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Creepy Crawlies

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Red Ant

Materials

- ☐ 1½ oz. red worsted yarn
- ☐ Small amount black sport yarn
- ☐ Six red 6-mm 12" chenille stems
- ☐ Polyester fiberfill
- ☐ Tapestry needle
- ☐ F and G hooks or hook needed to obtain gauge

Finished Size: Head and Body are 7¼" long excluding Antennae.

Gauge: G hook and worsted yarn,
4 sc = 1"; 4 sc rows = 1".

Basic Stitches: Ch, sl st, sc.

Notes:

Do not join rnds unless otherwise stated. Mark first st of each rnd.

Use G hook throughout, unless otherwise specified.

Neck & Body

Rnd 1: With red, leaving 12" end, ch 10, sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, sc in each ch around. (10 sc made)

Rnds 2-3: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 4: (Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) around. (15)

Rnds 5-9: Sc in each st around.

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

Rnd 11: Sc in next 4 sts, sc next 2 sts tog, sc in next 4 sts. (9)

Rnds 12-13: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 14: 2 sc in each st around. (18)

Rnds 15-16: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 17: (Sc in each of next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st) around. (24)





Rnds 18-19: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 20: (Sc in each of next 2 sts, sc next 2 sts tog) around. (18)

Rnds 21-22: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 23: (Sc in next st, sc next 2 sts tog) around. (12)

Rnd 24: (Sc next 2 sts tog) around, join with sl st in first sc. Leaving 8" end for sewing, fasten off.

Sew opening of last rnd closed. Stuff.

Head

Rnd 1: With red, ch 3, sc in second ch from hook, 3 sc in last ch; working in remaining lps on opposite side of ch, 2 sc in next ch. (6 sc made)

Rnd 2: (Sc in each of next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st) around. (8)

Rnd 3: (Sc in each of next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st) around. (10)

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

Rnd 5: (Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st) around. (14)

Rnd 6: (Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st) around. (16)

Rnd 7: (Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st) around. (18)

Rnds 8-9: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 10: (Sc in next st, sc next 2 sts tog) around. Stuff Head. (12)

Rnd 11: (Sc next 2 sts tog) around, join with sl st in first sc. Leaving 8" end for sewing, fasten off. Finish stuffing Head and sew opening at last rnd closed.

Using 12" end, sew rnd 1 of Neck to Head over rnds 6-9.

Leg (make 6)

Rnd 1: With F and red, ch 2, 5 sc in second ch from hook. (5 sc made)

Rnds 2-12: Sc in each st around.

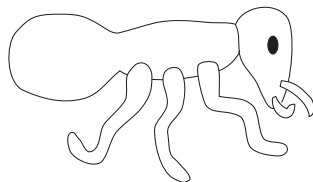
Rnd 13: (2 sc in next st, sc in next st) 2 times, sc in last st. (7)

Rnds 14-16: Sc in each st around. At end of last rnd, join with sl st in next sc. Leaving 8" for sewing, fasten off. Fold one end of chenille stem over 4" and other end over 1½"; insert 4" end into Leg.

Front Legs: Push end of chenille stem into side of Body between rnds 4 and 5; sew each Front Leg to sides

of Body on same rnds according to illustration. Bend each Leg forward between rnds 11 and 12, down between 8 and 9, and forward between 4 and 5.

Ant Illustration



Middle Legs: Push end of chenille stem into side of Body between rnds 7 and 8; sew each Middle Leg to sides of Body on same rnds. Bend each Leg back slightly between rnds 11 and 12, down between 8 and 9 and outward between 4 and 5.

Hind Legs: Push end of chenille stem into side of Body between rnds 10 and 11; sew each Hind Leg to sides of Body on same rnds. Bend each Leg back between rnds 11 and 12, down between 8 and 9, and back between 4 and 5.

Antenna (make 2)

With F hook and red, ch 7, sl st in second ch from hook, sl st in next 5 chs. Leaving 8" end for sewing, fasten off. Sew each Antenna to bottom front of Head between rnds 4 and 5 with two sts between. Bend each end down.

Pincer (make 2)

Row 1: With F hook and black, leaving 8" end, ch 2, sc in second ch from hook, turn. (1 sc made)

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

Row 3: Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in last st. Fasten off. (3).

Fold piece in half. Using 8" end and matching row ends, sew ends of rows 2 and 3 together. Sew row 3 of Pincers to sides of Head on rnd 2.

Facial Features

With black, using two **straight stitches**, embroider mouth outline be-

tween Pincers across middle of rnd 1 on Head.

With black, using **satin stitch**, embroider eye on each side of Head on rnds 7 and 8.

Orange Spider

Materials

- 2 oz. orange worsted yarn
- Small around black sport yarn
- Orange 6-mm chenille stems:
 - Four 9"
 - One 12"
- Polyester fiberfill
- Tapestry needle
- F and G hooks or hook needed to obtain gauge

Finished Size: Head and Body are 5½" long.

Gauge: G hook and worsted yarn,
4 sc = 1"; 4 sc rows = 1".

Basic Stitches: Ch, sl st, sc.

Notes:

Do not join rnds unless otherwise stated. Mark first st of each rnd. Use G hook throughout unless otherwise specified.

Neck & Body

Rnd 1: With orange, leaving 12" end, ch 9, sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, sc in each ch around. (9 sc made)

Rnds 2-6: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 7: (Sc in next st, sc next 2 sts tog) around. (6)

Rnd 8: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 9: 2 sc in each st around. (12)

Rnd 10: (Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) around. (18)

Rnd 11: (Sc in each of next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st) around. (24)

Rnds 12-17: Sc in each st around.

Note: Decreases on rnds 18 and 20 are top of Body.

Rnd 18: (Sc in next st, sc next 2 sts tog) 3 times, sc in last 15 sts. (21)

Rnd 19: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 20: (Sc next 2 sts tog) 3 times, sc in last 15 sts. (18)

Rnd 21: (Sc in next st, sc next 2 sts tog) around. (12)

Rnd 22: (Sc next 2 sts tog) around, join with sl st in first sc. Leaving 8" end for sewing, fasten off.

Sew opening of last rnd closed. Stuff.

Head

Rnd 1: With orange, ch 3, sc in second ch from hook, 3 sc in last ch; working in remaining lps on opposite side of starting ch, 2 sc in next ch. (6 sc made)

Rnd 2: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 3: 2 sc in each st around. (12)

Rnds 4-6: Sc in each st around. At end of rnd 6, stuff Head.

Rnd 7: (Sc next 2 sts tog) around, join with sl st in first sc. Leaving 8" end for sewing, fasten off. Finishing stuffing Head and sew opening at last rnd closed.

Using 12" end, sew rnd 1 of Neck to Head over rnds 4-7.

Front Leg (make 2)

Rnd 1: With F hook and orange, ch 2, 5 sc in second ch from hook. (5 sc made)

Rnds 2-15: Sc in each st around.

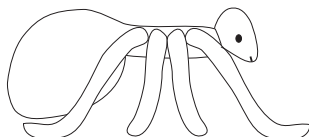
Rnd 16: (2 sc in next st, sc in next st) 2 times, sc in last st. (7)

Rnds 17-19: Sc in each st around. At end of last rnd, join with sl st in first sc. Leaving 8" end for sewing, fasten off.

Fold one end of 12" chenille stem over 4½". Fold other end over 2", insert 4½" end into Leg.

Push end of chenille stem into side of Body between rnds 1 and 2; sew Front Legs to sides of Body on same rnds according to illustration. Bend each Leg up where it was sewn to Body and down between rnds 14 and 15.

Spider Illustration



Middle Leg (make 4)

Rnds 1-10: Repeat rnds 1-10 of Front Leg.

Rnds 11-14: Repeat rnds 16-19 of Front Leg.

Fold one end of 9" chenille stem over 3". Fold other end over 2", insert 3" end into Leg.

First Set: Push end of chenille stem on two Legs into sides of Body between rnds 3 and 4; sew Legs to sides of Body on same rnds. Bend each Leg up where it was sewn to Body and down between rnds 10 and 11.

Second Set: With remaining Legs, repeat same procedure as for First Set, pushing chenille stems into sides of Body between rnds 5 and 6 and sewing Legs to same rnds.

Hind Leg (make 2)

Work same as Front Legs.

Push end of chenille stem into side of Body between rnds 7 and 8; sew each Hind Leg to sides of Body on same rnds. Bend each Leg up where it was sewn to Body and down between rnds 14 and 15.

Curve bottom portion of Front Legs forward, Middle Legs out and Hind Legs back.

Facial Features

With black, using straight stitch (*two per side*), embroider mouth outline on each side of Head from middle of rnd 1 to between rnds 2 and 3.

With black, using French knot, embroider eyes on sides of Head over rnd 4 with 5 sts between.

Blue Tarantula

Materials

- 2½ oz. blue worsted yarn
- Small amount orange sport yarn
- Eight blue 6 mm 12" chenille stems
- Polyester fiberfill
- Tapestry needle
- F and G hooks or hook needed to obtain gauge

Finished Size: Head and Body are 7½" long.

Gauge: G hook and worsted yarn, 4 sc = 1"; 4 sc rows = 1".

Basic Stitches: Ch, sl st, sc.

Notes:

Do not join rnds unless otherwise stated. Mark first st of each rnd.

Use G hook throughout unless otherwise specified.

Neck & Body

Rnd 1: With blue, leaving 12" end, ch 9, sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, sc in each ch around. (9 sc made)

Rnd 2: (Sc in each of next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st) around. (12)

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

Rnds 4-10: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 11: (Sc in next st, sc next 2 sts tog) around. (12)

Rnd 12: (Sc in each of next 2 sts, sc next 2 sts tog) around. (9)

Rnd 13: 2 sc in each st around. (18)

Rnd 14: (Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st) around. (21)

Rnds 15-22: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 23: (Sc in next 5 sts, sc next 2 sts tog) around. (18)

Rnd 24: (Sc in next st, sc next 2 sts tog) around. (12)

Rnd 25: (Sc next 2 sts tog) around, join with sl st in first sc. Leaving 8" end for sewing, fasten off.

Sew opening at last rnd closed. Stuff.

Head

With blue, work same as Orange Spider's Head on page 37.

Using 12" end, sew rnd 1 of Neck to Head over rnds 4-7.

Front Leg (make 2)

Rnd 1: With F hook and blue, ch 2, 5 sc in second ch from hook. (5 sc made)

Rnd 2: (2 sc in next st, sc in next st) 2 times, sc in last st. (7)

Rnds 3-4: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 5: (Sc next 2 sts tog, sc in next st) 2 times, sc in last st. (5)

Rnds 6-20: Repeat rnds 2-5 consecutively, ending with rnd 4.

Rnds 21-22: Sc in each st around. At end of last rnd, join with sl st in first sc. Leaving 8" end for sewing, fasten off.

Fold one end of 12" chenille stem over 5". Fold other end over 1", insert 5" end into Leg.

Push end of chenille stem into side of Body between rnds 2 and 3.

Sew each Front Leg to sides of Body on rnds 1-3 according to illustration. Bend each Leg where it was sewn to Body forward along top of Head, and down between rnds 14 and 15.

Middle Leg (make 4)

Rnds 1-18: Repeat rnds 1-18 of Front Leg. At end of last rnd, join with sl st in first sc. Leaving 8" end for sewing, fasten off.

Fold one end of 12" chenille stem over 4". Fold other end over 3", insert 4" end into Leg.

First Set: Push end of chenille stem on two Legs into side of Body between rnds 5 and 6. Sew each Middle Leg to sides of Body on rnds 4-6. Bend each Middle Leg up where it was sewn to Body and down between rnds 13 and 14.

Second Set: Repeat same procedure as first set, pushing chenille stem into side of Body between rnds 8 and 9, and sewing Legs to rnds 7-9.

Hind Leg (make 2)

Work same as Front Leg.

Push end of chenille stem into sides of Body between rnds 11 and 12. Sew each Hind Leg to sides of Body on rnds 10-12. Bend each Leg back where it was sewn to Body and down between rnds 14 and 15.

Claw (make 2)

Rnd 1: With F hook and orange, ch 2, 5 sc in second ch from hook. (5 sc

made)

Rnds 2-5: Sc in each st around. At end of last rnd, join with sl st in first sc. Leaving 8" for sewing, fasten off.

For Ends: With F hook and orange, ch 4, sl st in second ch from hook, sc in each of next 2 chs. Leaving 8" end for sewing, fasten off.

Sew edge of last sc across middle of rnd 1 on each Claw.

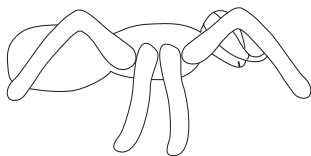
Flatten rnd 5 on Claws and sew sts of rnd 5 to top of Head on rnds 6 and 7. Weave 8" ends down through Head, coming out between rnds 2 and 3, tack each Claw to Head.

Facial Features

With orange, using **straight stitch** (one per side—see *Stitch Guide*), embroider mouth outline on each side of Head from middle of rnd 1 to between rnds 2 and 3 where Claws were sewn to Head.

With orange, using **French knot** wrap yarn around needle one time), embroider eight eyes (see *illustration*) on top of Head, working over area where rnd 7 was sewn closed. 

Tarantula Illustration



Tarantula Eyes Illustration

