in next stitch, SC 6, inc 2 in next stitch, SL in last 3 stitches. (18)

Round 5: HDC 3 into the first stitch, SL into the next stitch. Fasten off and cut your yarn here, weave in your ends.

Embroider mouth and nose to muzzle, then attach to the head. I used glue, then secured the edges some more by sewing with simple thread, **not** the yarn from the muzzle. I found that sewing it on with yarn made it a little too bulky, but it's a matter of personal preference.

Ears (make 2):

Round 1: MR (6)

Round 2: (SC 1, inc 1) 3 times around. (9)

Round 3: SC 9 around.

Round 4: (SC 2, inc 1) 3 times around. (12)

Round 5: SC 12 around.

Round 6: (SC 1, inc 1) 4 times around. (18)

Rounds 7-8: SC 18 around.

Fasten off and leave a tail for sewing. Pin to head and attach with a whip stitch.

Legs (make 2):

Round 1: MR (6)

Round 2: SC 2 in each SC around. (12)

Round 3: (SC 1, inc 1) 6 times around. (18)

Round 4: SC 18 around in BLO.

Round 5: SC 5, invdec 4, SC 5. (14)

Round 6: SC 5, invdec 2, SC 5. (12)

Rounds 7-8: SC 12 around.

Round 9: (SC 4, invdec 1) twice around. (10)

Rounds 10-14: SC 10 around.

Stuff the legs as you go, putting more stuffing at the bottom to give the foot its shape. When you finish the first leg, fasten off. You don't need to leave a tail for sewing. When you finish the second leg, **do not fasten off**. Just drop the loop off of your hook, hold the legs together (pinning them sometimes helps) with the feet **facing away from you** and follow the instructions below. You're going to merge the legs together and then continue to crochet upwards to form the body.



Foot (side view)



Line up the legs with the feet facing away from you



Top view of the legs, with your dropped loop on the left



Insert your hook from right to left, so that it's in both legs



Grab the loop that you dropped, pull it through both stitches, yarn over and pull through again to complete the SC.



Continue to crochet like you would in a normal round, from right to left (if right-handed), going around the outside of the left leg and then around to the right.



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Once you've single crocheted around both legs once and are back where you began, **stop**. You should have 20 stitches.

If you don't, go back and make sure you didn't skip any stitches. With the feet still facing away from you, place a stitch marker directly in the **middle-back** of your amigurumi, as shown. This is where you'll begin your rounds as you continue upwards to form the body. The placement of your marker is **absolutely crucial** and if you don't put it directly in the middle of the back, the increases and decreases that shape your fox's belly will be in the wrong places, and your fox will just look ridiculous!

Body (continued from legs):

Round 1: SC 20 around.

Round 2: SC 8, inc 4, SC 8. These increases are what give the fox its belly, so make sure you placed your stitch marker in the right place and the 4 increases are directly in the front! (24)

Rounds 3-4: SC 24 around.

Round 5: SC 4, invdec 1, SC 2, invdec 4, SC 2, invdec 1, SC 4. (18)

Rounds 6-7: SC 18 around.

Round 8: (SC 2, invdec 1) 4 times around. The round won't end evenly: it'll end on SCs instead of an increase. (14)

Round 9: SC 14 around.



The body, as of round 4



Finished body



Sew the head to the body. It helps to line up your stitches, then skewer your amigurumi through the head to the bottom using a thin (I use size 5) knitting needle. It holds everything in place and keeps the head from bobbing around as I stitch it on!

Arms (make 2):

Round 1: MR (6)

Round 2: SC 2 in each SC around. (12)

Rounds 3-4: SC 12 around.

Round 5: SC 1, HDC 5 in your next stitch. After making your 5th HDC, remove your hook from the loop, reinsert it into the first HDC, grab the loop, pull it through and complete the HDC. This is the thumb. Finish the round with SCs as you normally would.

Round 6: (SC 4, invdec 1) twice around. (10)

Round 7: SC 10 around.

Round 8: (SC 3, invdec 1) twice around. (8)

Rounds 9-10: SC 8 around.

Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing. Pin and whip stitch to body.

Tail:

Starting with white yarn,

Round 1: MR (6)

Round 2: (SC 1, inc 1) 3 times around. (9)

Round 3: SC 9 around.

Round 4: (SC 2, inc 1) 3 times around. (12)

Round 5: Switch to orange yarn, (SC 1, inc 1) 6 times around. (18)

Rounds 6-7: SC 18.

Round 8: (SC 2, inc 1) 6 times around. (24)

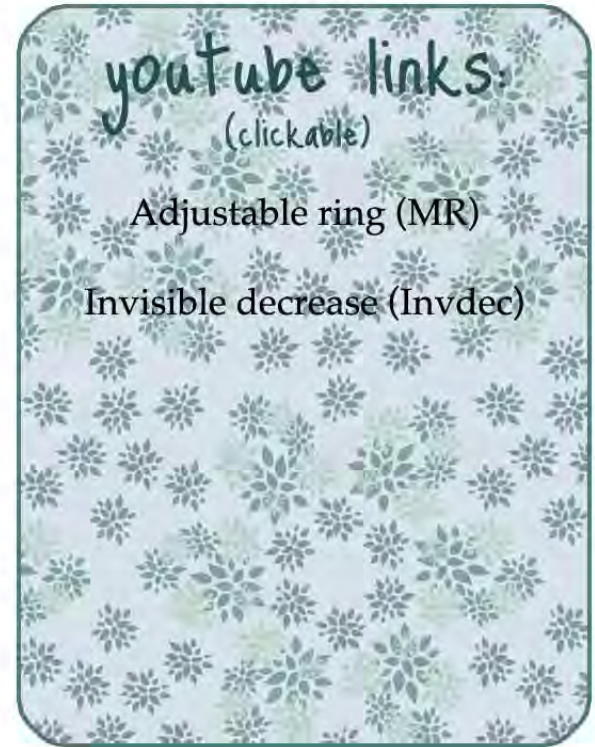
Round 9: (SC 2, invdec 1) 6 times around. (18)

Round 10: (SC 1, invdec 1) 6 times around. (12)

Round 11: (SC 2, invdec 1) 3 times around. (9)

Round 12: SC 9 around.

Fasten off, stuff and leave a tail for sewing. Attach to body.



Flower:

Round 1: MR of 11 DCs. Join 11th DC with the 1st using a SL stitch.

Round 2: (DC 4 in next stitch, SL in next stitch) 5 times around. You should end with a SL stitch, and have a 5-petaled flower when you're finished. Fasten off and weave in your ends. You can sew the flower to your fox's head, glue it, or, if you'd like a less-permanent option, use a safety pin to attach it to its head or glue a locking pin onto the back. (The kind that's on the back of jewelry / pins to clip them to your shirt - you can buy them in bulk at the jewelry section at a craft store)

Finishing touches:

If you are using eyeshadow to give your fox the accents on its paws and ears, this is the really fun part! Just make sure that you have some newspaper or covering to protect the surface you're working on, since the eyeshadow is powdery and will make a big mess. You may also want to cover up the parts of your fox that you're not working on so the eyeshadow doesn't land on or color anything it shouldn't. If you make a mistake, warm soapy water should get it out, but I've have an easier time just using a stain remover pen (the one Tide makes is good).

The eyeshadow will take to the yarn right away, but it will take several goings-over to get it to look dark. Don't be afraid to be aggressive when brushing it into the yarn, so it really gets in there and covers all of the little valleys in between your stitches! When you're satisfied, knock out any excess powder from the yarn so your amigurumi doesn't make a mess wherever he or she stands. It's a messy process, but the end result looks really nice. :)

You should be finished now! Hooray!