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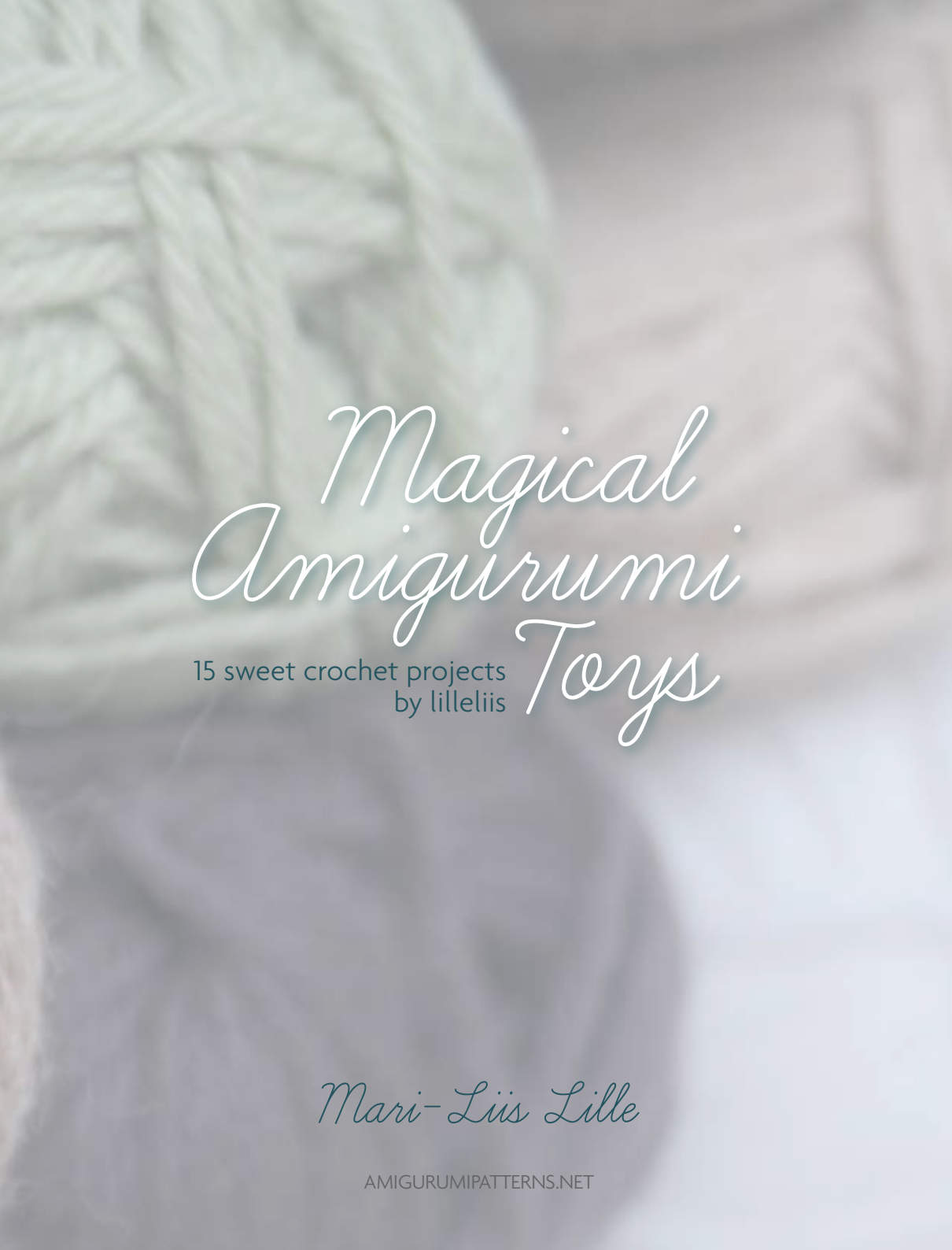


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Foreword



My name is Mari-Liis and for most of my life - since I was six years old - I have played the piano. My journey from music to handicraft has been like a wonderful dream. When my children came along I felt inspired to make beautiful things for them and as they grew older they remained the driving force behind my creative endeavors. As a stay-at-home mom I had enough free time and plenty of energy to do something enjoyable with. I experimented with different crafts such as sewing and knitting until, one winter's eve, I brought home a crochet hook and a book explaining the basic techniques. My passion for crocheting was sparked, and when I discovered amigurumi that spark became a flame. I was well and truly hooked!

Crocheting toys was love at first stitch. After trying out instructions from the Internet, I soon wanted to invent my own patterns. Lilleliis toys combine in them the Japanese amigurumi technique and the teddy bear tradition loved in my country Estonia and all over Europe. These easy to make animals and dolls are inspired by children and created for them to play with.

It has been a wonderful journey, for which I have to primarily thank my own children – the source of my inspiration – and my husband, who does not mind that I still play with dolls. My warmest thanks go out to everyone whose attention and kind words have given me the drive to continue. I would like to thank the mettlesome crocheters from various parts of the world for helping me improve the instructions. I would also like to thank Annika Metsla, the photographer, for being so wonderful to work with and Triin Ummik and Janine Holmes, for helping with the translation of this book.

Have fun crocheting!

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What is amigurumi?

The toys in this book are crocheted in the amigurumi style. The style originated in Japan and its meaning translates into English as a crocheted or knitted stuffed doll (in Japanese, ami means “crocheted” or “knitted” and nuigurumi means “stuffed doll”). The style is characterized by crocheting in a spiral, without joining in the round and without turning the crochet work. This results in smooth, three dimensional forms and an even surface.

Appendages (head, body, limbs, etc.) are often crocheted separately and then sewn together. Simpler toys are crafted using basic stitches, such as a single crochet, a single crochet increase, and a single crochet decrease. For more complicated patterns, half double, double and treble crochet stitches are sometimes added.





A child's hand is visible on the right side of the page, holding a small, light-colored object. Below the hand is a pink fabric with large white polka dots. The background is a soft, out-of-focus indoor setting with warm lighting.

Magical toys

As you open this book you will enter a magical world of unique toys that can be handcrafted with just a few simple materials. Handmade toys have something special about them - a wondrous, subtle essence which has been left by the creator during the crafting process. A toy made with true love is the greatest gift of all and will be treasured by children for its power to comfort and delight, or for being able to chase away a bad mood or a scary dream. Each toy has a story to tell about how and when it came into a child's life. You will discover that this story has much more value than you may at first think. I have learned from my own children to appreciate the deeper emotional meaning behind toys. For the creator, the process of toy making is relaxing and enthralling and the look on a child's face as they hold something in their hands that was made especially for them is priceless. Making just one amigurumi is never enough. Once you start you will find the possibilities are endless.



Stitches and techniques

This chapter introduces the stitches and techniques used in this book. The technique for crocheting these stitches is the same, irrespective of whether you're crocheting in the round or in rows.

Slip knot

1. Wrap the yarn (approx. 4" / 10 cm from the tail) into a loop, so that the shorter strand lies behind the longer one.



2. Insert the crochet hook through the loop, catch the longer yarn and bring it through the loop.



3. Pull on both ends of the yarn to tighten the knot.



4. Pull on the longer end to tighten the loop around the hook.



Yarn over hook

The yarn over hook technique is used in every type of crochet stitch. Wrap the yarn over the hook from back to front. The end of the crochet hook is now wrapped around the yarn, so that the hook can grab the yarn.



A starting chain is created by crocheting as many consecutive chain stitches as the pattern requires.



Chain stitch (ch)

Bring the yarn over the hook and pull it through the loop to create your first chain stitch.



Slip stitch (slst)

A slip stitch is the shortest stitch, and is mainly used to move across one or more stitches at once, or to finish a piece.

1. To create a slip stitch, insert your hook through the next stitch and yarn over hook.





Single crochet (sc)

1. Insert the hook through the next stitch, yarn over hook, and pull it through the stitch.

2. Draw the yarn through both the stitch and the loop on the hook at once.



2. Yarn over hook and pull through both loops on the hook.





2. Yarn over hook and pull through the stitch.



Half double crochet (hdc)

1. Yarn over hook and insert the hook in the next stitch.



3. Yarn over hook and pull through all three loops on your hook.





2. Yarn over hook and pull through the stitch.

Double crochet (dc)

1. Yarn over hook and insert your hook in the next stitch.



3. Yarn over hook and pull through first two loops on the hook.





4. Yarn over hook and bring the yarn through the last two loops on the hook.



Treble crochet (tr)

1. Yarn over hook twice and insert your hook in the next stitch.



2. Yarn over hook and pull through the stitch.



3. Yarn over hook and pull through the first two loops on the hook.



4. Yarn over hook and pull through the next two loops on the hook.



5. Yarn over hook and bring the yarn through the last two loops on the hook.



Back post single crochet (bpsc)

1. Insert your hook into the next stitch from the back to the front of the work.



2. Insert the hook into next stitch from the front to the back of the work. The post between the two stitches is now situated at the back of the hook.



3. Yarn over hook at the back and pull the yarn across the front of the post through to the back of the work.



4. Yarn over hook and pull through both loops on the hook.



When back post single crochet stitches are crocheted consecutively, they look like this:



Half double crochet two together (hdc2tog)

1. Yarn over hook and insert the hook in the next stitch.



2. Yarn over hook and pull through the stitch.



3. Insert the hook through the next stitch, yarn over hook, and pull it through the stitch.



4. Yarn over hook one last time and pull through all four loops on the hook at once.



Crocheting into front, back, or both loops

All finished stitches have two loops: a front loop and a back loop. Different surfaces are created by crocheting into front loops only, into back loops only, or into both loops. Crochet into both loops unless stated otherwise.

In some rounds, the phrase “crochet into back loops only” is used. You then insert your hook in the back loops only. The leftover front loops are often used later on for attaching an added piece, such as a skirt, to the toy.



Crochet into both loops.



Crochet into front loops only.



Crochet into back loops only.

Attaching the yarn into leftover front loops

Hold the piece upside down. Insert your hook in the first leftover front loop, fold the yarn over at about 4" / 10 cm from the tail and use the hook to pull it through the leftover front loop. This is usually followed by a chain stitch to secure the yarn. Continue following the pattern instructions.



Starting a circular piece

To start an amigurumi piece, you need a little circle. There are two options: You can either start with two chain stitches or with a magic ring.

STARTING WITH TWO CHAIN STITCHES

The easiest way to start crocheting in the round is to make a slip knot, then make two chain stitches and crochet the first round of stitches (usually six single crochet stitches) into the second chain from the hook. (The loop on the hook is not taken into consideration when counting chain stitches).



The hook is pointing at the stitch, into which we start crocheting.



One single crochet has been made into the chain stitch.



Six single crochet stitches have been made into the chain stitch.



The negative aspect of this technique is a tiny hole that remains in the center of the piece.

STARTING WITH A MAGIC RING

The other method is to start with a magic ring, which can be tightened later and will not leave a hole in the center of the piece.

1. Start with an overhand knot, but do not tighten it.



2. Make one chain stitch.



3. Crochet the stitches of the first round (usually six single crochet stitches) into the ring.





One single crochet has been made into the ring.



Six single crochets have been made into the ring.



4. To finish, take the shorter yarn tail and use it to pull the ring tightly together.



Crocheting in a spiral

When crocheting in a spiral, rounds are not joined and turned, resulting in a smooth transition to the next round. The first stitch of the second round is crocheted into the first stitch of the first round, the first stitch of the third round is crocheted into the first stitch of the second round, and so on. You can use a stitch marker to mark the start of a new round.



Increasing and decreasing

Increasing and decreasing stitches helps shape the piece. Increasing expands, decreasing shrinks.

To increase, two stitches are made in the same stitch. This way, new stitches are created and the piece expands.



When decreasing, two stitches are crocheted together. The number of stitches on a round therefore decreases and the piece shrinks.

There are two methods for decreasing: regular and invisible.

REGULAR DECREASE

1. Insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over hook, and pull it through the stitch.



2. Insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over hook, and pull it through the stitch.



3. Yarn over hook and pull the yarn through all three loops on the hook.



INVISIBLE DECREASE

1. Insert the hook in the front loop only of the next stitch. Immediately insert the hook in the front loop only of the next stitch.



2. Yarn over hook and pull through the first two loops on the hook.



3. Yarn over hook and pull through the last two loops on the hook.



Practicing increasing and decreasing

When you are more experienced, you can make your crochet work look even nicer by spreading out the increases or decreases so they aren't stacked on top of each other on consecutive rows. When the increases or decreases are stacked on top of each other, the piece tends to get angular. The bigger the piece, the more noticeable the angularity. Bigger pieces can be increased and

decreased in a scattered manner, i.e. by moving the increase or decrease forward by one or several stitches on each round. A systematic scattering is preferable, as it makes counting stitch increases and decreases easier. For example, if increasing and decreasing is done in sequences of six stitches per round the locations can be changed every other round so that in total, the increases and decreases are scattered between twelve locations, instead of six. Increase and decrease locations can be changed in rounds which begin with an even number of stitches. There, the first series of single crochet stitches of the round is divided in half, the first half of which is done at the beginning of the round and the other half at the end of the round.

For example, instead of “(sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times” you can crochet “sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st, (sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 5 times, sc in next 2 st”, which has the same number of stitch increases but leaves you with a less angular crochet fabric.



In the example on the left, increases are stacked on top of each other, in the example on the right, increases are spread.

Changing color

Often the crocheting of a piece includes one or more color changes. For a better visible result, change the yarn before the last pull-through of the previous stitch. To do that, crochet the next stitch as usual, but don't pull the final loop through. Instead, tie the new yarn color to the old yarn color at the back of the work.



Wrap the new yarn color around your hook and pull it through the two loops of the old color to finish the stitch. Now you can start the first stitch of the next round with the new color.



Crocheting pieces together

Two smaller pieces can be joined into one big piece (such as where two legs are joined to make the start of the body). Usually, all stitches of both pieces are used when joining, but in some cases not all stitches are used, so make sure you follow the instructions carefully.

On the first piece (shown in blue in the example), fasten off and cut the yarn, leaving a tail of about 8" / 20 cm. On the second piece (green in the example), you do not fasten off. Continue crocheting on the second (green) piece.



Crochet the required number of stitches on the second (green) piece. Pick up the first (blue) piece and crochet into the first stitch to the left of the last stitch made. Crochet the required number of stitches around.



Continue crocheting in the second (green) piece until the end of the round. You have now created a new, bigger round by bringing together the two smaller rounds. The small opening between the two pieces can be sewn together with the yarn tail from the first piece.



Finishing a piece

When crocheting in a spiral, the last stitch of the last round is a little higher than the first stitch of the same round.



In order to make sewing easier, this difference should be evened out. After finishing the piece make a slip stitch into the next stitch, followed by one chain stitch. Cut the yarn, leaving enough for sewing, and use the hook to pull it out through the next stitch.



Closing the hole at the end of a piece

After several decreases in the last round, a small hole remains at the end of some pieces.



The most convenient way to close it is to thread the yarn tail left at the end of the piece onto a yarn needle. Insert the needle through each of the front loops of the stitches in the last round. When you have reached the end of the round, tighten the yarn tail, insert the needle through the nearest stitch, make a knot, and hide the yarn tail inside the piece.



Attaching safety eyes

Safety eyes are attached to the head during the crafting process, before the stuffing is added and when the opening of the piece is still big enough to fit your fingers in to fasten the washers.

Insert the safety eye into a hole in between the stitches and fasten the washer on the inside of the work. Press until you hear a click. Once you've put the washers on you won't be able to pull them off again, so be very careful that the eyes are where you want them to be before attaching the washers.



Sewing pieces together

Based on the need, different techniques can be used to join two pieces. However, if you wish, all pieces can be joined using the same technique.

JOINING TWO OPEN-ENDED PIECES

For clarity, the sewing yarn on the photo is of a contrasting color.



Insert the needle horizontally behind the post of the stitch of the upper piece.



Now find the corresponding stitch on the lower piece where the two pieces touch and insert the needle behind the post of that stitch.



Repeat the process until you have sewn all the way around. If you tighten the yarn sufficiently as you go, the seam will be almost unnoticeable.

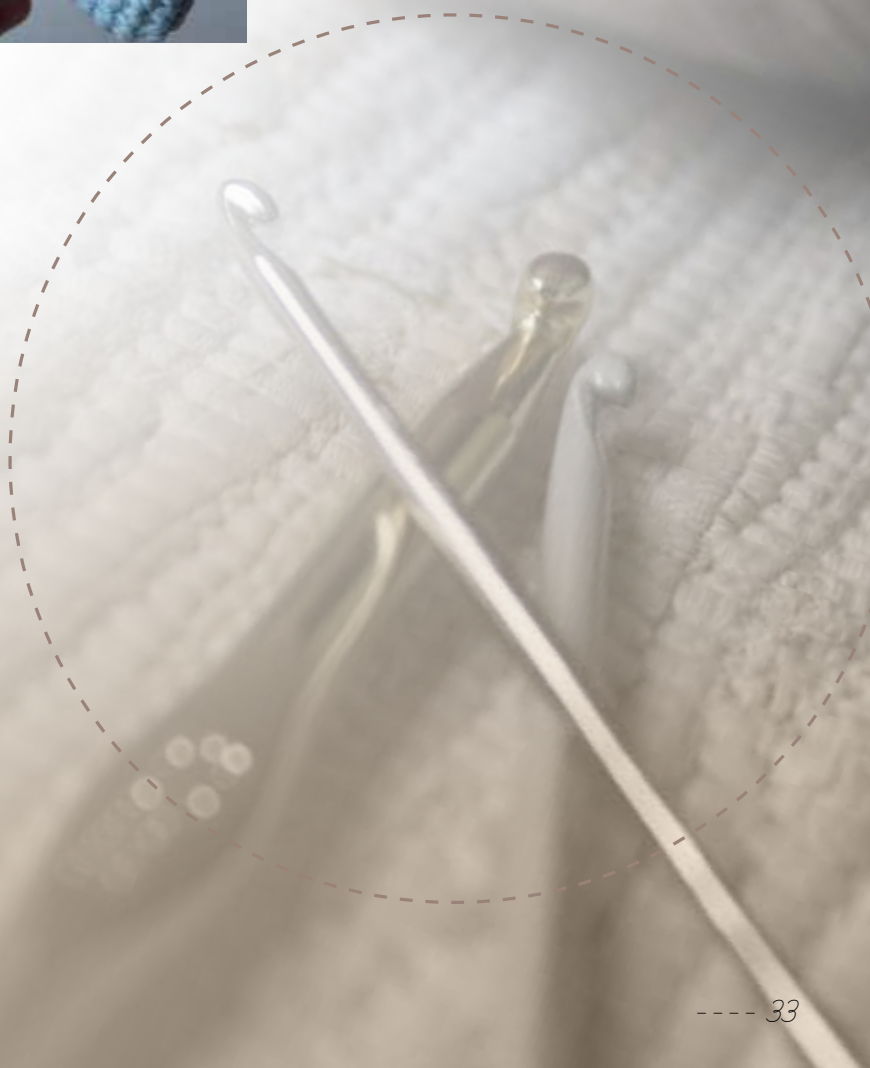


JOINING AN OPEN-ENDED PIECE WITH A CLOSED PIECE

Insert the needle vertically between two stitches on the open piece. On the closed piece, insert the needle between the stitches where the two pieces touch.



In the example, the sewing yarn is of a contrasting color. If you use a yarn of a matching color, the seams will blend in with the stitches.



Tips

A helpful tool: the stitch marker

When crocheting in a spiral, the beginning and end of each round is not clearly identifiable. Here, a stitch marker or a piece of yarn is useful to mark the first stitch of a round. Make sure you move your stitch marker forward with each new round.

The yarn and the crochet hook

The most important material in crocheting toys is the yarn. The composition of the yarn determines the softness, huggability, and durability of a toy. Different types of yarn can be used for



crocheting: cotton, wool, acrylic, or mixed fibers. It is easier to crochet with an evenly spun yarn, since the surface will be smooth and the stitches will be readily visible. Crocheting with fuzzy and furry yarn can be a little more complicated and you will need to rely more on feeling the individual stitches rather than seeing them.

Another important aspect regarding the yarn is its weight or thickness, which in turn correlates to the crochet hook size you will choose to use. The rule to keep in mind is, when crocheting a toy, the hook size should be at least one size smaller than the suggested hook size on the yarn label. The surface will be tighter and stiffer when you use a smaller hook, the piece will keep its shape better and the stuffing will not be visible through the stitches. If you use a thinner or thicker yarn than specified in the pattern then the size of the finished work will be larger or smaller, depending on the choice of yarn weight and hook.

What to use for stuffing?

The stuffing determines the lightness, softness and elasticity of the toy. You can use the padding from an old pillow or small pieces of cotton wool. However, polyester toy stuffing or sheep's wool are considered better quality options. Polyester toy stuffing is a synthetic material, but is considered to be allergy-free. It is also light, elastic

and easily washable. Sheep's wool is 100% natural and can be bought on the internet, or from a local sheep farmer (admittedly that's a little easier in my home country Estonia), but keep in mind some people may be allergic to wool. Try out different materials and find your favorite.

How to stuff a toy?

The individual parts of a toy are usually stuffed while the piece is being crocheted. The stuffing of wider pieces such as the head or body begins when they are about half finished. The stuffing of thinner pieces like a limb or a tail starts earlier in the crafting process. For stuffing very thin pieces in which you cannot fit a finger inside, the back of a crochet hook can be used. Limbs will feel more natural when their stuffing is softer at the top. When the tops of the legs are stuffed less firmly it is easier to place the animal or doll into a sitting position. When the tops of the arms are stuffed less firmly you will find that the arms will lie flatter against the sides of the body. Generally, you will need much more stuffing than it appears at first. If the toy has not been stuffed sufficiently, it will tend to sag over time. However, if it has been overstuffed, the stitches will expand too much and the stuffing will show through.

Which eyes to choose?

The eyes of animal toys or dolls can be

made of various materials. In this book, we have predominantly used specialist safety eyes meant for toys, the fastening of which has been described on page 31. Safety eyes are available in many different sizes and colors.

However, it is also possible to use round pearl beads or buttons. The eyes can also be crocheted or embroidered or cut from felt and sewn or glued into place. All these give the toy a different expression and help create its character.

What to use to embroider a face?

You will need thread or yarn to embroider the features on a face (nose, mouth, eyebrows, etc.). Iris thread, embroidery floss, or ordinary yarn will do. Use iris thread for smaller toys and finer details. Choose yarn for bigger toys and thicker lines. Embroidery floss can be used for both thick and thin details depending on how many strands you use together.

Sewing together

Sewing the toy together is easier if you leave a long yarn tail when you finish a piece. The head and body can be sewn together with the yarn tail from the body. Paws can be attached to the body with their own yarn tails, and so on. For safety, all yarn tails should be carefully fixed with a knot and hidden inside the toy. If you use buttons, ribbons, or other miniature details take particular care to sew them on securely.

Piece placement

Usually the pieces (head, body, limbs, etc.) have an open end. The pieces are sewn together at the open ends. In cases where the bottom of the head and the top of the body are open, the joining seam will be on the neckline. In some cases, the head will not have an open end. The head will then be placed on the open end of the body in a suitable position. The placement of limbs, tail, and other pieces is freer. In order to find a pleasing position, you can first attach the pieces with pins and then sew them together when you are happy with the result. If you wish to place the toy into a sitting position, sew the legs on towards the front of the body, further away from the center. Arms can be sewn on the way you prefer, either on the neckline or lower down.



Difficulty categories

The patterns in this book are divided into three difficulty categories marked at the beginning of each pattern. None of these patterns will be difficult for people who know the basic stitches. The difficulty categories will be more useful to those who have never crocheted an amigurumi or who are still learning to crochet in general.

easy – instructions suitable for beginners.

Single crochet stitches are predominantly used in the crafting process, the number of pieces is small and sewing them together is not complicated;

medium – instructions suitable for intermediate crocheters who already have some crafting experience under their belt. Different stitches are used, there are many pieces and sewing pieces together requires some finesse;

advanced – instructions suitable for skilled crocheters, who do not shy away from different techniques, time expenditure or a large number of pieces, which require finesse for sewing together.

How to read instructions

Instructions are simple and concise. The instructions for crocheting pieces have been arranged in a recommended crocheting order. Instructions include notes for both stuffing the pieces and sewing them together. Crocheting is done in the round, except in places where it is noted otherwise. To facilitate counting, all rounds have been numbered.

Instruction examples:

sc in next 3 st – make one single crochet into each of the next three stitches.

2 sc in next stitch – make two single crochet stitches into next stitch, i.e. increase.

sc2tog – crochet two single crochet stitches together, i.e. decrease.

(...) repeat 6 times – repeat the section in brackets six times.

[24] – the number in square brackets shows the number of stitches at the end of the round.

The meanings of abbreviations and descriptions of stitches and techniques can be found in the introductory pages of this book.





Teeny-tiny bear

This bear is so tiny that it will fit into the smallest of hands. It is comfortable to hold, and small enough for a child to be able to take along wherever they go to give a sense of familiarity and comfort. A tiny bear in a gift box is a lovely and thoughtful gift for a newborn. For older bear friends, it can bring joy dangling on a key chain. The tiny bear can also be crocheted as a companion for a doll and can be attached in the doll's arms.



MATERIALS:

- Worsted weight wool
Color A: Gray
- Worsted weight cotton
Color B: White
- Size E-4 / 3.5 mm crochet hook
- Polyester fiberfill
- Safety eyes (Ø 10 mm)
- Embroidery thread for the nose
and mouth
- Blunt end tapestry needle
- Embroidery needle
- Optional: a tiny bow



You will get a nice
furry teddy when using
furry yarn.

Abbreviations and descriptions of different stitches and techniques can be found in the introductory part of the book.

HEAD

Crocheted from top to bottom.

Rnd 1: Color A. Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 5: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 6-11: sc in each st around [30]

Rnd 12: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [24]

Insert the first eyes between rounds 9 and 10, 7 stitches apart. Attach the washers to secure the eyes.

Rnd 13: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 14: (sc in the next st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [12]



Fasten off, weave in the yarn end. Stuff the head with fiberfill.

MUZZLE

Rnd 1: Color B. Start 5 sc in a magic ring [5]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [10]

Rnd 3: sc in each st around [10]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Sew the muzzle to the head. Embroider the nose and mouth.

EAR (make 2)

Rnd 1: Color A. Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 3 times [9]

Rnd 3: sc in each st around [9]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Flatten the ears.

The ears do not need to be stuffed. Sew the ears to the head.

BODY

Crocheted from the bottom up.

Rnd 1: Color A. Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 5-7: sc in each st around [24]

Rnd 8: (sc in next 6 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [21]

Rnd 9: sc in each st around [21]

Rnd 10: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [18]

Rnd 11-12: sc in each st around [18]



Rnd 13: (sc in the next st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [12]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Stuff the body with fiberfill and sew it to the head.

ARM (make 2)

Rnd 1: Color A. Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2-7: sc in each st around [6]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Stuff lightly with fiberfill. Sew the arms to the body.

LEG (make 2)

Rnd 1: Color A. Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [9]

Rnd 5-7: sc in each st around [9]

Stuff lightly with fiberfill.

Rnd 8: (sc in the next st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [6]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. You can choose to make a sitting or standing teddy, depending on how you position the legs. Sew the legs to the body.



Ballerina mouse

I made Ballerina mouse for my daughter, Linda, when she was about two years old. Even back then, she was showing a passion for the color pink and all things girly. My wish was to make a truly pink toy, which would put an even bigger sparkle in her eyes. Over time, the initial mouse - with her flounced skirt and ballet shoes - received a puffy-sleeved leotard and a bow to finish off her look.

I have always thought that the big ears of a tiny mouse are made for listening to the most hush-hush dreams of little girls. The fact that Linda has cherished her ballerina for years, nominated it her favorite, carried it with her, and had it as her bedtime cuddle-mouse is definitely proof of that.

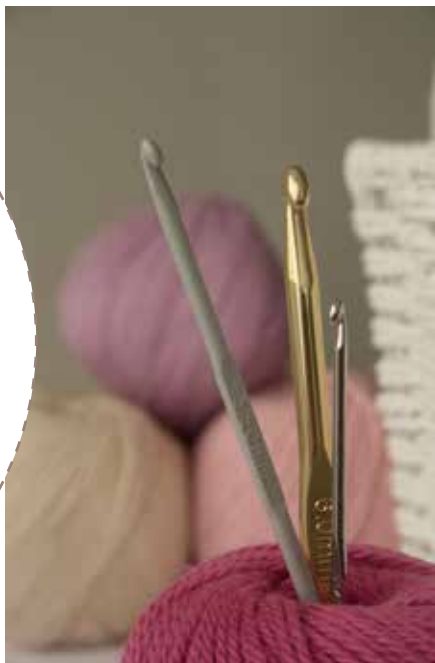




SKILL LEVEL: ADVANCED • **STITCHES USED:** SLIP STITCH, SINGLE CROCHET, HALF-DOUBLE CROCHET, DOUBLE CROCHET, CROCHET AROUND A FOUNDATION CHAIN • **SIZE:** 14" / 36 CM

MATERIALS:

- Cotton worsted weight yarn
 - Color A: gray (2 skeins)
 - Color B: light pink
 - Color C: dark pink
 - Color D: white
- Size E-4 / 3.5 mm crochet hook
- Polyester fiberfill
- Safety eyes (Ø 8 mm)
- Piece of pink felt for the cheeks
- Some thread for the cheeks
- Blunt end tapestry needle
- Embroidery needle



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HEAD

Crocheted from the back of the head to the tip of the nose.

Rnd 1: **Color A.** Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 5: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 6: (sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 7: (sc in next 5 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [42]

Rnd 8: sc in each st around [42]

Rnd 9: (sc in next 6 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [48]

Rnd 10: sc in each st around [48]

Rnd 11: (sc in next 7 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [54]

Rnd 12 - 16: sc in each st around [54]

Rnd 17: (sc in next 7 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [48]

Rnd 18: (sc in next 6 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [42]

Rnd 19: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 20 - 21: sc in each st around [36]

Rnd 22: (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 23: sc in each st around [30]

Insert the safety eyes between rounds 20 and 21, 8 stitches apart. Attach the washers to secure

the eyes.

Start stuffing the head and continue stuffing as you go. Make sure to stuff firmly.

Rnd 24: (sc in next 8 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [27]

Rnd 25: (sc in next 7 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [24]

Rnd 26: (sc in next 6 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [21]

Rnd 27: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [18]

Rnd 28: (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [15]

Rnd 29: sc in each st around [15]

Rnd 30: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [12]

Rnd 31: sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 32: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [9]

Rnd 33: (sc in next st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [6]

Fasten off, leaving a yarn tail. Using your yarn needle, weave the yarn tail through the front loop of each remaining stitch and pull it tight, closing off the head. Weave in the yarn end.

Cut 2 pieces of felt for the cheeks and sew them into place.

EAR (make 2)

Rnd 1: Color B. Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 5: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 6 - 11: sc in each st around [30]

Rnd 12: (sc in next st, sc2tog) repeat 10 times [20]

Rnd 13: sc in each st around [20]

Rnd 14: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) repeat 5 times [15]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.

Add only a tiny bit of stuffing to avoid the ears becoming sprawled. Sew the ears to the head.



NOSE

Rnd 1: Color D. Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc2tog) repeat 6 times [6]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.

Add stuffing to the nose and sew it to the snout.

BODY

Crocheted from the bottom up.

Rnd 1: Color C. Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [24]



Rnd 5: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 6: (sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 7: (sc in next 5 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [42]

Rnd 8-12: sc in each st around [42]

Rnd 13: working in the back loops only, sc in each st around [42]

Rnd 14-15: sc in each st around [42]

Rnd 16: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 17-19: sc in each st around [36]

Rnd 20: (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 21-23: sc in each st around [30]

Stuff the body with fiberfill and continue stuffing as you go.

Rnd 24: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 25-26: sc in each st around [24]

Rnd 27: Color A. (Sc in next 6 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [21]

Rnd 28: sc in each st around [21]

Rnd 29: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [18]
Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.

SKIRT

The skirt is crocheted in the leftover front loops of round 13. Work in closed rounds instead of continuous spirals. Hold the body upside down.

Rnd 1: Color D. Pull up a loop of yarn in the first front loop and ch 2. Work 2 dc in each st, slst in the first dc [84]

Rnd 2: ch 2, work 2 dc in each st, slst in the first dc [168]

Rnd 3: Color B. Ch 1, work 1 sc in each st, slst in the first sc [168]

Fasten off and weave in the yarn end.
Now sew the head to the body.

ARM (make 2)

Rnd 1: Color A. Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4-5: sc in each st around [18]

Rnd 6: (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [15]

Rnd 7: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [12]

Stuff the arm with fiberfill and continue stuffing as you go.

Rnd 8: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [9]

Rnd 9-23: sc in each st around [9]

Rnd 24: Color B. Sc in each st around [9]

Rnd 25: Color C. 3 sc in each st around [27]

Rnd 26-28: sc in each st around [27]

Rnd 29: (sc in next 7 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [24]

Rnd 30: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 31: (sc in next st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [12]

Rnd 32: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [9]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Stuff the sleeve lightly with fiberfill and sew the arms to the body.

LEG (make 2)

Rnd 1: Color A. Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 5: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 6-8: sc in each st around [30]

Rnd 9: (sc in next 8 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [27]

Rnd 10: (sc in next 7 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [24]

Rnd 11: (sc in next 6 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [21]

Rnd 12: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [18]

Rnd 13: sc in each st around [18]

Start crocheting the heel. Continue working in rows.

Row 14: turn your piece and work in the opposite direction, sc in next 12 st [12]

Row 15: turn, skip 1 stitch, sc in next 10 st [10]

Row 16: turn, skip 1 stitch, sc in next 8 st [8]

Row 17: turn, skip 1 stitch, sc in next 6 st [6]

Row 18: turn, skip 1 stitch, sc in next 4 st [4]

Turn for the last time and continue working in rounds. Don't forget to mark the first stitch of the round.

Rnd 19: crochet around the circumference of the foot: sc in next 3 st, sc in next 5 row-ends, sc in next 5 st, sc in next 5 row-ends [18]

Stuff the foot with fiberfill and continue stuffing as you go. Stuff the legs lightly for the best result.

Rnd 20: (sc in next st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [12]

Rnd 21-40: sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 41: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [9]
Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.

BALLET SHOE (make 2)

Color B. Ch 14. Crochet around both sides of the foundation chain.

Rnd 1: 3 dc in third ch from hook, dc in next 10 st, 5 dc in the last st. Continue on the other side of the foundation chain, dc in next 10 st, 2 dc in next st, slst in the first dc [30]

Rnd 2: ch 2, dc in the first st, 2 dc in next 2 st, dc in next 10 st, 2 dc in next 5 st, dc in next 10 st, 2 dc in next 2 st, make a second dc stitch in first st, slst in the first dc [40]

Rnd 3: ch 2, dc in each st around, slst in the first dc [40]

Rnd 4: ch 1, sc in next 8 st, hdc in next st, dc in next 22 st, hdc in next st, sc in next 8 st, slst in the first sc [40]



Rnd 5: ch 1, sc in next 7 st, hdc in next st, (hdc2tog) repeat 12 times, hdc in next st, sc in next 7 st, slst in the first sc [28]
Do not cut the yarn. Ch 36 to make the shoelace. Starting in the second ch from hook, work slst in each st [35]
Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Put the shoe on and tie the shoelace around the ballerina's leg, crossing over at the front of the leg. Fasten the shoelace at the back of the shoe. Sew the shoe to the leg and affix the shoelace with a few stitches.
Sew the legs to the body. Position them more to the front so that your mouse can sit properly.

TAIL

Rnd 1: **Color A.** Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2 - x: sc in each st around [6] until the tail measures about 8" / 20 cm
Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. The tail does not need to be stuffed. Attach the tail to the bottom.

BOW

Color C. Ch 6. Crochet in rows.

Row 1: starting in the second ch from hook, work sc in each st [5]

Row 2-10: turn, ch 1, sc in each st [5]

Do not cut the yarn. Sc in each st around the piece for a nice finishing. Work 2 sc in the outer corners. Fasten off, weave in the yarn end.

Pinch the center of the bow together, sew a few stitches around the center and sew the bow to the head.





Pacifier rattle

What could be a more appropriate shape for a baby rattle than a pacifier? Cheerful colors attract the child's attention and the grab strap is easy to grasp. This pacifier rattle is a cute gift for a baby shower. It is quick and easy to make (even on the night before the party).

Since babies discover everything in their path with their mouth, yarns which are natural and have a smooth surface, such as cotton or bamboo are preferable to make the rattle with.



MATERIALS:

- Cotton worsted weight yarn
Color A: beige
Color B: red/blue
Color C: blue/yellow
- Size E-4 / 3.5 mm crochet hook
- Polyester fiberfill
- Little bell (Ø min 0.6" / 15 mm
max 1.2" / 30 mm)
- Blunt end tapestry needle

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Yarn made from organic cotton, which has been grown without using fertilizers and toxins, is ideal for making pacifier rattles.



PACIFIER

Crocheted from tip of the soother to the back.

Rnd 1: **Color A.** Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 5–7: sc in each st around [24]

Rnd 8: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 9: sc in each st around [18]

Rnd 10: (sc in next st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [12]

Stuff the pacifier and hide a bell inside the stuffing. Make sure to add stuffing around the sides of the bell. Continue stuffing as you go.

Rnd 11–16: sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 17: **Color B.** Work 2 sc in each st around [24]

Rnd 18: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 19: (sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat



6 times [36]

Rnd 20: sc in each st around [36]

Rnd 21: work in the back loops only, sc in each st around [36]

Rnd 22: (sc in the next st, sc2tog) repeat 12 times [24]

Rnd 23: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [18]

Stuff the back part of the soother.

Rnd 24: (sc in the next st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [12]

Rnd 25: (sc2tog) repeat 6 times [6]
Fasten off, leaving a yarn tail. Using your yarn needle, weave the yarn tail through the front loop of each remaining stitch and pull it tight, closing off the soother. Weave in the yarn end.



STRAP

Color C. Ch 30.

Row 1: starting in the second ch from hook, slst in each ch [29]

Sew the strap to the back of the pacifier and secure it with several stitches.





Frilly pants bunny and Long-ear rabbit

Frilly pants bunny and Long-ear rabbit are two cheerful and carefree characters. They are loyal friends to have as companions for scurrying through childhood. The idea began with the bunny girl and, specifically, the frills on her pants, which have an old and romantic feel to them. So, she was named Frilly Pants. The bunny girl also received a striped dress and long, fabric-covered ears. Long-Ear rabbit appeared at her side a bit later, because things are always merrier with company and I wanted to add a fun, boy character as well. A striped shirt and suspended pants seemed like the perfect outfit for him.



SKILL LEVEL: FRILLY PANTS BUNNY – ADVANCED, LONG-EAR RABBIT – INTERMEDIATE

STITCHES USED: SINGLE CROCHET, HALF DOUBLE CROCHET, DOUBLE CROCHET

SIZE: 19" / 48 CM

MATERIALS:

- Cotton worsted weight yarn
 - Color A: beige (2 skeins for each)
 - Color B: green
 - Color C: pink
 - Color D: red
 - Color E: dark blue
 - Color F: light blue
- Size E-4 / 3.5 mm crochet hook
- Polyester fiberfill
- Safety eyes (Ø 6 mm)
- Fabric for the ears
- Embroidery thread for the ears
- Cotton yarn for the nose and mouth
- Buttons for embellishing
- Blunt end tapestry needle
- Embroidery needle

Toddlers tend to tear off toys clothes and leave them naked on the floor. Therefore the bunnies' clothing are made non-removable.



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HEAD

Crocheted from the top to the bottom.

Rnd 1: **Color A.** Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 5: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 6: (sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 7: (sc in next 5 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [42]

Rnd 8-19: sc in each st around [42]

Insert the safety eyes between rounds 11 and 12, 4 stitches apart. Attach the washers to secure the eyes.

Rnd 20: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 21: (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 22: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 23: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [18]

Fasten off, weave in the yarn end. Stuff the head firmly with fiberfill.

EAR (make 2)

Rnd 1: **Color A.** Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 3 times [15]

Rnd 5: sc in each st around [15]

Rnd 6: (sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 3 times [18]

Rnd 7-26: sc in each st around [18]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Flatten the ears. The ears do not need to be stuffed. Cut 2 oval shaped fabric patches to cover the inside of the ears. Make sure to leave a few rounds at the bottom edge uncovered. Sew the fabric to the ears. Pinch the bottom of the ear together and sew closed with a few stitches. Make sure you go through all the layers when sewing. Sew the ears to the head. Embroider the nose and mouth.

BODY (girl)

Crocheted from the bottom up.

Rnd 1: **Color B.** Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat



6 times [24]

Rnd 5: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 6: (sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 7: (sc in next 5 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [42]

Rnd 8-12: sc in each st around [42]

Rnd 13: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 14-15: sc in each st around [36]

Rnd 16: (sc in next 10 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [33]

Rnd 17: sc in each st around [33]

Rnd 18: (sc in next 9 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [30]

Rnd 19: sc in each st around [30]

Rnd 20: **Color C.** (sc in next 8 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [27]

Rnd 21: working in the back loops only, sc in each st around [27]

Stuff the body firmly and continue stuffing as you go.

Rnd 22: (sc in next 7 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [24]

Rnd 23: sc in each st around [24]

Rnd 24: (sc in next 6 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [21]

Rnd 25: sc in each st around [21]

Rnd 26: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [18]

Rnd 27: **Color A.** Sc in each st around [18]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Sew the head to the body. Make sure the color changes are on the back.

SKIRT (girl)

The skirt is crocheted in the leftover front loops of round 21. Work in closed rounds instead of continuous spirals. Hold the body upside down.

Use colors C and D. Alternate color every round.



Rnd 1: pull up a loop of yarn in the first front loop and ch 2, (dc in next 2 st, 2 dc in the next st) repeat 9 times, slst in the first dc [36]

Rnd 2: ch 1, sc in each st, slst in the first sc [36]

Rnd 3: ch 2, (dc in next 2 st, 2 dc in the next st) repeat 12 times, slst in the first dc [48]

Rnd 4: ch 1, sc in each st, slst in the first sc [48]

Rnd 5: ch 2, (dc in next 3 st, 2 dc in the next st) repeat 12 times, slst in the first dc [60]

Rnd 6: ch 1, sc in each st, slst in the first sc [60]

Rnd 7: ch 2, dc in each st, slst in the first dc [60]

Rnd 8: ch 1, (sc + hdc in the next st, hdc + slst in the next st) repeat 30 times, slst in the first sc [120]

Fasten off, weave in the yarn end.

BODY (boy)

Crocheted from the bottom up.

Rnd 1: **Color E.** Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat



6 times [24]

Rnd 5: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 6: (sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 7: (sc in next 5 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [42]

Rnd 8-12: sc in each st around [42]

Rnd 13: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 14-15: sc in each st around [36]

Rnd 16: (sc in next 10 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [33]

Hereafter alternate **color D and F** every two rounds.

Rnd 17: sc in next 31 st, sc in next 2 st in the back loops only [33]

Rnd 18: (sc in next 9 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [30]

Rnd 19: sc in each st around [30]

Rnd 20: (sc in next 8 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [27]

Rnd 21: sc in each st around [27]

Stuff the body firmly and continue stuffing as you go.

Rnd 22: (sc in next 7 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [24]

Rnd 23: sc in each st around [24]

Rnd 24: (sc in next 6 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [21]

Rnd 25: sc in each st around [21]

Rnd 26: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [18]

Rnd 27: Color A. Sc in each st around [18]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Sew the head to the body. Make sure the color changes are on the back.

Continue making suspenders. Attach **color E** in the rightmost stitch of round 17 where you left 2 front loops open. Ch 1, sc in each of the 2 loops. (Turn, ch 1, sc in each of the 2 st) repeat until the suspender is long enough to cross from the back to the front of the waistband. Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Sew the suspender to the pants seam on the front side.

ARM (girl) (make 2)

Rnd 1: Color A. Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]





Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4-5: sc in each st around [18]

Rnd 6: (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [15]

Rnd 7: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [12]

Rnd 8-10: sc in each st around [12]

Stuff the arm and continue stuffing as you go.

Rnd 11: sc in next 10 st, sc2tog [11]

Rnd 12-13: sc in each st around [11]

Rnd 14: sc in next 9 st, sc2tog [10]

Rnd 15-16: sc in each st around [10]

Rnd 17: sc in next 8 st, sc2tog [9]

Rnd 18-20: sc in each st around [9]

Rnd 21: **Color D.** Sc in each st around [9]

Rnd 22: **Color C.** Work 2 sc in each st around [18]

Rnd 23-26: sc in each st around [18]

Rnd 27: (sc in the next st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [12]

Rnd 28: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [9]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Stuff the arms lightly. Sew them to both sides of the body

ARM (boy) (make 2)

Follow **Rnd 1-7** of the instructions for the

girl's arm.

Rnd 8-9: sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 10: **Color D.** sc in each st around [12]

Stuff the arm and continue stuffing as you go.

Hereafter alternate **color F and D** every two rounds.

Rnd 11: sc in next 10 st, sc2tog [11]

Rnd 12-13: sc in each st around [11]

Rnd 14: sc in next 9 st, sc2tog [10]

Rnd 15-16: sc in each st around [10]

Rnd 17: sc in next 8 st, sc2tog [9]

Rnd 18-28: sc in each st around [9]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Stuff the arms lightly. Sew them to both sides of the body.

LEG (boy) (make 2)

Rnd 1: **Color A.** Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 5-7: sc in each st around [24]

Rnd 8: (sc in next 6 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [21]

Rnd 9-10: sc in each st around [21]

Rnd 11: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [18]

Rnd 12: sc in each st around [18]

Start crocheting the heel. Continue working in rows.

Row 13: turn your piece and work in the opposite direction, sc in next 12 st [12]

Row 14: turn, skip 1 st, sc in next 10 st [10]

Row 15: turn, skip 1 st, sc in next 8 st [8]

Row 16: turn, skip 1 st, sc in next 6 st [6]

Row 17: turn, skip 1 st, sc in next 4 st [4]

Turn for the last time and continue working in rounds. Don't forget to mark the first st of the round.

Rnd 18: crochet around the circumference of the foot: sc in next 3 st, sc in next 5 row-ends, sc in next 5 st, sc in next 5 row-ends [18]
Stuff the foot with fiberfill and continue stuffing as you go. Stuff the legs lightly for the best result.

Rnd 19: (sc in next st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [12]

Rnd 20-44: sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 45: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [9]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.

LEG (girl) (make 2)

Follow **Rnd 1-42** of the instructions for the boy's leg.

Rnd 43: **Color B.** Sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 44: working in the back loops only, sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 45: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [9]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Hold the leg right side up to make the frills. Use **color B**

and work in the leftover front loops of round 44. Pull up a loop of yarn through the first front loop and ch 1, sc + hdc in the same st, hdc + slst in the next st, (sc + hdc in next st, hdc + slst in the next st) repeat 5 times, slst in the first st [24]

Fasten off, weave in the yarn ends. Sew the legs to the body. Attach them more to the front so that your bunny can sit properly.

TAIL

Rnd 1: **Color A.** Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4-6: sc in each st around [18]

Rnd 7: (sc in the next st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [12]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Stuff the tail and sew it to the body.

Embellish the girl bunny's dress and boy rabbit's trousers with buttons.







Tummy teddy

I crocheted this bear for my son, Paul, when he was three. The kids named him Tummy teddy. Tummy teddy is one of those toys, which was born during an improvisational streak: I just began crocheting and watched how it developed. While some toys have a long development story and find their final form after many attempts, Tummy teddy has hardly been altered. I guess he had the right shape from the very start. His character traits are patches on the paws and a bellybutton dimple, but also the slightly sad facial expression, which makes you want to give him a big hug.

MATERIALS:

- Worsted weight wool
 - Color A: beige
 - Color B: blue (or pink)
- Cotton yarn for the eyelids
- Size E-4 / 3.5 mm crochet hook
- Polyester fiberfill
- Safety eyes (Ø 12 mm)
- Fabric for the muzzle
- Felt for the nose
- Sewing thread
- Blunt end tapestry needle
- Embroidery needle
- Sewing pins



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HEAD

Crocheted from top to bottom.

Rnd 1: Color A. Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 5: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 6: (sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 7: (sc in next 5 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [42]

Rnd 8: (sc in next 6 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [48]

Rnd 9: (sc in next 7 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [54]

Rnd 10: (sc in next 8 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [60]

Rnd 11-25: sc in each st around [60]

Insert the safety eyes between rounds 16 and 17, 8 stitches apart. Attach the washers to secure the eyes.



Cut a scrap piece of fabric for the muzzle and a piece of felt for the nose. It will be easiest to cut rectangles with approximately the proportions you'd like the nose and muzzle to be and work from there to make the shapes round.

The approximate dimensions of the pieces are:

muzzle – 3.5" x 2.5" / 8.5 x 6 cm

nose – 1.8" x 1.4" / 4.5 x 3.5 cm

Since the head size depends on your choice of yarn and the thickness of the finished crochet, you may need to adjust the size of the fabric pieces you sew on for the snout and the nose.

Rnd 26: (sc in next 8 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [54]

Rnd 27: (sc in next 7 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [48]

Rnd 28: (sc in next 6 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [42]

Rnd 29: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [36]

Stuff the head with fiberfill and continue stuffing firmly as you go.

Rnd 30: (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 31: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [24]

Fasten off, weave in the yarn end.

Embroider eyelids with cotton yarn. Bring the needle out at the outer corner of the eye. Take the yarn back to the inner corner but slightly higher. Bring the yarn out in the open part of the head and tighten by pulling gently. Repeat the same steps with the second eye.



Position the pieces on the bear's face with sewing pins before sewing them in place. Position the muzzle and then add the nose, so that half of it covers the muzzle. When you are happy with the way the pieces fit, remove the nose and sew around the muzzle. Then sew around the nose and embroider a mouth and eyebrows.

EAR (make 2)

Rnd 1: **Color B.** Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 5 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 3 times [21]

Rnd 5-7: sc in each st around [21]

Rnd 8: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [18]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Flatten the ears. The ears do not need to be stuffed. Sew the ears to the head.

BODY

Crocheted from the bottom up.

Alternate **colors B and A** every two rounds.

Rnd 1: start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 5: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 6: (sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 7: (sc in next 5 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [42]



Rnd 8: (sc in next 6 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [48]

Rnd 9-15: sc in each st around [48]

Rnd 16: (sc in next 6 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [42]

Rnd 17-19: sc in each st around [42]

Rnd 20: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 21-23: sc in each st around [36]

Stuff the body firmly and continue stuffing as you go.

Rnd 24: (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 25: sc in each st around [30]

Rnd 26: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [24]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Sew the head to the body. Make sure the color changes are positioned at the back.

ARM (make 2)

Rnd 1: **Color A.** Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 5: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 6-8: sc in each st around [30]

Rnd 9: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 10: (sc in next 10 st, sc2tog) repeat 2 times [22]

Rnd 11: (sc in next 9 st, sc2tog) repeat 2 times [20]

Rnd 12: (sc in next 8 st, sc2tog) repeat 2 times [18]

Stuff the arms and pinch them so the decreases of the previous rounds are positioned at the



sides. Continue stuffing as you go.

Rnd 13-17: sc in each st around [18]

Rnd 18: (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [15]

Do not add any stuffing hereafter.

Rnd 19-23: sc in each st around [15]

Rnd 24: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [12]

Rnd 25: sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 26: sc in next 2 st, slst in the next st [3]

Do not finish this round. Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.

BIG ARM PATCH (make 2)

Rnd 1: **Color B.** Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Slst in the next st. Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.

SMALL ARM PATCH (make 8)

Rnd 1: **Color B.** Work 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Slst in the next st. Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Using the pins, position the big patch to the center of the palm and add four small patches above it. Sew the patches on with the

yarn tails. Weave in the yarn ends. Sew the arms to the body.

LEG (make 2)

Rnd 1: Color B. Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 5: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 6: (sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 7: Color A. (Sc in next 5 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [42]

Rnd 8-9: sc in each st around [42]

Rnd 10: sc in next 12 st, (sc2tog, sc in the next st) repeat 5 times, sc2tog, sc in next 13 st [36]

Rnd 11: sc in next 9 st, (sc2tog, sc in the next st) repeat 5 times, sc2tog, sc in next 10 st [30]

Rnd 12: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 13-14: sc in each st around [24]

Rnd 15: (sc in next 6 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [21]

Rnd 16-17: sc in each st around [21]

Stuff the feet firmly and continue stuffing as you go. Stuff the legs lightly.

Rnd 18: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [18]

Rnd 19-22: sc in each st around [18]

Rnd 23: (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [15]

Rnd 24-27: sc in each st around [15]

Rnd 28: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [12]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Cut a long piece of **color B** and embroider four toes on each of the feet. Pull the tapestry needle out between the rounds where you changed color. Insert the yarn about four rounds up and pull tight. Repeat the same step with the

other toes.

Sew the legs to the body. Attach them more to the front so that your bear can sit properly.

TAIL

Rnd 1: Color A. Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3-4: sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 5: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [9]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Stuff the tail lightly with fiberfill. Attach the tail to the teddy's bottom.

BELLY BUTTON

Cut a piece of yarn for the belly button. Insert the tapestry needle from the back of the teddy and out at the front at the preferred height for the belly button. Insert the needle in the next stitch and bring it back to the back side. Tighten and repeat this stitch once more. Hide the knot and yarn tail.







Silky spring mouse

Once upon a time in winter, when I felt a desperate yearning for spring and greenery, I crocheted a tiny mouse, pointing its nose to the sky and sniffing for the spring air to come. This tiny little character fits perfectly in the palm of your hand. She may be small, but she is no less remarkable for that. A lace collar adds to her delicate look.



You can make your little spring mouse using silk as well as cotton or wool.

MATERIALS:

- Cotton or silk worsted weight yarn
 - Color A: gray
- A leftover of cotton yarn for the nose
- Size E-4 / 3.5 mm crochet hook
- Polyester fiberfill
- Safety eyes (Ø 6 mm)
- Fabric for the ears
- 13.5"-15.5" / 35-40 cm of satin ribbon
- 13.5" / 30 cm of lace, width 3/4" / 2 cm
(choose a lace ribbon with holes at the edge so it is easy to braid the satin ribbon through)
- sewing thread for the collar and fabric details
- blunt end tapestry needle
- Embroidery needle

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All parts are worked in gray yarn.

HEAD

Crocheted from the back to the front.

Rnd 1: start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 5: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 6: sc in each st around [30]

Rnd 7: (sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [36]



Rnd 8-11: sc in each st around [36]

Rnd 12: (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 13: sc in each st around [30]

Rnd 14: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 15: sc in each st around [24]

Insert the safety eyes between rounds 12 and 13, 5 stitches apart. Attach the washers to secure the eyes.

Rnd 16: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 17: sc in each st around [18]

Stuff the head with fiberfill and continue stuffing firmly as you go.

Rnd 18: (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [15]

Rnd 19: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [12]

Rnd 20: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [9]

Rnd 21: (sc in the next st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [6]

Fasten off, leaving a yarn tail. Using your yarn

needle, weave the yarn tail through the front loop of each remaining stitch and pull it tight, closing off the head. Weave in the yarn end. Embroider the nose with cotton yarn.

EAR (make 2)

Rnd 1: start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4-6: sc in each st around [18]

Rnd 7: (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [15]

Rnd 8: sc in each st around [15]

Rnd 9: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [12]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Flatten the ears. The ears do not need to be stuffed. Cut out small pieces of fabric and sew them to the ears. Sew the ears to the head.

BODY

Crocheted from the bottom up.

Rnd 1: start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 5: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 6-8: sc in each st around [30]

Rnd 9: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 10: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 11-14: sc in each st around [18]

Rnd 15: (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [15]



Rnd 16: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [12]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Stuff the body with fiberfill. Position the head with the nose pointing upward and sew it to the body.

LEG (make 2)

Rnd 1: start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]
Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]
Rnd 3-4: sc in each st around [12]
Rnd 5: sc in next 10 st, sc2tog [11]
Rnd 6: sc in next 9 st, sc2tog [10]
Stuff the legs lightly with fiberfill.
Rnd 7: sc in next 8 st, sc2tog [9]
Rnd 8: sc in next 7 st, sc2tog [8]
Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Sew the legs to the body, a little to the front so your mouse can hold its balance and sit properly.

ARM (make 2)

Rnd 1: start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]
Rnd 2-9: sc in each st around [3]
Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Stuff the arms lightly. Sew the arms to the body.

TAIL

Ch 25. Work in rows.

Row 1: starting in the second ch from hook, work slst in each ch [24]

Position the tail and sew it to the bottom.

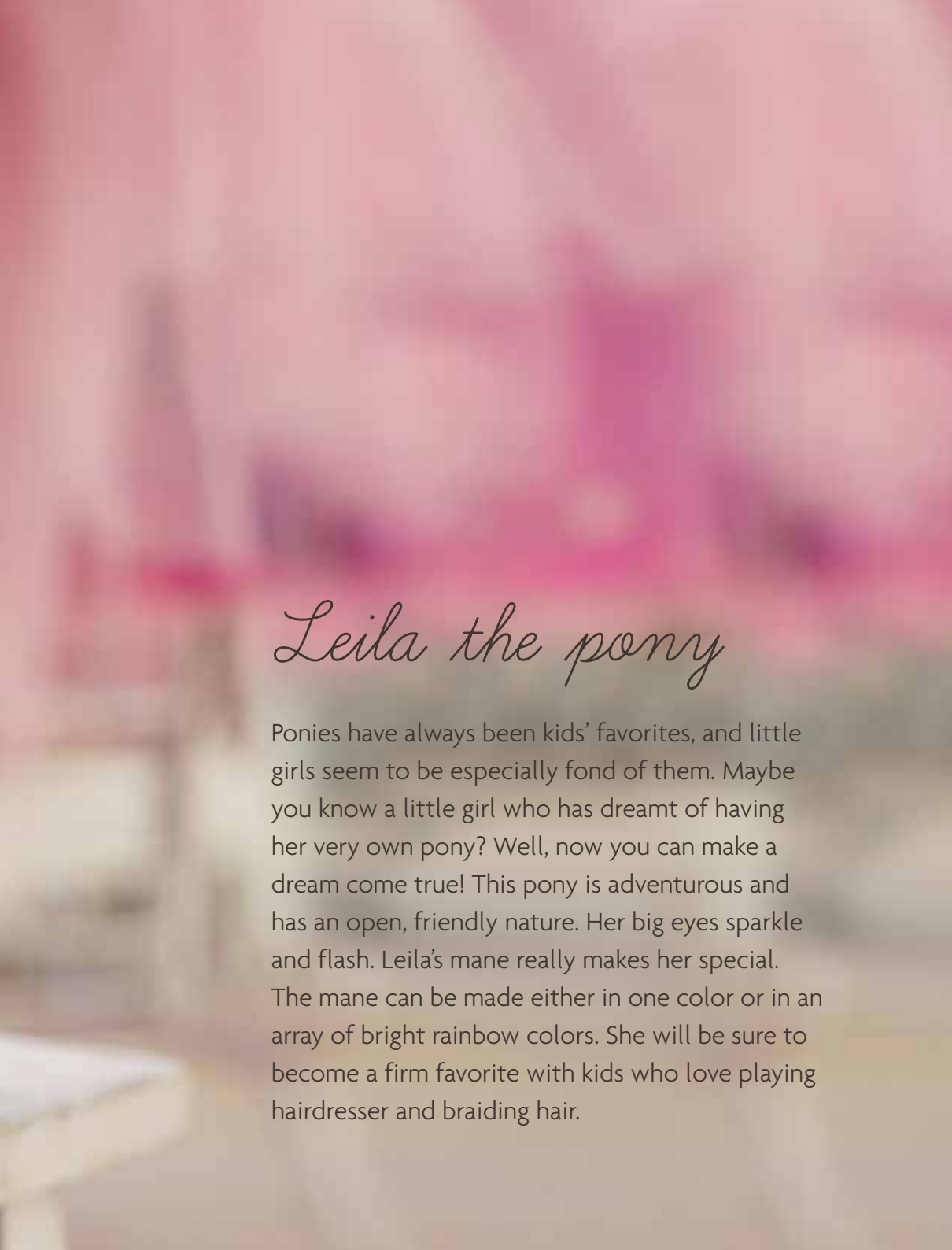
COLLAR

Cut a lace ribbon about 12" / 30 cm long. Fold it in half and sew it together so it forms a circle. Turn the seam to the inside. Using the blunt end tapestry needle, bring the satin ribbon in and out of the holes at the edge of the lace ribbon. Make sure you start and finish at the same side of the collar. Put the collar around the neck, keeping the ends of the ribbon at the front. Pull tight to gather the collar. Tie the ends and attach the collar to the body with a few stitches.









Leila the pony

Ponies have always been kids' favorites, and little girls seem to be especially fond of them. Maybe you know a little girl who has dreamt of having her very own pony? Well, now you can make a dream come true! This pony is adventurous and has an open, friendly nature. Her big eyes sparkle and flash. Leila's mane really makes her special. The mane can be made either in one color or in an array of bright rainbow colors. She will be sure to become a firm favorite with kids who love playing hairdresser and braiding hair.

SKILL LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE • **STITCHES USED:** SINGLE CROCHET, HALF DOUBLE CROCHET

• **SIZE:** 9" / 23 CM WHEN SEATED

MATERIALS:

- Worsted weight wool
 - Color A: beige (2 skeins)
 - Color B: brown
 - Color C: pink
- Worsted weight cotton
 - Color D: white
- Size E-4 / 3.5 mm crochet hook
- Polyester fiberfill
- Safety eyes (Ø 21 mm)
- Embroidery thread for the nose, mouth and eyelashes
- Cotton fabric for the ears
- Satin ribbon
- Blunt end tapestry needle
- Embroidery needle



Leila the pony will be sure to become a firm favorite with girls who love playing hairdresser and braiding hair.

When it comes to the mane and the tail, the yarn thickness does not matter. You can happily use a different yarn type than you used for the other parts of the pony or combine different types of leftover yarns. Experiment with different lengths and styles for the mane and let your fantasy run wild.

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EYE PATCH (make 2)

Rnd 1: Color D. Start 10 hdc in a magic ring, slst in the first hdc [10] Pull the magic ring, but leave enough space in the middle for a safety eye.

Rnd 2: ch 3, slst in the second and third ch from hook, sc in the first hdc of the previous round, sc in next 2 st, 2 hdc in next 2 st, hdc in the next st, 2 hdc in the next st, hdc in the next st, sc in next 2 st, sc in the slst of the previous round, slst in the first ch at the



beginning of the round [16]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Insert the safety eye in the center of the magic ring, but do not fasten. Pull the magic ring tight around the safety eye and set the eye patches aside.

HEAD

Crocheted from the front to the back.

Rnd 1: **Color A.** Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 5: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 6: (sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 7: (sc in next 5 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [42]

Rnd 8-10: sc in each st around [42]

Rnd 11: (sc in next 6 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [48]

Rnd 12-14: sc in each st around [48]

Rnd 15: (sc in next 7 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [54]

Rnd 16: (sc in next 8 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [60]

Rnd 17-26: sc in each st around [60]

Position the eye patches with the safety eyes between rounds 18 and 19. Count 16 stitches between the safety eyes. Making sure the eye patches are parallel and the angles of the eyes are directed towards the nose. Attach the washers to secure the eyes. Weave in the yarn ends. Sew the eye patches to the head. Embroider eyelashes.

Rnd 27: (sc in next 8 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [54]

Rnd 28: sc in each st around [54]

Rnd 29: (sc in next 7 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [48]

Rnd 30: sc in each st around [48]

Rnd 31: (sc in next 6 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [42]

Rnd 32: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 33: (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [30]

Stuff the head and continue stuffing firmly as you go.

Rnd 34: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 35: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 36: (sc in the next st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [12]



Rnd 37: (sc2tog) repeat 6 times [6]

Fasten off, leaving a short yarn tail. Using your yarn needle, weave the yarn tail through the front loop of each remaining stitch and pull it tight, closing off the head. Weave in the yarn end.

EAR (make 2)

Rnd 1: **Color A.** Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: sc in each st around [6]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 3 times [9]

Rnd 4: sc in each st around [9]

Rnd 5: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 3 times [12]

Rnd 6: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 3 times [15]

Rnd 7: (sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 3 times [18]

Rnd 8-11: sc in each st around [18]

Rnd 12: (sc in the next st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [12]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Flatten the ears. The ears do not need to be stuffed. Cut 2 small pieces of fabric to cover the inner ears. Sew the fabric patches to the ears. Sew the ears to the head. Embroider the nose and mouth.

BODY

Crocheted from the bottom up.

Rnd 1: **Color A.** Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [24]



Rnd 5: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 6: (sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 7: (sc in next 5 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [42]

Rnd 8: (sc in next 6 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [48]

Rnd 9: (sc in next 7 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [54]

Rnd 10: (sc in next 8 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [60]

Rnd 11-16: sc in each st around [60]

Rnd 17: (sc in next 8 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [54]

Rnd 18: sc in each st around [54]

Rnd 19: (sc in next 7 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [48]

Rnd 20-21: sc in each st around [48]

Rnd 22: (sc in next 6 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [42]

Rnd 23-24: sc in each st around [42]

Rnd 25: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 26-27: sc in each st around [36]

Rnd 28: (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 29-30: sc in each st around [30]

Rnd 31: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 32: sc in each st around [24]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Stuff firmly with fiberfill and sew the body to the head.

FRONT LEG (make 2)

Rnd 1: **Color B.** Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat

6 times [24]

Rnd 5: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 6: (sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 7-8: sc in each st around [36]

Rnd 9: sc in next 7 st, (sc2tog, sc in next 2 st) repeat 5 times, sc2tog, sc in next 7 st [30]

Rnd 10: **Color A.** sc in next 7 st, (sc2tog, sc in the next st) repeat 5 times, sc2tog, sc in next 6 st [24]

Rnd 11: sc in each st around [24]

Rnd 12: (sc in next 6 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [21]

Rnd 13: sc in each st around [21]

Rnd 14: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [18]

Rnd 15-16: sc in each st around [18]

Rnd 17: sc in next 8 st, sc2tog, sc in next 8 st [17]

Rnd 18-19: sc in each st around [17]



Rnd 20: sc in next 15 st, sc2tog [16]

Rnd 21-22: sc in each st around [16]

Stuff the front leg. Do not add stuffing hereafter.

Rnd 23: sc in next 7 st, sc2tog, sc in next 7 st [15]

Rnd 24: sc in each st around [15]

Rnd 25: sc in next 13 st, sc2tog [14]

Rnd 26: sc in each st around [14]

Rnd 27: sc in next 6 st, sc2tog, sc in next 6 st [13]

Rnd 28: sc in each st around [13]

Rnd 29: sc in next 11 st, sc2tog [12]

Rnd 30: sc in each st around [12]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Sew the front legs to the body.

BACK LEG (make 2)

Work **Rnd 1-22** following the instructions for the front leg.

Rnd 23: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) repeat 4 times [12]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Sew the back legs to the body. Attach them a bit more to the center and quite spread out so your pony can sit properly.

MANE

Use **color C**. Cut a piece of yarn of about 20" / 50 cm long and fold it in half. Find a spot where you want to start working the hair. Insert the hook in the stitch, take the yarn length on the hook and bring up a loop. Now bring the hook through the loop, take both yarn lengths on the hook and pull through. Moving from the front side of the



head to the back side, insert the hook in the next stitch and work the same way. Continue until the mane has the preferred density. (In this example the mane is made in 4 rows).

TAIL

Use **color C**. Cut 10 pieces of yarn of about 10" / 25 cm long. Find your preferred spot for the tail. Use the same method as explained for the mane.

Tie a nice satin ribbon around the tail. Finish by cutting the mane and tail. You may want to try a haircut or simply even out the ends.





Superstar microphone

Toys are usually created out of a desire to bring joy to children. The easiest way for me to find out what they might like is to observe my own kids. Mine happen to really love music and singing and so the idea to make them a microphone was born. At the very last moment it received a superstar badge, since becoming a superstar is the big dream of many children. This microphone is very easy to crochet and it will encourage lots of fun playtime and great performances.



MATERIALS:

- cotton worsted weight yarn
Color A: light pink (or light blue)
Color B: gray
Color C: pink (or blue)
- Size E-4 / 3.5 mm crochet hook
- Polyester fiberfill
- Two shades of felt for the badge
- Sewing thread
- Blunt end tapestry needle
- Embroidery needle



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Crocheted from the top to the bottom.

Rnd 1: Color A. Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 5: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 6: (sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 7: sc in each st around [36]

Rnd 8: (sc in next 5 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [42]

Rnd 9-11: sc in each st around [42]

Rnd 12: Color B. Working in the back loops only, sc in each st around [42]

Rnd 13: sc in each st around [42]

Rnd 14: Color A. Working in the back loops only, sc in each st around [42]

Rnd 15: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 16: sc in each st around [36]

Rnd 17: (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 18: sc in each st around [30]

Rnd 19: Color C. Working in the back loops only, sc in each st around [30]

Rnd 20: sc in each st around [30]

Rnd 21: (sc in next 8 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [27]

Rnd 22-23: sc in each st around [27]

Rnd 24: (sc in next 7 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [24]

Rnd 25-27: sc in each st around [24]



Stuff with fiberfill, continue stuffing as you go.

Rnd 28: (sc in next 6 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [21]

Rnd 29-33: sc in each st around [21]

Rnd 34: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [18]

Rnd 35-39: sc in each st around [18]

Rnd 40: (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [15]

Rnd 41-45: sc in each st around [15]

Rnd 46: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [12]

Rnd 47: Color B. Working in the back loops only, sc in each st around [12]

Do not add any stuffing hereafter.

Rnd 48: (sc2tog) repeat 6 times [6]

Rnd 49-56: sc in each st around [6]

Fasten off, leaving a short yarn tail. Using your

yarn needle, weave the yarn tail through the front loop of each remaining stitch and pull it tight, closing off the microphone. Weave in the yarn end. Make a superstar logo. Using the templates above to cut out a circle and a star in 2 colors of felt. Sew the star to the circle and the circle to the microphone.



Sofia doll

I crocheted this doll after seeing one of my daughter's drawings. I had thought of making a doll for a long time and pondered what it should look like. One day this particular drawing caught my eye. Linda was only four years old at the time so it was really more of a doodle actually, but it was plenty good enough to inspire me to pick up my hook and start crocheting enthusiastically. A few weeks later, Sofia had blossomed from a few pencil marks on a piece of paper to a soft and cuddly little amigurumi girl with pigtails and big, sparkling eyes.

SKILL LEVEL: ADVANCED • **STITCHES USED:** SINGLE CROCHET, BACK POST SINGLE CROCHET, DOUBLE CROCHET • **SIZE:** 12" / 30 CM

MATERIALS:

- Cotton worsted weight yarn
 - Color A: beige (2 skeins)
 - Color B: black
 - Color C: light pink
 - Color D: green
 - Color E: red
- Size E-4 / 3.5 mm crochet hook
- Polyester fiberfill
- Safety eyes (Ø 15 mm)
- Embroidery thread for the mouth and eyebrows
- Button and ribbon for embellishment
- Blunt end tapestry needle
- Embroidery needle



Many materials can be used to accessorize the doll: buttons, ribbons, flowers, and so on. Make your choice of accessories relevant to the child's age.

HEAD

Crocheted from the top to the bottom.

Rnd 1: **Color A.** Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 5: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 6: (sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 7: (sc in next 5 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [42]

Rnd 8: (sc in next 6 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [48]

Rnd 9-18: sc in each st around [48]

Rnd 19: (sc in next 6 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [42]

Rnd 20: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [36]

Insert the safety eyes between rounds 16 and 17, 10 stitches apart. Attach the washers to secure the eyes.

Stuff the head with fiberfill and continue stuffing firmly as you go.

Rnd 21: (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 22: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 23: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [18]

Fasten off, weave in the yarn end.

HAIR

Rnd 1: Color B. Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]



Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 5: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 6: (sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 7: (sc in next 5 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [42]

Rnd 8: (sc in next 6 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [48]

Rnd 9-16: sc in each st around [48]

Continue with the bangs.

Take two stitch markers. With the first one you mark the hole under the last stitch of round 16. With the second stitch marker you mark the hole under the last slst of the next row. Move this stitch marker up when you return to this point.

Continue working in rows on the next 19 stitches only.

Row 17: turn and start working in the opposite direction. skip the first stitch, sc in next 18 st, slst in the next st (mark this last stitch) [19]

Row 18: turn, skip the first stitch, sc in next 18 st, sc in the marked stitch, slst in the next st (mark the stitch) [20]

Row 19: turn, skip the first stitch, sc in next 19 st, sc in the marked stitch, slst in the next st (mark the stitch) [21]

Row 20: turn, skip the first stitch, sc in next 20 st, sc in the marked stitch, slst in the next st (mark the stitch) [22]

Row 21: turn, skip the first stitch, sc in next 21 st, sc in the marked stitch, slst in the next st

(mark the stitch) [23]

Row 22: turn, skip the first stitch, sc in next 22 st, sc in the marked stitch, slst in the next st (mark the stitch) [24]

Row 23: turn, skip the first stitch, sc in next 23 st, sc in the marked stitch, slst in the next st (no need to mark stitches hereafter) [25]
Continue crocheting in rounds.

Rnd 24: turn, ch 1, crochet sc around the hair, slst in the first st of this round [54]

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Position the hair. The bangs should be positioned a bit off to one side. At the back of the head the hair should be close to the neck. Leave equal space between the hair and eyes on both sides. If necessary, add a little more stuffing to the head until the hair fits snugly.

PIGTAIL (make 2)

Rnd 1: Color B. Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4–5: sc in each st around [18]

Rnd 6: (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [15]

Rnd 7: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [12]

Rnd 8: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [9]
Stuff firmly with fiberfill.

Rnd 9: sc in next 7 st, sc2tog [8]

Rnd 10: sc in next 6 st, sc2tog [7]

Rnd 11: sc in next 5 st, sc2tog [6]

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing. Using your yarn needle, weave the yarn tail through the front loop of each remaining stitch and pull it tight, closing off the piece. Take the yarn needle through the magic ring at the other side. Position the pig tails to the head and affix them with the leftover yarn

tail. Make sure to sew all around the pig tails so they're attached firmly.

Embroider the mouth and eyebrows with sewing thread.

BODY

Crocheted from the bottom up.

Rnd 1: Color A. Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 5: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 6: (sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 7: (sc in next 5 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat





6 times [42]

Rnd 8: (sc in next 6 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [48]

Rnd 9-10: sc in each st around [48]

Rnd 11: **Color C.** Sc in each st around [48]

Rnd 12: working in the back loops only, sc in each st around [48]

Rnd 13: (sc in next 6 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [42]

Rnd 14: sc in each st around [42]

Rnd 15: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 16: sc in each st around [36]

Rnd 17: (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 18: sc in each st around [30]

Stuff the body firmly and continue stuffing as you go.

Rnd 19: (sc in next 8 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [27]

Rnd 20: sc in each st around [27]

Rnd 21: (sc in next 7 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [24]

Rnd 22: sc in each st around [24]

Rnd 23: **Color D.** Sc in each st around [24]

Rnd 24: **Color A.** (Sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 25: sc in each st around [18]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.

SKIRT

The skirt is crocheted in the leftover front loops of round 12. Work in closed rounds instead of continuous spirals. Hold the body upside down.

Rnd 1: **Color D.** Pull up a loop of yarn in the first front loop and ch 1, sc in each st, slst in the first sc [48]

Rnd 2: ch 2, (dc in next 3 st, 2 dc in the next st) repeat 12 times, slst in the first dc [60]

Rnd 3: ch 1, sc in each st, slst in the first sc [60]

Rnd 4: ch 2, (dc in next 9 st, 2 dc in the next st) repeat 6 times, slst in the first dc [66]

Rnd 5: ch 1, sc in each st, slst in the first sc [66]

Fasten off, weave in the yarn end.

Sew the head to the body. Make sure the color changes are positioned at the back.

ARM (make 2)

Rnd 1: **Color A.** Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3-4: sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 5: sc in next 10 st, sc2tog [11]

Rnd 6: sc in next 9 st, sc2tog [10]

Rnd 7: sc in next 8 st, sc2tog [9]

Stuff the arm with fiberfill and continue stuffing as you go.

Rnd 8-12: sc in each st around [9]

Rnd 13: sc in next 7 st, sc2tog [8]

Rnd 14-16: sc in each st around [8]

Rnd 17: **Color D.** Sc in each st around [8]

Rnd 18: **Color C.** Work 2 sc in each st around [16]

Rnd 19-23: sc in each st around [16]

Rnd 24: (sc2tog) repeat 8 times [8]

Stuff the arm lightly and sew the arms to the body, over the seam of the dress.

LEG (make 2)

Rnd 1: Color A. Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 5-7: sc in each st around [24]

Rnd 8: sc in next 8 st, (sc2tog, sc in the next st) repeat 2 times, sc2tog, sc in next 8 st [21]

Rnd 9: sc in each st around [21]

Rnd 10: sc in next 7 st, (sc2tog, sc in the next st) repeat 2 times, sc2tog, sc in next 6 st [18]

Rnd 11-12: sc in each st around [18]

Stuff the legs and continue stuffing as you go. Stuff the upper part of the legs lightly to make them dangle.

Rnd 13: sc in next 5 st, (sc2tog, sc in next st) repeat 2 times, sc2tog, sc in next 5 st [15]

Rnd 14-15: sc in each st around [15]

Rnd 16: sc in next 4 st, (sc2tog, sc in next st) repeat 2 times, sc2tog, sc in next 3 st [12]

Rnd 17-29: sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 30: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [9]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.

SHOE (make 2)

Rnd 1: Color E. Work ch 2 + 12 dc in a magic ring, slst in the first dc [12]

Rnd 2: ch 2, work 2 dc in each st, slst in the



first dc [24]

Rnd 3: ch 1, work 1 bpsc in each st, slst in the first bpsc [24]

Rnd 4: ch 2, work 1 dc in each st, slst in the first dc [24]

Rnd 5: ch 1, sc in next 8 st, (sc2tog, sc in the next st) repeat 2 times, sc2tog, sc in next 8 st, slst in the first sc [21]

Rnd 6: ch 1, sc in next 5 st, ch 10, put the shoe on, count 11 st to the left and starting in the next stitch, sc in next 5 st, slst in the first sc. Sew the shoe to the foot. Sew the legs to the body. Make sure to attach them towards the front so that your doll can sit properly. Embellish the skirt with a ribbon. Sew a button to the middle of the bow.



Rudy doll

After finishing Sofia, I just had to make a boy doll, so the little girl would have a brother. The design process was exciting and challenging, as he had to look sweet, yet boyish. Just like the other toys in this book, Rudy's clothes cannot be taken off. I was guided towards this choice by children who kept undressing their dolls, but were not able to dress them up again independently.



SKILL LEVEL: ADVANCED • **STITCHES USED:** SINGLE CROCHET, BACK POST SINGLE CROCHET, HALF DOUBLE CROCHET, DOUBLE CROCHET • **SIZE:** 12" / 30 CM

MATERIALS:

- Cotton worsted weight yarn
 - Color A: beige
 - Color B: orange
 - Color C: purple
 - Color D: light blue
 - Color E: green
 - Color F: white
 - Color G: turquoise
- Size E-4 / 3.5 mm crochet hook
- Polyester fiberfill
- Safety eyes (Ø 15 mm)
- Embroidery thread for the mouth and eyebrows
- Buttons for embellishing the pants and shoes
- Blunt end tapestry needle
- Embroidery needle
- 2 stitch markers

Abbreviations and descriptions of different stitches and techniques can be found in the introductory part of the book.

HEAD

Crocheted from top to bottom.

Rnd 1: **Color A.** Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 5: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 6: (sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 7: (sc in next 5 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [42]



Make the head and the hair out of the same yarn type so their sizes match perfectly. A successful end result also depends on how well the head is stuffed. You might need to either add or remove some stuffing in order to give the hair that perfect fit.

Rnd 8: (sc in next 6 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [48]

Rnd 9-20: sc in each st around [48]

Rnd 21: (sc in next 6 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [42]

Rnd 22: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [36]

Insert the safety eyes between rounds 17 and 18, 10 stitches apart. Attach the washers to secure the eyes.

Start stuffing the head. Continue stuffing firmly as you go.

Rnd 23: (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 24: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 25: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [18]

Fasten off, weave in the yarn end.

HAIR

Rnd 1: Color B. Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 5: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 6: (sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 7: (sc in next 5 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [42]

Rnd 8: (sc in next 6 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat



6 times [48]

Rnd 9-16: sc in each st around [48]

Continue with the bangs.

Take two stitch markers. With the first one you mark the hole under the last stitch of round 16. With the second stitch marker you mark the hole under the last slst of the next row. Move this stitch marker up when you return to this point.

Continue working in rows.

Row 17: turn and start working in the opposite direction. Skip 1 st, sc in next 18 st, slst in the next st (mark this last stitch) [19]

Row 18: turn, skip the first stitch, sc in next 18 st, sc in the marked stitch, slst in the next st (mark the stitch) [20]

Row 19: turn, skip the first stitch, sc in next 19 st, sc in the marked stitch, slst in the next

st (mark the stitch) [21]

Row 20: turn, skip the first stitch, sc in next 20 st, sc in the marked stitch, slst in the next st (mark the stitch) [22]

Row 21: turn, skip the first stitch, sc in next 21 st, sc in the marked stitch, slst in the next st (mark the stitch) [23]

Row 22: turn, skip the first stitch, sc in next 22 st, sc in the marked stitch, slst in the next st (mark the stitch) [24]

Row 23: turn, skip the first stitch, sc in next 23 st, sc in the marked stitch, slst in the next st (no need to mark stitches hereafter) [25]
Continue crocheting in rounds.

Rnd 24: turn, ch 1, crochet sc around the hair, slst in the first st of this round [48]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.
Position the hair. The bangs should be positioned a bit off to one side. At the back of the head the hair should be close to the neck. Leave equal space between the hair and eyes on both sides. If necessary, add a little more stuffing to the head until the hair fits snugly. Make the ears before attaching the hair to the head.

EAR (make 2)

Rnd 1: Color A. Work 6 sc in a magic ring [6]
Pull tightly and fasten off. Position the ears in front of the hair. Adjust the placement of the hair if necessary. Sew the hair to the head and then sew the ears to the head. You may want to stitch some fringe hairs using the leftover yarn tail.

Embroider the mouth and eyebrows with embroidery thread. Add some freckles with **french knots** onto his cheeks. Take dark thread on your embroidery needle. Insert the



threaded embroidery needle from the back to the front through the stitch where you want the knot to show. Keep the tip of the needle flat against your crochetwork and wrap the yarn around your needle twice. Carefully pull the needle through these loops so that you end up with a double knot. Insert the needle in the crochet stitch next to the knot (not in the same stitch, as this will make the knot disappear) and fasten at the back.

BODY

Crocheted from the bottom up.

Rnd 1: Color C. Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat

6 times [24]

Rnd 5: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 6: (sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 7: (sc in next 5 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [42]

Rnd 8: (sc in next 6 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [48]

Rnd 9-11: sc in each st around [48]

Hereafter alternate **color D and E** every two rounds.

Rnd 12: sc in next 20 st, sc in the back loops of next 10 st, sc in next 18 st [48]

Rnd 13: (sc in next 6 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [42]

Rnd 14: sc in each st around [42]

Rnd 15: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 16: sc in each st around [36]

Rnd 17: (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 18: sc in each st around [30]

Stuff the body firmly and continue stuffing as you go.

Rnd 19: (sc in next 8 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [27]

Rnd 20: sc in each st around [27]

Rnd 21: (sc in next 7 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [24]

Rnd 22: sc in each st around [24]

Rnd 23: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 24-25: **Color A.** Sc in each st around [18]

Fasten off. Continue working in rows on the front bib of the dungarees with **Color C.**

Hold the body right side up and pull up a loop of yarn in the rightmost leftover front loop of round 12.

Row 1: ch 1, sc in next 10 front loops only [10]

Row 2-4: ch 1, turn and start working in the opposite direction, sc in each st [10]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. We will crochet the border and suspenders to the bib once

the arms are sewn into place. Sew the head to the body making sure the bib is centered.

ARM (make 2)

Rnd 1: Color A. Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3-4: sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 5: sc in next 10 st, sc2tog [11]

Rnd 6: sc in next 9 st, sc2tog [10]

Rnd 7: sc in next 8 st, sc2tog [9]

Stuff the arm with fiberfill and continue stuffing as you go.

Rnd 8: sc in each st around [9]

Hereafter alternate **color E and D** every two rounds.

Rnd 9-24: sc in each st around [9]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Sew the



arms to both sides of the body on the neckline of the sweater.

Pull up a loop of **Color C** in the rightmost stitch of the bib. Ch 1, sc in each row-end until you reach the upper right side. Ch 23 (or as much as needed for the suspender to reach loosely over the shoulder to the center of the back side of the trousers), start in the second ch from hook, slst in next 22 ch. Continue with 10 sc along the upper edge of the bib until you reach the upper left corner. Make a second suspender. Sc in the row-ends to finish the bib. Fasten off and weave in the yarn end. Sew the suspenders to the pants at the back.

LEG (make 2)

Rnd 1: Color F. Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 5–7: sc in each st around [24]

Rnd 8: sc in next 8 st, (sc2tog, sc in the next st) repeat 2 times, sc2tog, sc in next 8 st [21]

Rnd 9: sc in each st around [21]

Rnd 10: sc in next 7 st, (sc2tog, sc in the next st) repeat 2 times, sc2tog, sc in next 6 st [18]

Rnd 11–12: sc in each st around [18]

Stuff the legs and continue stuffing as you go. Add less stuffing to the top part to make the legs dangle.

Rnd 13: sc in next 5 st, (sc2tog, sc in the next st) repeat 2 times, sc2tog, sc in next 5 st [15]

Rnd 14: sc in each st around [15]

Rnd 15: Color E. Sc in each st around [15]

Rnd 16: Color A. Working in the back loops only, sc in next 4 st, (sc2tog, sc in the next st)



repeat 2 times, sc2tog, sc in next 3 st [12]

Rnd 17–24: sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 25: Color C. Sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 26: working in the back loops only, sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 27–29: sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 30: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [9]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.

Hold the leg right side up and find the leftover front loops of round 15. Pull up a loop of yarn in **Color F** and ch 1, sc in each st around, slst in the first sc [15]

Fasten off, weave in the yarn end.

Add a hem to the trousers with **Color C.**

Hold the leg upside down and work in the front loops of round 25. Pull up a loop and ch 1, hdc in each st around, slst in the first

hdc [12]

Fasten off, weave in the yarn end.

SHOE (make 2)

Rnd 1: **Color G.** Work ch 2 + 12 dc in the magic ring, slst in the first dc [12]

Rnd 2: ch 2, work 2 dc in each st, slst in the first dc [24]

Rnd 3: ch 1, work 1 bpsc in each st, slst in the first bpsc [24]

Rnd 4: ch 2, work 1 dc in each st, slst in the

first dc [24]

Rnd 5: ch 2, dc in next 12 st, ch 5, skip 5 st, dc in next 2 st, ch 5, put the shoe on, make sure the 2 dc are at the front, skip 5 st, slst in the first dc.

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Sew the shoe to the foot. Sew the legs to the body.

Make sure to attach them more to the front so that your doll can sit properly.

Add two little buttons to the shoes and add a decorative button to the bib.





A close-up photograph of a colorful crocheted bug rattle hanging from a thin, dark string. The bug has a yellow head with two large red cheeks, black eyes, and a simple black smile. It has a small blue antennae on the left and a small orange and white striped antennae on the right. The body is made of five stacked, rounded segments in purple, teal, red, and green. A small wooden clothespin is clipped to the top of the bug's head, holding it to the string. The background is a soft, out-of-focus wooden surface.

Bug rattle

The bug rattle is super versatile. You can use one set of instructions to make three different characters: a bee, a butterfly and a caterpillar. Be creative in your choice of colors. Use bright and eye-catching colors, or soft, pastel tones. You can make a baby carousel out of several multicolored bug rattles. A rattling bug would also make a great first musical instrument for a baby.

SKILL LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE • **STITCHES USED:** SINGLE CROCHET, HALF DOUBLE CROCHET • **SIZE:** 6.5" / 17 CM

MATERIALS:

- Cotton worsted weight yarn
 - Color A: yellow
 - Color B: brown
 - Color C: white
- Size E-4 / 3.5 mm crochet hook
- Polyester fiberfill
- Safety eyes (Ø 6 mm)
- Small bell (Ø 1,2" / 3 cm)
- Thread for embroidering the mouth
- Blunt end tapestry needle
- Embroidery needle

You can add a pink blush to the bug's cheeks with makeup blush.

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I have used bee colors in the instructions. To make a butterfly, crochet in tones of your choice and add dots to the wings. To make a caterpillar simply omit the wings.



HEAD

Crocheted from top to bottom.

Rnd 1: **Color A.** Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 5: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 6: (sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 7: (sc in next 5 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [42]

Rnd 8-13: sc in each st around [42]

Insert the safety eyes between rounds 8 and 9, 3 stitches apart. Attach the washers to

secure the eyes.

For safety reasons you may like to embroider the eyes instead for children younger than 3 years.

Rnd 14: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 15: (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 16: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 17: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [18]

Fasten off, weave in the yarn end. Stuff the head with fiberfill.

FEELER (make 2)

Rnd 1: **Color B.** Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2-5: sc in each st around [6]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Attach the feelers to the head. Embroider the mouth.

BODY

Crocheted from the bottom up.

Rnd 1: **Color A.** Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3-4: sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 5: (sc2tog) repeat 6 times [6]

Stuff the first ball with fiberfill.

Rnd 6: **Color B.** Work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 7: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 8-10: sc in each st around [18]

Rnd 11: (sc2tog) repeat 9 times [9]

Stuff the second ball with fiberfill.

Rnd 12: **Color A.** Work 2 sc in each st around [18]

Rnd 13: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 14-18: sc in each st around [24]

Rnd 19: (sc2tog) repeat 12 times [12]



Rnd 20: **Color B.** Work 2 sc in each st around [24]

Rnd 21: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 12 times [36]

Rnd 22-27: sc in each st around [36]

Rnd 28: (sc2tog) repeat 18 times [18]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Finish stuffing the body.

Start sewing the head to the body. Close

about 2/3 of the seam, insert the bell and finish sewing.

WING (make 2)

Both wings start with a small and a big tip crocheted separately and then joined into one wing.

Small tip

Rnd 1: **Color C.** Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: sc in each st around [12]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.

Big tip

Rnd 1: **Color C.** Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4-5: sc in each st around [18]

Rnd 6: join the small and big tip: sc in next 9 st of the big tip, sc in next 12 st around the small tip, sc in the leftover 9 st of the big tip [30]

Use the leftover yarn tail of the small tip to close the hole between the two tips.

Rnd 7: sc in each st around [30]

Rnd 8: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 9-10: sc in each st around [24]

Rnd 11: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 12: sc in each st around [18]

Rnd 13: (sc in next st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [12]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Sew the wings to the bug's body.

SPOTS (for butterfly's wings)

Make 2 small and 2 big spots to embellish



butterfly's wings. Sew the small spot onto the small tip of the wing and the big spot onto the big tip of the wing.

Small spot (make 2)

Rnd 1: work 6 sc in a magic ring, slst in the first sc [6]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.

Big spot (make 2)

Rnd 1: work 10 hdc in a magic ring, slst in the first hdc.

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.

Sew the spots to the front of the butterfly's wings.





Streaky cat

Streaky cat is a lazy, rather proud and slightly sly-looking cat. He would gladly slouch on the couch, day in and day out, and never bother with catching mice.

I made this cat for a boy whose dream was to have a tiger. By then I had already created two versions of Streaky cat – a tiger with orange stripes and a rainbow-bright, colorful cat. Both of them are cute, so everyone can create their own unique character with their favorite colors.



SKILL LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE • **STITCHES USED:** SINGLE CROCHET, CROCHET AROUND A FOUNDATION CHAIN • **SIZE:** 13" / 33 CM

MATERIALS:

- Worsted weight yarn – 2 skeins if making a mono colored cat, or small amounts of different colors when making a multi colored cat
- Cotton yarn for the nose and claws
- Size E-4 / 3.5 mm crochet hook
- Polyester fiberfill
- Safety eyes (Ø 18 mm)
- Blunt end tapestry needle

Make sure the color changes are situated on the back of the toy when you sew it together, as they won't be so noticeable there.

Abbreviations and descriptions of different stitches and techniques can be found in the introductory part of the book.

This pattern has no color indications. The example is crocheted using scraps of yarn. On the head, body and tail the colors have been switched in a repeated sequence. On the limbs the sequence is irregular. You can also create a nice cat when using a single multi colored yarn.

HEAD

Crocheted from the top to the bottom.

Rnd 1: start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 5: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 6: (sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 7: (sc in next 5 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [42]

Rnd 8: (sc in next 6 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat



6 times [48]

Rnd 9: (sc in next 7 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [54]

Rnd 10-21: sc in each st around [54]

Making sure the color changes are at the back of the head, attach the safety eyes between rounds 17 and 18, 11 stitches apart. Attach the washers to secure the eyes.

Rnd 22: (sc in next 7 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [48]

Rnd 23: (sc in next 6 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [42]

Rnd 24: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 25: (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 26: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [24]

Fasten off, weave in the yarn end. Stuff the head with fiberfill.

EAR (make 2)

Rnd 1: start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 3 times [9]

Rnd 3: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 3 times [12]

Rnd 4: sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 5: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 3 times [15]

Rnd 6: sc in each st around [15]

Rnd 7: (sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 3 times [18]

Rnd 8: sc in each st around [18]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Flatten



the ears. They do not need to be stuffed. Sew the ears to the head.

MUZZLE

Ch 7. Crochet around both sides of the foundation chain.

Rnd 1: start in second ch from hook, 2 sc in this stitch, sc in next 4 st, 4 sc in the last st. Continue on the other side of the foundation chain, sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in the last st [16]

Rnd 2: 2 sc in next 2 st, sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next 4 st, sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in last 2 st [24]

Rnd 3-4: sc in each st around [24]

Slst in the next st. Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Position the muzzle with pins, make sure it's placed symmetrically between the eyes. Add a bit of stuffing before sewing. Sew the muzzle on. Embroider a nose and a vertical line crossing the muzzle. Make freckles with french knots on each side of the muzzle. (instructions can be found on page 100.)

BODY

Crocheted from the bottom up.

Rnd 1: start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 5: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 6: (sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 7: (sc in next 5 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [42]

Rnd 8: (sc in next 6 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [48]

Rnd 9-13: sc in each st around [48]

Rnd 14: (sc in next 6 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [42]

Rnd 15-16: sc in each st around [42]

Rnd 17: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 18-19: sc in each st around [36]

Rnd 20: (sc in next 10 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [33]

Rnd 21: sc in each st around [33]

Stuff the body firmly and continue stuffing as you go.

Rnd 22: (sc in next 9 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [30]

Rnd 23: sc in each st around [30]

Rnd 24: (sc in next 8 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [27]

Rnd 25: sc in each st around [27]

Rnd 26: (sc in next 7 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [24]

Rnd 27-28: sc in each st around [24]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Sew the head to the body, making sure the color changes are positioned at the back.



ARM (make 2)

Rnd 1: start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4-6: sc in each st around [18]

Rnd 7: (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [15]

Rnd 8: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [12]

Stuff the hand firmly and continue stuffing as you go. Stuff the arm lightly.

Rnd 9-23: sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 24: sc in next 10 st, sc2tog [11]

Rnd 25: sc in each st around [11]

Rnd 26: sc in next 9 st, sc2tog [10]

Rnd 27: sc in each st around [10]

Rnd 28: sc in next 8 st, sc2tog [9]

Rnd 29-30: sc in each st around [9]
Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.

LEG (make 2)

Rnd 1: start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 5: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 6: sc in each st around [30]

Rnd 7: (sc in next 8 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [27]

Rnd 8: (sc in next 7 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [24]

Rnd 9: (sc in next 6 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [21]

Rnd 10: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [18]

Rnd 11: sc in each st around [18]

Start crocheting the heel. Continue working in rows.

Row 12: turn your piece and work in the op-

posite direction, skip 1 st, sc in next 12 st [12]

Row 13: turn, skip 1 st, sc in next 10 st [10]

Row 14: turn, skip 1 st, sc in next 8 st [8]

Row 15: turn, skip 1 st, sc in next 6 st [6]

Row 16: turn, skip 1 st, sc in next 4 st [4]

Turn for the last time and continue working in rounds. Don't forget to mark the first st of the round.

Rnd 17: crochet around the circumference of the foot: sc in next 3 st, sc in next 5 row-ends, sc in next 5 st, sc in next 5 row-ends [18]

Stuff the foot with fiberfill and continue stuffing as you go. Stuff the legs lightly to give the best result.

Rnd 18: (sc in next st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [12]

Rnd 19-47: sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 48: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [9]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Embroider fingers and toes on the arms and legs with cotton yarn.

Sew the arms to both sides of the body. Sew the legs more to the front so that the cat can sit properly.

TAIL

Rnd 1: start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3-12: sc in each st around [12]

Stuff the tip of the tail with fiberfill and continue stuffing as you go.

Rnd 13: sc in next 10 st, sc2tog [11]

Rnd 14-23: sc in each st around [11]

Rnd 24: sc in next 9 st, sc2tog [10]

Rnd 25-34: sc in each st around [10]

Rnd 35: sc in next 8 st, sc2tog [9]

Rnd 36-45: sc in each st around [9]

Fasten off, leaving a yarn tail for sewing. Sew the tail to the cat's bottom.



Cuddly baby

I thought of Cuddly baby when I was looking for a gift idea for my niece's first birthday. It was supposed to become a simple, sweet-looking, soft and safe bedtime buddy. I got my inspiration from the wonderful Waldorf dolls and the Mr. Sandman theme. Cuddly baby is great for a child's first doll. It is a cute, huggable toy which can be handed to a baby just before bedtime so that they would associate it with sleeping.





SKILL LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE • **STITCHES USED:** SINGLE CROCHET, HALF-DOUBLE CROCHET, DOUBLE CROCHET • **SIZE:** 11.5" / 29 CM

MATERIALS:

- Cotton worsted weight yarn
 - Color A: natural white
 - Color B: light green
 - Color C: light pink
- Size E-4 / 3.5 mm crochet hook
- Polyester fiberfill
- Safety eyes (Ø 8 mm)
- Embroidery thread for the mouth
- Blunt end tapestry needle
- Sewing needle

You can decorate
Cuddly baby's hat
with a little flower.
You will find the pattern
on page 134.

Abbreviations and descriptions of different stitches and techniques can be found in the introductory part of the book.

For safety reasons, if you are making the toy for a newborn, you might want to embroider the eyes instead of using safety eyes.

HEAD

Crocheted from top to bottom.

Rnd 1: Color A. Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 5: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 6: (sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 7: (sc in next 5 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [42]





Rnd 8: (sc in next 6 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [48]

Rnd 9-18: sc in each st around [48]
Insert the safety eyes between rounds 15 and 16, 5 stitches apart. Attach the washers to secure the eyes.

Rnd 19: (sc in next 6 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [42]

Rnd 20: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 21: (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 22: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 23: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [18]

Fasten off, weave in the yarn end. Embroider the mouth.

HAT

Crocheted from top down.

Use **colors B and C**. Alternate color every two rounds. Start with **color B**.

Rnd 1: start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: sc in each st around [6]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 3 times [9]

Rnd 4: sc in each st around [9]

Rnd 5: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 3 times [12]

Rnd 6: sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 7: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 3 times [15]

Rnd 8: sc in each st around [15]

Rnd 9: (sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 3 times [18]

Rnd 10: sc in each st around [18]

Rnd 11: (sc in next 5 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 3 times [21]

Rnd 12: sc in each st around [21]

Rnd 13: (sc in next 6 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 3 times [24]

Rnd 14: sc in each st around [24]

Rnd 15: (sc in next 7 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 3 times [27]

Rnd 16: sc in each st around [27]

Rnd 17: (sc in next 8 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 3 times [30]

Rnd 18: sc in each st around [30]

Rnd 19: (sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 20: sc in each st around [36]

Rnd 21: (sc in next 5 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat

6 times [42]

Rnd 22: sc in each st around [42]

Rnd 23: (sc in next 6 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [48]

Rnd 24-33: sc in each st around [48]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Stuff about half of the hat and sew it to the head, making sure color changes are at the back.

LEG (make 2)

Rnd 1: Color A. Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 5-6: sc in each st around [24]

Rnd 7: (sc2tog) repeat 12 times [12]

Rnd 8: Color C. Sc in each st around [12]



Stuff the foot firmly.

Rnd 9: work 2 sc in each st around [24]

Rnd 10: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 12 times [36]

Rnd 11-13: sc in each st around [36]

Rnd 14: (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [30]

Fasten off, leaving a yarn tail of about 8" / 20 cm. Put the first leg aside and crochet the second leg. Do not fasten off the second leg, we will continue crocheting on this leg to make the body.

BODY

Rnd 15: in this round we will join the legs.

Sc in next 27 st on the second leg, leave the last 3 stitches unworked, sc in next 27 st on the first leg, leave the last 3 stitches unworked [54]

Sew the hole between the two legs closed.

Rnd 16-18: making sure you leave the 3 unworked stitches open, sc in the next st of the second leg, then sc in each st around [54]

Rnd 19: (sc in next 7 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [48]

Rnd 20-23: sc in each st around [48]

Rnd 24: (sc in next 6 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [42]

Rnd 25-28: sc in each st around [42]

Rnd 29: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 30-33: sc in each st around [36]

Stuff the body and continue stuffing as you go. Don't stuff too firmly. Make the doll soft enough to cuddle.

Rnd 34: (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 35-36: sc in each st around [30]

Rnd 37: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 38-39: sc in each st around [24]

Rnd 40: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [18]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Sew the head to the body.

ARM (make 2)

Rnd 1: Color A. Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4-5: sc in each st around [18]

Rnd 6: (sc2tog) repeat 9 times [9]

Stuff the hand with fiberfill.

We continue crocheting in alternating colors.

Change **colors B and C** every two rounds.

Start with **color B**.

Rnd 7: sc in each st around [9]

Rnd 8: work 2 sc in each st around [18]

Rnd 9: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 10-13: sc in each st around [24]

Rnd 14: (sc in next 6 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [21]

Rnd 15: sc in each st around [21]

Rnd 16: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [18]

Rnd 17: sc in each st around [18]

Stuff the arm lightly with fiberfill. Do not add any stuffing hereafter.

Rnd 18: (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [15]

Rnd 19: sc in each st around [15]

Rnd 20: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [12]

Rnd 21: sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 22: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [9]

Rnd 23-24: sc in each st around [9]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Sew the arms to the seam between body and head, making sure the color changes are directed towards the body.

COLLAR

Color B. Ch 26.

Rnd 1: work sc and hdc in the second ch from hook, 3 dc in next 23 ch, work hdc and sc in the last ch.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Place the collar around the neck with the open part on the back. Sew both sides together. Secure the collar with several stitches to the doll's neck.







Striped sock puppy

I am obsessed with striped socks. What I love about stripes is that you can combine so many different colors together to create an infinity of different combinations. Precisely due to this obsession of stripes and in honor of socks knitted by my grandma, I have created this curious little puppy. Quick and easy to make, and a boon for using up all those different colored leftover yarns taking up space on every crocheter's shelves.

MATERIALS:

- Cotton worsted weight yarn – the example uses 6 shades
- Size E-4 / 3.5 mm crochet hook
- Polyester fiberfill
- Safety eyes (Ø 12 mm)
- Button for the nose
- Thread for stitching the mouth
- Blunt end tapestry needle
- Embroidery needle

Instead of composing your own striped pattern you could use colorful self-stripping sock yarn throughout.

Abbreviations and descriptions of different stitches and techniques can be found in the introductory part of the book.

You can create the stripes on this puppy just the way you like them. The stripes can repeat at regular intervals or randomly, they can be equal in size or vary in width. The paws, ears and tail can be fashioned in a single color or striped to match the rest.



HEAD

Crocheted from the front to the back.

If you prefer a white muzzle use white yarn in Rnd 1-10.

Rnd 1: start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 5: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 6: (sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 7: (sc in next 5 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [42]

Rnd 8: (sc in next 6 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [48]

Rnd 9-10: sc in each st around [48]

If you want to have a striped puppy, start with an alternating pattern in round 11.

Rnd 11-12: sc in each st around [48]

Rnd 13: (sc in next 6 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [42]

Rnd 14-16: sc in each st around [42]

Rnd 17: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 18-23: sc in each st around [36]

Insert the safety eyes between rounds 16 and 17, 8 stitches apart. Attach the washers to secure the eyes.

Rnd 24: (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 25: sc in each st around [30]

Rnd 26: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [24]



Rnd 27: sc in each st around [24]

Stuff the head with fiberfill and continue stuffing firmly as you go.

Rnd 28: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 29: (sc in the next st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [12]

Rnd 30: (sc2tog) repeat 6 times [6]

Fasten off, leaving a short yarn tail. Using your yarn needle, weave the yarn tail through the front loop of each remaining stitch and pull it tight, closing off the head. Weave in the yarn end.

EAR (make 2)

Rnd 1: start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3-6: sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 7: sc in next 5 st, sc2tog, sc in next 5 st [11]

Rnd 8: sc in next 9 st, sc2tog [10]

Rnd 9: sc in next 4 st, sc2tog, sc in next 4 st [9]

Rnd 10: sc in each st around [9]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Flatten the ears, they do not need to be stuffed. Sew the ears to the head. Position a button for the nose and sew it in place. Embroider a mouth.

BODY

Crocheted from the bottom up.

Rnd 1: start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 5: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 6: (sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 7: (sc in next 5 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [42]

Rnd 8: (sc in next 6 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [48]

Rnd 9-11: sc in each st around [48]

Rnd 12: (sc in next 6 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [42]

Rnd 13: sc in each st around [42]

Rnd 14: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 15: sc in each st around [36]

Rnd 16: (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [30]



Rnd 17: sc in each st around [30]

Rnd 18: (sc in next 8 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [27]

Rnd 19: sc in each st around [27]

Rnd 20: (sc in next 7 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [24]

Rnd 21: sc in each st around [24]

Rnd 22: (sc in next 6 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [21]

Rnd 23: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [18]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Stuff the body firmly. Position the head and sew it to the body.

ARM AND LEG (make 4)

Rnd 1: start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3-5: sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 6: sc in next 5 st, sc2tog, sc in next 5 st [11]

Rnd 7: sc in each st around [11]

Stuff with fiberfill and continue stuffing as you go.

Rnd 8: sc in next 9 st, sc2tog [10]

Rnd 9: sc in each st around [10]

Rnd 10: sc in next 4 st, sc2tog, sc in next 4 st [9]

Rnd 11: sc in each st around [9]

Rnd 12: sc in next 7 st, sc2tog [8]

Rnd 13: sc in each st around [8]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Sew two of the limbs to the sides of the puppy for front legs and the remaining two limbs at the base of the puppy for back legs. If you want your puppy to sit properly, you should sew the back legs more to the front and quite spread out.

TAIL

Rnd 1: start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2-5: sc in each st around [6]

Fasten off, leaving a yarn tail for sewing. Sew the tail to the puppy's bottom.





Monkey girl

Monkey girl is special for many reasons. She was initially supposed to become a bear, but during the crocheting process the yarn started taking on a life of its own and I ended up with a slightly vain-looking monkey. She has long, bending legs which means she can easily be placed in different positions. The monkey also has a long tail so she can swing through the jungle with all the grace you would expect. The addition of a snap fastener to the tail means this little monkey can be made to dangle from a branch, a curtain pole or a door hook.

SKILL LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE • **STITCHES USED:** SINGLE CROCHET, HALF DOUBLE CROCHET, DOUBLE CROCHET • **SIZE:** 12" / 30 CM

MATERIALS:

- Cotton worsted weight yarn
 - Color A: beige
 - Color B: orange
 - Color C: blue
- Size E-4 / 3.5 mm crochet hook
- Polyester fiberfill
- Piece of fabric for the face
- White felt for the eyes and snout
- Sewing thread
- 2 black plastic beads (Ø 8 mm)
- Satin ribbon for the tail
- Small button for the flower
- Snap fastener for the tail
- Blunt end tapestry needle
- Embroidery needle

If you make the face using a fabric which has been cut from clothing the child has grown out of, the memories will be even more special.

Abbreviations and descriptions of different stitches and techniques can be found in the introductory part of the book.

HEAD

Crocheted from the top to the bottom.

Rnd 1: **Color A.** Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [24]



Rnd 5: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 6: (sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 7: (sc in next 5 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [42]

Rnd 8: (sc in next 6 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [48]

Rnd 9: (sc in next 7 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [54]

Rnd 10-20: sc in each st around

Rnd 21: (sc in next 7 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [48]

Rnd 22: (sc in next 6 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [42]

Rnd 23: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 24: (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 25: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 26: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [18]

Fasten off, weave in the yarn end. Stuff the head with fiberfill and flatten the piece.

Cut out one face patch from fabric, and one muzzle patch and two eye patches from felt. The easiest way is to cut four rectangles to the approximate size and then round off the edges.

The approximate dimensions of the pieces are:

face: 3.3" x 2.2" / 8.5 x 5.5 cm

muzzle: 6.5" x 1.8" / 6.5 x 4.5 cm

eyes: 1" x 0.8" / 2.5 x 2 cm

These sizes are approximations, you will likely have to make slight adjustments since the size of the head depends on your yarn and crocheting style. First sew the face patch in place, then sew the muzzle patch so that it overlaps the lower part of the face patch. Sew the eye patches in place, overlapping the sides of the face patch. Sew on plastic beads for the eyes and stitch a cross over the muzzle for the mouth.

EAR (make 2)

Rnd 1: Color B. Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]



Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4-6: sc in each st around [18]

Rnd 7: (sc in the next st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [12]

Rnd 8: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [9]
Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Flatten the ears. The ears do not need to be stuffed. Sew the ears to the head.

BODY

Crocheted from the bottom up.

Rnd 1: Color A. Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]



Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 5: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 6: (sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 7: (sc in next 5 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [42]

Rnd 8-10: sc in each st around [42]

Rnd 11: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 12: sc in each st around [36]

Rnd 13: (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 14: sc in each st around [30]

Rnd 15: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 16: sc in each st around [24]

Rnd 17: (sc in next 6 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [21]





Rnd 18: sc in each st around [21]

Rnd 19: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [18]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Stuff the body and sew it to the head.

ARM (make 2)

Rnd 1: Color B. Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4-6: sc in each st around [18]

Rnd 7: (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [15]

Rnd 8: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [12]

Stuff the hand firmly, then continue stuffing the arm lightly until round 18.

Rnd 9: Color A. (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [9]

Rnd 10-29: sc in each st around [9]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Sew the arms to the seam between body and head.

LEG (make 2)

Rnd 1: Color B. Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 5-6: sc in each st around [24]

Rnd 7: (sc in next 6 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [21]

Rnd 8: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [18]

Rnd 9: (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [15]

Rnd 10: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [12]

Stuff the feet with fiberfill and continue stuffing as you go. In rounds 11 - 22 you alternate colors every two rounds in the following sequence: **A, C, A, B, A, C.**

Rnd 11-22: sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 23: Color A. Sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 24: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) repeat 3 times [9]

Do not add any stuffing hereafter.

Rnd 25-34: sc in each st around [9]

Sew the legs more to the front so the monkey can sit properly.

TAIL

Rnd 1: Color C. Work 7 sc in a magic ring [7]

Rnd 2 - x: work sc in each st around [7] continue until the tail is about 8" / 20 cm long. Fasten off, leaving a yarn tail for sewing. The tail does not need to be stuffed. Sew the tail to the body.

Tie a satin ribbon around the tip of the tail. Sew one side of the snap fastener to the end of the tail over the satin ribbon and the other side to the body above the tail.

FLOWER

Rnd 1: Color C. Work 10 sc in a magic ring, slst in the first sc [10]

Rnd 2: (ch 1, hdc + dc in the same st where you made the slst, dc + hdc in the next st, slst in the next st) repeat 4 times, ch 1, hdc + dc in the same st, dc + hdc in the next st [25]

Cut the yarn and draw the tail through the slst of the previous row on the backside of the piece. Fasten off, weave in the yarn end. Sew the flower to the monkey's head and embellish with a little button at the center.



