

Smarty Pants Pattern

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I really like her....mane?

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Read pattern carefully before starting, particularly the instructions at the beginning of the pattern.

Materials:

*Gray yarn (worsted weight/regular weight) at least 7 ounces/one skein. You may need more or less depending on how you crochet, everyone is different. I used one skein of "I love this Yarn" brand from hobby lobby in greybeard, this yarn is particularly soft and has a nice feel to it.

*Dark blue yarn (worsted weight)- you will need less of this. I used red heart dark blue

*Brown chunky weight yarn for the mane (I used deborah Norville collection serenity chunky weight. color: Fudge). You can also use worsted weight brown if you can't find chunky weight yarn in the color you like. See mane making instructions for more information on substituting worsted yarn.

*Small amounts of white, light blue, light green, and red yarn in worsted weight- these are for making the spots on the shorts, the eyes, and the patch. You can also make these out of felt if you like, though the patterns for crocheting them are included.

*Black yarn for embroidering

*Polyfill/fiberfill for stuffing

*Yarn needle for sewing the pieces together

*Straight pins for pinning pieces on before sewing them on

*G hook and F hook

Note: there is no gauge for this pattern. The finished plush will end up about 10 inches tall but this will vary depending on how tight or loose you crochet, everyone is different. The only thing that is important is that you have a tight stitch when crocheting so that no stuffing will show through the finished pieces. If you use the recommended hooks it should be fine but if you are someone who crochets more loosely you may want to reduce the hook size accordingly.

This pattern is worked in rounds (unless otherwise noted) and uses the

following techniques/abbreviations:

Sc- single crochet

inc- increase

dec- decrease, particularly you should use the invisible decrease if you know how to do it

sc in each sc- single crochet in each single crochet, don't add any increases or decreases

R- round or row

repeat- repeat what is between the asterisks * until you come to the end of the round, unless otherwise indicated

ring- magic ring. If you cannot do this technique then you may substitute this: ch 2 and sc however many were supposed to go in the ring into the second ch. However this will leave a small hole in the piece, this is why the magic ring is preferred, it leaves no visible hole. Many tutorials on how to do the magic ring are available online.

The numbers in parenthesis at the end of each row are the number of stitches you should have when that row is done. Mark the start of each round with a marker and move this marker as you complete rows.

IMPORTANT NOTE!

All pieces (unless otherwise indicated) are worked with TWO strands of yarn together. You may do this by taking the strand on the outside of the skien and the one which comes from the inside of the skien together. Crochet with two strands the same way you would crochet if you had only one. This will yield a bigger plush faster and with less effort than crocheting with only one strand. This pattern has not been tested for only one strand, it will yield a smaller plush but patterns for the eyes, spots, and patch will need to be adjusted if you make it with only one strand.

All pieces are made with G hook unless otherwise indicated.

Pattern:

Ok everypony, let's get started! Do your best and have fun!

Body (Make 1 starting with dark blue, two strands held together as one)

Round 1: 6sc in ring (6 sc total)

R2: *inc* repeat (12)

R3: *sc, inc* repeat (18)

R4: *2 sc, inc* repeat (24)

R5: *3sc, inc* repeat (30)
R6: *4sc, inc* repeat (36)
R7-13: sc in each sc (36) change yarn color to gray
R14: sc in each sc (36)
R15: *8sc, dec* repeat, sc in last 3 sc (33)
R16-17: sc in each sc (33)
R18: *6sc, dec* repeat, sc in last sc (29)
R19: sc in each sc (29)
R20: *3sc, dec* repeat, sc in last 4sc (24)
R21: *2sc, dec* repeat (18)
R22-25: sc in each sc (18)
R26: *1sc, dec* repeat (12)
Slip stitch, Finish off and leave long tail for sewing head on later. Stuff.

Head (make 1 in gray, two strands held together as one)

Round 1: 6sc in ring (6 sc total)
R2: *inc* repeat (12)
R3: *sc, inc* repeat (18)
R4: *2 sc, inc* repeat (24)
R5: *5sc, inc* repeat (28)
R6-20: sc in each sc (28)
R21: *5sc, dec* repeat (24)
R22: *2sc, dec* repeat (18) begin stuffing and continue as you go
R23: *1sc, dec* repeat (12)
R24: *Dec* repeat (6)
Slip stitch, finish stuffing and finish off. Sew the hole closed if there is one. Leave long tail for sewing to body.

Leg (Make 2 starting with gray, two strands held together as one)

Round 1: 6sc in ring (6 sc total)
R2: *inc* repeat (12)
R3: *sc, inc* repeat (18)
R4: *4sc, inc* repeat, sc in last 3 (21)
R5-14: sc in each sc (21) change to dark blue at end of round 14
R15: sc in each sc (21)
R16: *4sc, dec* repeat, sc in last 3 sc (18)
R17-18: sc in each sc (18)
R19: *1sc, dec* repeat (12)
R20-21: sc in each sc (12)
Slip stitch, Finish off and stuff, leaving long tail to sew to body.

Arm (make 2 in gray, two strands held together as one)

Round 1: 6sc in ring (6 sc total)

R2: *inc* repeat (12)

R3: *sc, inc* repeat (18)

R4: *8sc, inc* (20)

R5-12: sc in each sc (20)

R13: *8sc, dec* repeat (18)

R14: sc in each sc (18)

R15: *4sc, dec* (15)

R16-20: sc in each sc (15)

Slip stitch, Finish off and stuff. Leave very long tail for sewing. Once arm is stuffed, sew the top shut as shown in pictures. You want to sew it shut flat so that you can then sew it onto the body.



This is how you should sew the arm shut across the top

Ears (make 2 in gray, two strands held together as one)

Note: increases for ears should be spread out evenly in their rows. That is, if the row says "3 increases, sc in rest" you should NOT put all of those increases in the first three stitches but instead spread them out so that there are some sc in between them all. You should also spread them out round to round. So if you put the increase in the second sc of the first round then on the next row you should put it maybe in the third

or fourth and so on. This will give a more natural look to the ears.

Round1: 5 sc in ring (5)

R2: 2 increases spread out evenly, sc in all other stitches (7)

R3: 1 increase spread out evenly, sc in all other stitches (8)

R4: 1 increase spread out evenly, sc in all other stitches (9)

R5: 2 increases spread out evenly, sc in all other stitches (11)

R6: 1 increase spread out evenly, sc in all other stitches (12)

R7: 2 increases spread out evenly, sc in all other stitches (14)

R8: 3 increases spread out evenly, sc in all other stitches (17)

R9: sc in each sc (17)

Slip stitch, Finish off, do NOT stuff these. Leave long tail for sewing.

Spots for pants (make in white) (I made 11, feel free to make as many as you'd like to get the look you want)

Use only ONE strand of yarn to make these!

Use F hook

Round 1: 6 sc in ring (6)

R2: *inc* repeat around (12)

Slip stitch finish off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Patch on right arm (make 1 in light green) Note that patch is worked in rows.

Use only ONE strand of yarn to make this!

Use F hook

Row 1: ch 6 and sc in second chain from hook and other 4 chains (total of 5 scs)

Row 2-5: sc in each sc (5)

Finish off, leave long tail for sewing. When you sew it to the arm, sew it on with same color thread then embroider black 'stitches' with black yarn. See picture for help.

Eyes (make one in light blue and one in red)

Use only ONE strand of yarn to make these!

Use F hook

Round 1: 6 sc in ring (6)

R2: *inc* repeat (12)

R3: *1sc, inc* repeat (18)

slip stitch and finish off, leave long tail to sew.

Embroider/sew an X on each eye with black yarn. If you want the red eye to dangle, after embroidering the X knot off the black string behind

the eye (on the wrong side) to secure the embroidery and secure the other end to the head while leaving a length in between so that it will dangle. Sew the blue eye on as normal, sew around the outside of the circle with the blue yarn to attach to the face. Refer to pictures for help.

Assembly order:

It is important that you do the mane as one of the last steps, this way it won't get in the way when you're sewing on the other parts. When assembling, pin the pieces on with straight pins to see how they look before you sew them into their final position. This will allow you to adjust as needed.

1. Sew head to body
2. Sew legs to body
3. Sew arms to body
4. Sew spots to 'pants' and sew patch to arm and embroider 'stitches' on patch
5. add mane (details below)
6. sew on eyes.

Finished pictures to help with assembly are on the following pages. After those pictures you can find the instructions for adding the mane.













Adding the mane

The mane can be made with either super bulky weight yarn or worsted yarn. The directions that follow use super bulky yarn and this is what is shown in the pictures. If you use regular worsted weight then you should use more strands to achieve the desired look.

Add strands of yarn using the cow hitch or lark's head knot. This is a very simple and easy knot to make so don't get worried! To make this knot you will fold the pieces of yarn in half and pull the loop through stitches on the head. Then you will take the yarn for the mane and pull it through the loop, securing it to the head. The pictures below should explain the process, if you need more help with this knot more information can be found on wikipedia or else where online. You may

add the yarn how you see fit to create the mane or follow my instructions below:



This is the first step of making the knot, pull your strands of yarn through the stitches on the head. Just one strand is shown here but you will use however many the pattern says.



Pull the yarn through the stitch on the head.



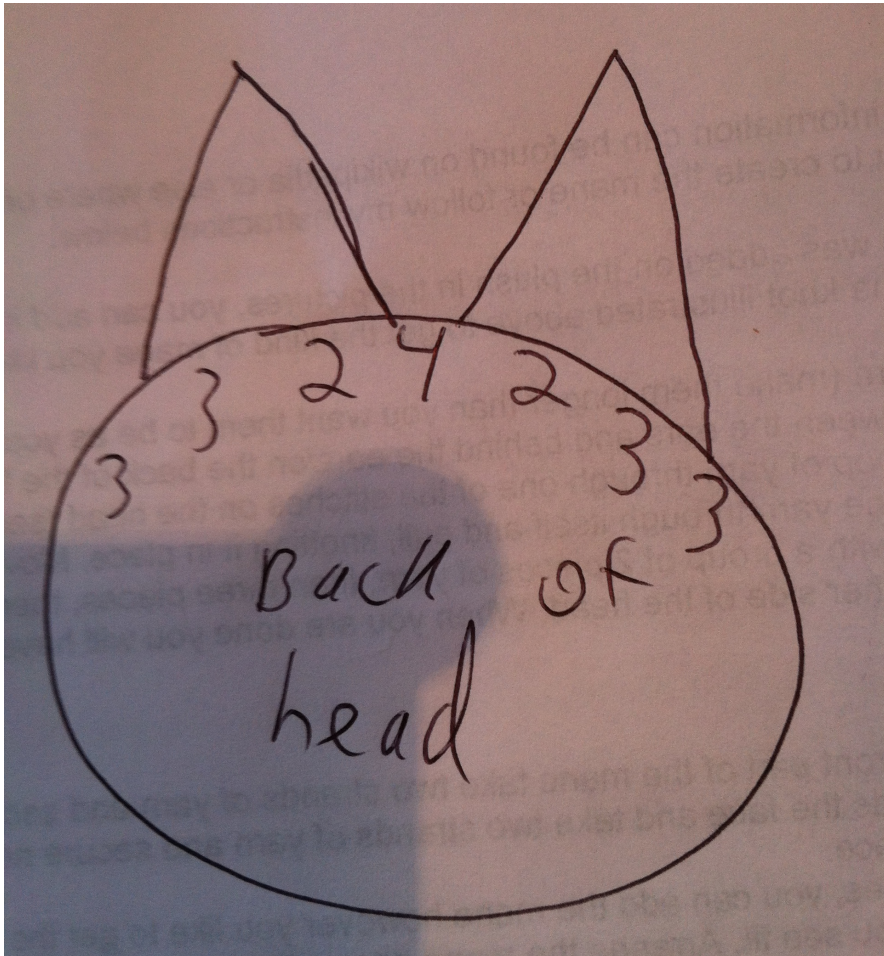
Pull the yarn through the loop



Pull tight to knot, that's it!

This is how the yarn was added on the plush in the pictures, you can add it like this or any other way you like using the knot illustrated above to get the kind of mane you like.

Take 4 lengths of yarn (make them longer than you want them to be as you will trim them later) and secure them between the ears and behind the ears/on the back of the head by folding them in half and pulling the loop of yarn through one of the stitches on the head (see pictures for more help). Thread the mane yarn through itself and pull, knotting it in place. Moving down the side of the head repeat this with a group of 2 pieces of yarn, then three pieces, then three again. Repeat this process on the other side of the head. When you are done you will have groups of yarn like this on the head, each number is how many strands of yarn you should attach there.



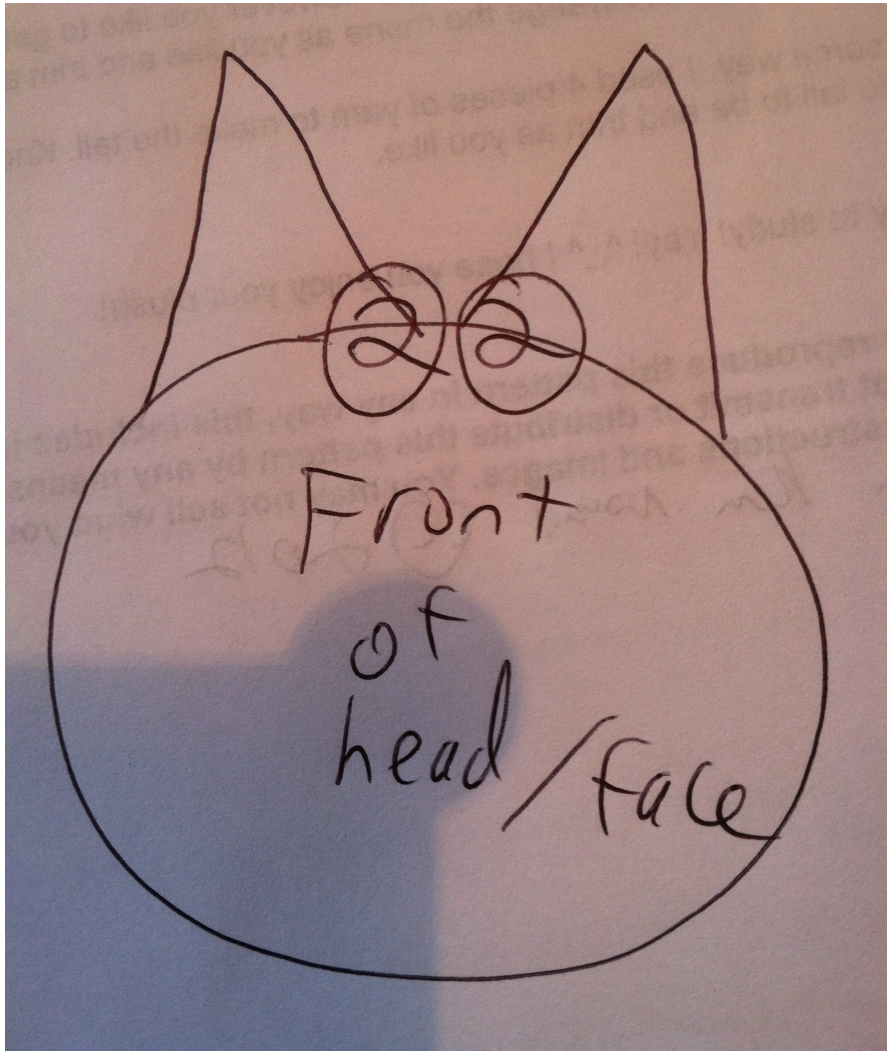
Back of head/mane. Number indicates how many strands of yarn.



This is how the yarn looks attached. This is back of head with top of head towards top of picture. Face down.

To do the forelock or front part of the mane take two strands of yarn and secure near the right ear toward the front/towards the face and take two strands of yarn and secure near the left ear towards the front/towards the face.

These are just guidelines, you can add the mane however you like to get the look you like. Add more or less yarn as you see fit. Arrange the mane as you like and trim as needed.



Front of head/face. Making forelock. Number indicates how many pieces of yarn you should attach there.

Add the tail in the same way, I used 4 pieces of yarn to make the tail. Knot this onto the pants area where you'd like the tail to be and trim as you like.

Now you're all ready to study! Yay! ^_^ I hope you enjoy your plush!

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