

Francis the piglet

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Abbreviations

SC: Single crochet

MR: Make an adjustable ring. All of the rings in this pattern begin with 6 single crochets.

Inc: (SC 2 into same SC)

Dec: Decrease

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

Materials

1. Size F (3.75 mm) crochet hook (a)
2. Worsted weight (medium/4) 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 (highly recommended)
4. Blush and make-up brushes (or Q-tips)

I used:

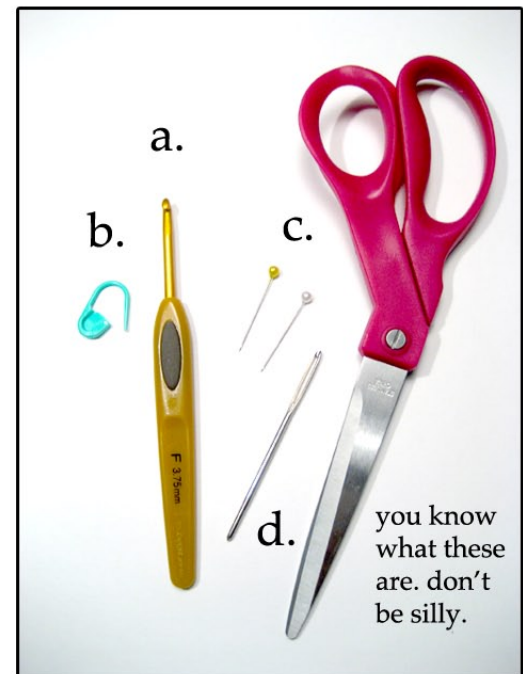
Piglet: Vanna's Choice yarn in Pink

Sweater: Vanna's Choice yarn in Olive

Blush (snout and cheeks): Wet n' Wild in Heather Silk



Finished doll is approximately 5.5", depending on hook size and tension



Let's get started!

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 18 around in BLO.

Round 5: Invdec in next 4 stitches, SC 10. (14)

Round 6: SC 8, inc in next 2 stitches, SC 4. (16)

Round 7: SC 2, inc in next 2 stitches, SC 12. (18)

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

Round 9: SC 4, inc in next 2 stitches, SC 18. (26)

Round 10: SC 4, inc in next 4 stitches, SC 18. (30)

Round 11: SC 23, inc in next 2 stitches, SC 5. (32)

Round 12: SC 32 around.

Round 13: (SC 7, inc 1) 4 times around. (36)

Round 14: (SC 5 inc 1) 6 times around. (42)

Rounds 15-16: SC 42 around.

Round 17: (SC 5, invdec 1) 6 times around. (36)

Round 18: SC 36 around.

Round 19: (SC 4, invdec 1) 6 times around. (30)

Round 20: SC 30 around.

This is a good place to stop and put the eyes in. Stuff the head generously as you continue the following rounds.

Round 21: (SC 3, invdec 1) 6 times around. (24)

Round 22: (SC 2, invdec 1) 6 times around. (18)

Round 23: (SC 1, invdec 1) 6 times around. (12)

Round 24: Invdec until you have 6 stitches, close remaining stitches.



You don't need to leave a tail for sewing. Cut your yarn (not too closely though!) and tuck it into the head.

I typically blush the snout and cheeks at this point. If you have never used blush on an amigurumi before, I highly recommend it. I didn't bother with it for a long time because I assumed that it was impermanent and that it rubbed off easily, but it doesn't. It's a great touch, easy to do and will stay on your amigurumi as long as you don't wash it off with soap and water. Q-tips are a decent applicator, but a small eyeshadow brush is best.

Ears (make 2):

Round 1: MR (6)

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

Rounds 3-5: SC 12 around.

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

Rounds 7-9: SC 18 around.

Fasten off and leave a tail for sewing. The ears are not stuffed. Squish them flat and pin them to the head: I pinch them inwards a little bit so they make a "u" shape before I sew them on. Whip st itch them to the head. When they're secure, I like to fold the tops of the ears down.

Legs (make 2):

Round 1: MR (6)

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

Round 3: SC around in BLO.

Rounds 4-7: SC around.

Round 8: SC 1, inc 1, finish round. (10)

Round 9: SC 10 around.

Round 10: SC 2, inc 1, finish round. (11)

Round 11: SC 3, inc 1, finish round. (12)

When you finish the second leg, do not fasten off. Proceed to the instructions on the next page.

Merging the legs



#1
Stuff the legs and hold them together as shown. You can pin them together if you'd like.



#2
Insert your hook, from right to left, into one of the top-center stitches in the right leg...



#3
... and then into the corresponding stitch in the left leg.



#4
Grab the loop you dropped and pull it through both stitches, then complete a SC to secure it.



#5
Continue to single crochet, from right to left, as you normally would, around the legs, starting with the left leg.



#6
Single crochet all the way around the legs. When you've gone around once, it should look like this. **Make sure you have 24 stitches.** If you don't, go back and re-do the ones you may have missed.



Done!
This is what the merged legs look like!

IMPORTANT!

When you have single crocheted around once and have made sure that your merged legs have 24 stitches, place your stitch marker directly in the middle-back of the piece, as shown in picture #6. This is where you will start your rounds from now on. **This placement is absolutely crucial!** If you don't place your marker in the dead center of the back, the increases and decreases that shape the doll's belly will be in the wrong place. **This pattern will not work unless you do this.** It's very simple, but very important, so don't skip this step!

Body (continued from merged legs):

Round 1: SC 24 around.

Round 2: SC 9, inc in next 6 stitches, SC 9. (30)

Rounds 3-4: SC 30 around.

Round 5: SC 6, invdec 1, SC 1, invdec in next 6 stitches, SC 1, invdec 1, SC 6. (22)

If you are giving your piglet a sweater, switch colors here. If you are not, continue with your normal yarn and continue the pattern as written, without working in the BLO in Round 6.

Round 6: In BLO (if making a sweater), (SC 9, dec 1) twice around. Because you are working in BLO, you will have to decrease normally instead of making an invisible decrease. If you are not giving your pig a sweater, you may decrease invisibly instead. (20)

Round 7: SC 20 around.

Round 8: (SC 2, invdec 1) 5 times around. (15)

Round 9: SC 15 around.

Round 10: (SC 3, invdec 1) 3 times around. (12)

Fasten off and leave a tail for sewing. If you gave the pig a sweater, remember that the darker the sweater, the more noticeable the stitches will be when you sew the head to the body. If this bothers you, you can use invisible sewing machine thread to sew the pieces together. I personally don't find dark yarn too unsightly, if I'm careful enough with my stitching. Stuff the body generously.

For the bottom of the sweater: reinsert your hook through the BLO stitch at the back of the sweater, beginning at the start of the round where you switched colors. Continue to single crochet into the BLO stitches, creating the little ridge at the bottom of the sweater. When you get back to where you started, secure with a slip stitch, cut the yarn and tuck it into the body.



Round 6: Change colors and SC around in BLO



Finished body (before the bottom of the sweater is completed)



Single crocheting through the back loops to create the ridge at the bottom of the sweater



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needle

You can now sew the head onto the body! You can just pin them together if you wish, but I highly recommend taking a long, thin knitting needle and skewering your amigurumi through. Just go through the top of the head and out the bottom, or through the leg. It holds everything in place while you sew and makes everything much easier.

Arms (make 2):

Round 1: MR (6)

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

Rounds 3-5: SC 9 around.

If you made your pig in a sweater, switch colors here.

Round 6: In BLO (if making sweater), SC around.

Round 7: SC 1, inc 1, finish round. (10)

Round 8: SC around.

Round 9: SC 2, inc 1, finish round. (11)

Round 10: SC 11 around.

Fasten off and leave a tail for sewing. If you want the arms to lie flat, stuff them more at the bottom and less at the top (I put barely any stuffing at the top). If your piglet has a sweater, make the ridges on the sleeves the same way you made the ridge at the bottom on the body.

Pin the arms to the body and sew them on.

Tail:

Make a slipknot and chain 8. SC 4 into the third chain from your hook. Continue to SC 4 in every remaining stitch. You'll get a nice little corkscrew - when you reach the beginning of the chain, fasten off and leave a tail for sewing. Sew the tail to the body, or use some fabric glue to stick it on.

Your piglet is finished!

