

Huey the Cat

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Abbreviations:

SC: Single Crochet

HDC: Half double crochet

DC: Double crochet

MR: Make an adjustable ring. If you're unfamiliar with the method, check out the instructional video linked below. If you still have trouble with it, you can just ch 2, sc 6 in second ch from hook, but making a ring is best.

BLO: Crochet in back loops only

FLO: Crochet in front loops only

SL: Slip stitch

Dec: Decrease

Invdec: Invisible decrease. If you're unfamiliar with this method, check out the youtube video also linked below.

Inc: Increase (sc 2 into same sc)

Materials:

1. Size F (3.75 mm) and size G (4 mm) crochet hooks (a)
2. Stitch markers (b)
3. Straight pins (c)
4. Yarn needle (d)
5. Worsted weight yarn
6. Embroidery thread
7. 15 MM plastic safety eyes
8. Polyester Stuffing
9. Knitting needles in varying sizes (I use 5 and 10)
10. Sewing needles
11. Fabric glue (optional)
12. Buttons (optional)

Note:

All of my amigurumi are crocheted with **tight** tension. If you want your finished product to look like the example photo, I recommend that you crochet tightly, and also **stuff your amigurumi very generously!** Most of my pieces border on being overstuffing. Huey's head, for example, looks quite square before you fill it with lots of stuffing!

When wearing their shoes, both Huey and Tara stand 8.5" tall. Without their shoes, they are closer to 8". As mentioned above, your finished product's size will vary on your hook size, tension and the yarn you use.



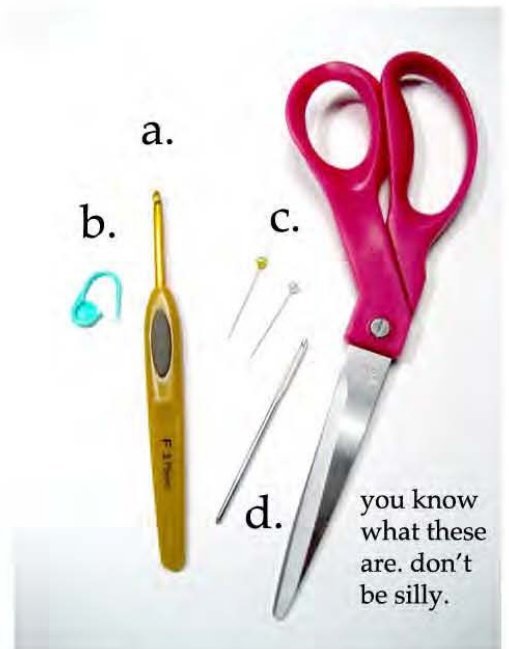
Huey was made with Vanna's Choice in:

Body: Linen

Hat: Colonial Blue (main) and Silver Blue (accent)

Vest: Brick

Boots: Chocolate



instructional links (clickable)

(thanks, creators!)

Invisible decrease

Adjustable ring

Head:

Round 1: MR (or Ch 2, SC 6 in second chain from hook). (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 4, inc 1) 6 times around. (36)

Round 7: (SC 5, inc 1) 6 times around. (42)

Rounds 8-13: SC 42 around.

Round 14: (SC 6, inc 1) 6 times around. (48)

Rounds 15-16: SC 48 around.

Round 17: (SC 6, invdec 1) 6 times around. (42)

Round 18: (SC 5, invdec 1) 6 times around. (36)

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

Add eyes and embroider the facial features before continuing.

Round 20: (SC 3, invdec 1) 6 times around. (24)

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

Round 22: (SC 1, invdec 1) 6 times around. (12)

Round 23: SC 12 around.

Stuff the head, adding more stuffing at the bottom to give it its shape.

Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing.



Ears (make 2):

Round 1: MR (or Ch 2, SC 6 in second chain from hook).

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

Rounds 3-4: SC 9 around.

Round 5: (SC 2, inc 1) 3 times around. (12)

Round 6: (SC 3, inc 1) 3 times around. (15)

Round 7: SC 15 around.

Round 8: (SC 4, inc 1) 3 times around. (18)

Fasten off and leave a tail for sewing. Do not stuff - press flat and whip stitch to head.

Legs (make 2):

Round 1: MR (or Ch 2, SC 6 in second chain from hook).

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)

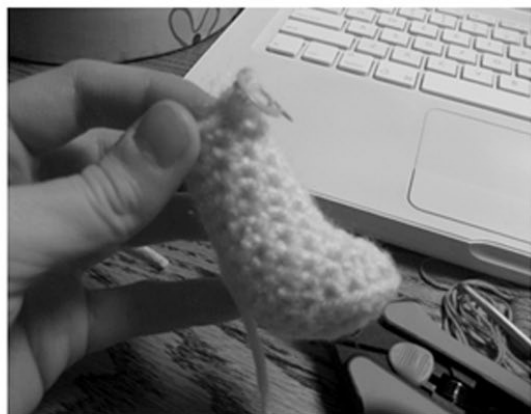
Round 6: SC 5, invdec 2, SC 5. (12)

Rounds 7-8: SC 12 around.

Round 9: (SC 4, invdec 1) 2 times around. (10)

Rounds 10-16: 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** cut your yarn. You're going to merge the two legs together and keep crocheting upwards to create the body: the two legs and the body will end up being one single, finished piece.



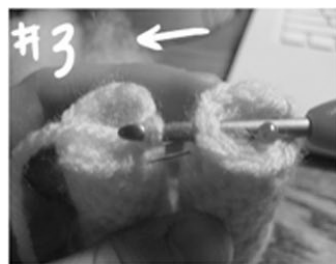
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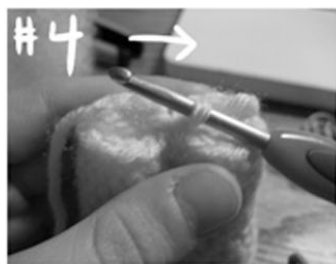
#1
Line up the legs as desired (pinning them together helps)



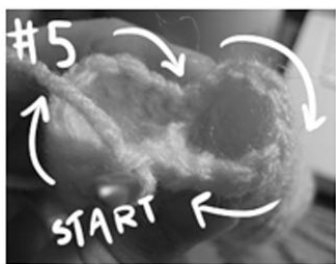
#2
Hold them with the feet facing away from you as shown



#3
Insert your hook from right to left, so your hook is in both legs



#4
Grab the dropped loop from the second leg, pull it through both legs and complete the SC.



#5
Continue single crocheting around the outside of the left leg, then proceed to the right: treat them like a single piece of crochet

#6
This is what it should look like once you've single crocheted around both legs once. Since each leg was composed of 10 SCs, you should end up with 20 SCs.

SUPER IMPORTANT

You're all ready to start the body now, but before you continue you must mark where you'll start your rounds from now on. Place your marker as shown in step #6, in the middle-back of the body. **This placement is crucial!** If you place it anywhere else, the increases and decreases that shape the amigurumi's belly will end up in the wrong spot.

I've noticed that sometimes, after working on the body for a while, the marker sometimes migrates a little to the right or left. I just take the marker and put it right back in the middle, so everything remains centered.

Body:

Round 1: SC 20.

Round 2: SC 8, inc 4, sc 8. (24)

Rounds 3-5: SC 24 around.

Round 6: SC 5, invdec 1, SC 1, invdec 4, SC 1, invdec 1, SC 5. (18)

Round 7-8: SC 18 around.

Round 9: (SC 4, invdec 1) 3 times around. (15)

Round 10: SC 15 around.

Round 11: (SC 3, invdec 1) 3 times around. (12)



The 4 increases in the front, which give the cat its "belly"



Building upwards



The finished body

Tail:

Make a ring of 7 SCs (or Ch 2, SC 7 in second chain from hook) and work in rounds of 7 upwards, until the tail is as long as desired.

Arms (Make 2):

Round 1: MR (or Ch 2, SC 6 in second chain from hook).

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

Rounds 3-4: SC 12 around.

Round 5: HDC 5 into first stitch. After your 5th HDC, remove your hook from the loop, re-insert it into the first HDC, grab the loop you just dropped and pull it through the first stitch, then yarn over and pull through both. This is the thumb. Finish the rest of the round like you normally would.

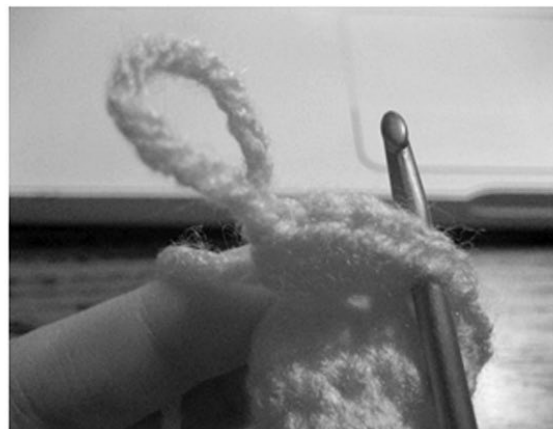
Round 6: SC 12 around.

Round 7: (SC 1, invdec 1) 4 times around. (8)

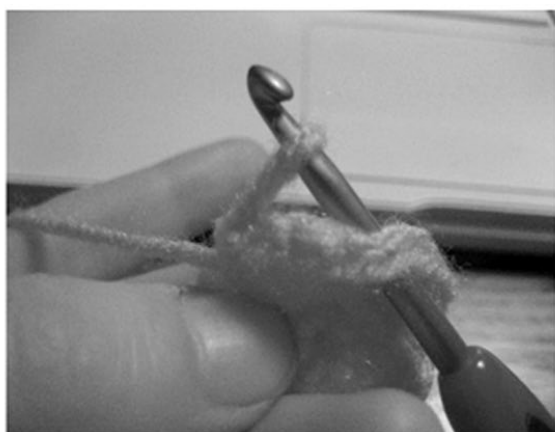
Rounds 8-13: SC 8 around.



The cluster of 5 HDCs: remove your hook from the last loop



Reinsert your hook into the first HDC



Grab the loop you dropped



Pull the loop through and continue your round of 12 SCs

Assemble your amigurumi:

As with all of my patterns, I **highly recommend** using a long, thin knitting needle to skewer your amigurumi through to make assembling the head and body easier. It keeps everything in place and from moving around too much. The head and body should be stuffed generously, and the bottoms of the arms should be stuffed more than the top. Use a whip stitch and your yarn needle to sew everything together.

Hat:

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 4, inc 1) 6 times around. (36)

Round 7: (SC 5, inc 1) 6 times around. (42)

Rounds 8-10: SC 42 around.

Round 11: (SC 5, invdec 1) 6 times around. (36)

Round 12: Switch to accent color, ch 3, DC 36 around.

Round 13: Switch back to main hat color, SC 12. In next 12 st, DC 2 into each st. This creates the brim of the hat, and you should end up with 24 DCs. When finished with the brim, SC 12.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

Vest:

1. Chain 22, with a turning chain of 1.

2. Turn and SC back down your foundation chain of 22.

3. Turn, SC 22. The vest in the photo has 22 SCs in BLO in this row, but it's not crucial and you don't have to do it. I just thought the raised stitches made things look a little more interesting - yours will still look fine if you don't.

4. Turn, SC 4, dec 1. SC 10, dec 1, SC 4. (20)

5. Turn, SC 20 across.

6. Turn, SC 2, (SC 2, dec 1) 4 times, SC 2. (16)

7. Turn, SC 2. chain 4 and skip the next 4 stitches, reinsert your hook after the 4 skipped stitches and SC 5. Chain 4 again, skip the next 4 stitches again, reinsert your hook and SC 2.

8. Turn, SC 16 across, single crocheting into the chain you made over the skipped stitches. It's essentially a buttonhole, but they act as armholes for the vest.

9. (Optional) Before fastening off and weaving in the ends, I like to SC around the outside of the vest to give it a nice clean edge.

Sew on some buttons if you wish! Your kitty's arms will need a little bit of forcing to squeeze through the armholes, but it's not too bad. Just be gentle and take your time. If you sewed on the arms securely then you should have no problem with tugging on them a bit!

Boots (make 2):

Using G (4 mm) hook:

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 5, inc 1) 3 times around. (21)

Round 5: SC 21 around in BLO.

Round 6: SC 5, dec in next 6 st, SC 4. (because of there being 21 stitches, this round isn't even.

It looks just fine though!) (15)

Round 7: SC 15 around.

Round 8: (SC 3, dec 1) 3 times around. (12)

Round 9: SC 12 around.

Round 10: Ch 3, DC around, join when you finish. Fasten off and sew in ends. The feet also take a bit of forcing to fit into the boots, but it's not too bad! Pull/stretch the opening of the boots a little beforehand, if it helps and you crochet tightly.