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Blanket Bear

By Denise Briese

DIRECTIONS

Easy

SIZE

11 inches tall

MATERIALS

- 2-ply brushed Orlon acrylic jiffy yarn:
 - 12 oz fisherman
 - 3 oz multicolors
- Crochet hooks sizes G/6 and K/10½
- Fiberfill
- Country blue and country rose embroidery floss
- Embroidery needle
- Yarn needle
- Seam sealant

GAUGE

With crochet hook size G, 4 sc = 1 inch; 4 sc rows = 1 inch

PATTERN NOTES

Weave in loose ends as work progresses.

Do not join rnds unless otherwise indicated. Use a scrap of CC yarn to mark rnds.

When embroidering facial features do not separate plies of floss. Work with all 6 strands.

BEAR

BODY

Rnd 1: Starting at bottom of body, with crochet hook size G and fisherman yarn, ch 2, 12 sc in 2nd ch from hook. (12)

Rnd 2: Work 2 sc in each sc around. (24)

Rnd 3: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] rep around. (36)

Rnd 4: [2 sc in next sc, sc in each next 2 sc] rep around. (48)

Rnd 5: [2 sc in next sc, sc in each next 3 sc] rep around. (60)

Rnd 6: [2 sc in next sc, sc in each next 4 sc] rep around. (72)

Rnds 7–27: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 28: [Dec 1 sc over next 2 sc, sc in next 4 sc] rep around. (60)

Rnd 29: [Dec 1 sc over next 2 sc, sc in next 3 sc] rep around. (48)

Stuff body lightly with fiberfill, do not overstuff or stretch piece, continue stuffing with fiberfill as work progresses.

Rnd 30: [Dec 1 sc over next 2 sc, sc in each next 2 sc] rep around. (36)

Rnd 31: [Dec 1 sc over next 2 sc, sc in next sc] rep around. (24)

Rnd 32: [Dec 1 sc over next 2 sc] rep around. (12)

Rnd 33: [Dec 1 sc over next 2 sc] rep around, sl st to join in next sc, leaving a length of yarn, fasten off. (6)

Weave yarn through rem 6 sts, pull to close opening, secure, fasten off.

HEAD

Rnd 1: Starting at top of head with crochet hook size G and fisherman yarn, ch 2, 10 sc in 2nd ch from hook. (10)

Rnd 2: Work 2 sc in each sc around. (20)

Rnd 3: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] rep around. (30)

Rnds 4–20: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 21: [Dec 1 sc over next 2 sc, sc in each next 3 sc] rep around. (24)

Stuff head lightly with fiberfill, do not overstuff or stretch piece, continue stuffing with fiberfill as work progresses.

Rnd 22: [Dec 1 sc over next 2 sc, sc in next 2 sc] rep around. (18)

Rnd 23: [Dec 1 sc over next 2 sc, sc in next sc] rep around. (12)

Rnd 24: [Dec 1 sc over next 2 sc] rep around, sl st to join in next sc, leaving a length of yarn, fasten off. (6)

Weave yarn through rem 6 sts, pull to close opening, secure, fasten off.

Muzzle

Rnd 1: With crochet hook size G and fisherman yarn, ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

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

Rnd 3: [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] rep around. (18)

Rnd 4: [Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] rep around. (24)

Rnd 5: [Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc] rep around. (30)

Rnds 6–8: Sc in each sc around.

At the end of Rnd 8, sl st in next sc,

fasten off.

Nose & mouth

With embroidery needle and country blue embroidery floss, embroider outline of nose and mouth over center front of muzzle. With country rose embroidery floss, embroider straight sts over outlined area of nose.

Sew snout to head, stuffing with fiberfill before closing.

Ears (make 2)

Row 1: With crochet hook size G and fisherman yarn, ch 2, 3 sc in 2nd ch from hook, turn. (3)

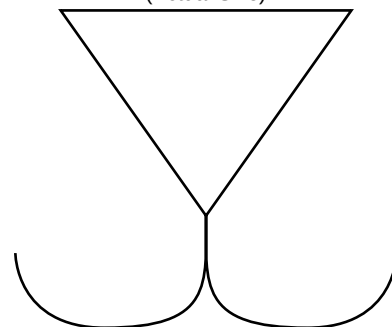
Row 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in each sc across, turn. (6)

Row 3: Ch 1, [2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] 3 times, turn. (9)

Row 4: Ch 1, [2 sc in next sc, sc in each next 2 sc] 3 times, turn. (12)

Row 5: Ch 1, [2 sc in next sc, sc in

Nose & Mouth
(Actual Size)



each next 3 sc] 3 times, turn. (15)

Row 6: Ch 1, [2 sc in the next sc, sc in each next 4 sc] 3 times, do not turn. (18)

Rnd 7: Working down side edge of rows, 3 sc in same st as last sc, sc evenly sp around base of ear to within first sc of Row 6, work 3 sc for corner, sc in each sc across Row 6, sl st to join in first sc of Rnd 7, leaving a length of yarn, fasten off.

Leaving a 3½-inch space between ears across top of head, cupping ears slightly, sew ears to each side of head.

Eyelids (make 2)

Row 1: With crochet hook size G and fisherman yarn, ch 2, 3 sc in 2nd ch from hook, turn. (3)

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc, turn. (4)

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in



next sc, turn. (5)

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc, turn. (6)

Row 5: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

Rnd 6: Ch 1, sc evenly sp around entire outer edge of piece, inc as needed to keep piece flat, sl st to join in beg sc, leaving a length of yarn, fasten off.

With a 3-inch space between eye-

lids, sew eyelids to each side of head, with Rnd 6 of inner edge overlapping muzzle.

With embroidery needle and length of country blue embroidery floss, embroider straight across bottom of eyelids, embroider approximately 11 straight sts downward for eyelashes across each embroidered section.

To secure embroidery threads, apply seam sealant to each embroidered section.

With yarn needle and length of fisherman yarn, sew head to top of body, slightly angled to the right.

LEGS (make 4)

Row 1: Starting at side of foot, with crochet hook size G and fisherman yarn, ch 18, sc in 2nd ch from

hook, sc in each rem ch across, turn. (17)

Rows 2–8: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

Row 9: Ch 1, sc in each next 9 sc, leaving rem 8 sc unworked, turn. (9)

Rows 10–22: Ch 1, sc in each next 9 sc, turn.

Rnd 23: Ch 1, sc evenly sp around entire outer edge, working 3 sc in each corner st, sl st to join in beg sc, fasten off.

Foot pads (make 2)

Rnd 1: With crochet hook size G and fisherman yarn, ch 12, 3 sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 9 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working on opposite side of foundation ch, sc in next 9 chs. (24)

Rnd 2: [2 sc in each next 3 sc, sc in next 9 sc] twice. (30)

Rnd 3: *[2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] 3 times, sc in next 9 sc, rep from * once. (36)

Rnd 4: *[2 sc in next sc, sc in each next 2 sc] 3 times, sc in next 9 sc, rep from * once, sl st in next sc to join, fasten off. (42)

With yarn needle and length of fisherman yarn, leaving top of leg and bottom of foot open, sew 2 leg sections tog. Sew foot pad to bottom of foot opening. Stuff foot with fiberfill, do not stuff leg with fiberfill.

With yarn needle and length of fisherman yarn, sew straight across end of foot 1 inch in from end to form toes. Insert needle at center of sewn section, wrap around top of center and insert needle from opposite edge and out at starting center point, pull slightly to indent, secure, fasten off.

Fold open end of leg flat across, sew opening closed. Position straight sewn edge of leg to Rnd 4 at side bottom of body, sew in place, sew next 9 rows of each side of leg to bottom of body, allowing remainder of leg and foot to be floppy.

Rep with rem leg sections and foot pad.

ARMS (make 4)

Row 1: With crochet hook size G and fisherman yarn, ch 7, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across, turn. (6)

Rows 2–28: Ch 1, sc in each sc

across, turn.

Rnd 29: Ch 1, hdc in first sc, dc in each next 2 sc, hdc in next sc, sc in each next 2 sc (hand section), working around entire outer edge of arm, sc evenly sp around entire outer edge, sl st to join, fasten off.

With yarn needle and length of fisherman yarn, leaving top of arm open, sew 2 arm sections tog.

From hand end, stuff arm with fiberfill approximately 16 rows only, leaving remainder of arm unstuffed. Sew end opening flat across.

Sew 1½ inches of end of arm to side of body. Rep in same manner with 2nd arm. Leave arms free at center until blanket is completed.

BLANKET

Row 1: With crochet hook size K and multicolors yarn, ch 49, 2 dc in 4th ch from hook, [sk 2 chs, sc in next ch, sk 2 chs, 5 dc in next ch] 7 times, sk 2 chs, sc in last ch, turn.

Row 2: Ch 3, 2 dc in same st as beg ch-3, [1 sc in 3rd dc of 5-dc group, 5 dc in next sc] 7 times, sc in top of beg ch-3, turn.

Rep Row 2 until blanket measures 11 inches, fasten off.

FINISHING

With yarn needle and length of fisherman yarn, sew ends of paws tog, position center of paws to the right, in line with and directly below right side of head, secure to body with a few sts, do not fasten off. Insert blanket between body and right arm, arranging for desired effect, then tack blanket to body of bear. >æ