

## PUDGY LEPRECHAUN

### Materials:

Worsted weight yarn in a bright green (I used Red Heart Soft Yarn in guacamole), flesh or aran, yellow, carrot (for beard) and small amounts of yarn in black, kelly green (for shamrock), white, gold (for buckle), red for mouth

Polyfil

Size G crochet hook

Yarn needle

Small piece of soft cardboard for inside of hat

15mm black post eyes

Powder blush make up

Green thread to match the hat, needle

Thick white craft glue

### BODY:

With bright green, ch 2

**Rnd 1:** Work 6 sc in first ch; place a marker to mark beg of rnd; move marker up as each rnd is completed.

**Rnd 2:** 2 sc in each sc around – 12 sc.

**Rnd 3:** \*2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc; rep from \* around – 18 sc.

**Rnd 4:** \*2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc; rep from \* around – 24 sc.

**Rnd 5:** 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc; rep from \* around – 30 sc.

**Rnd 6:** \*2 sc in next sc, sc in next 4 sc; rep from \* around – 36 sc.

**Rnd 7:** \*2 sc in next sc, sc in next 5 sc; rep from \* around – 42 sc.

**Rnd 8:** \*2 sc in next sc, sc in next 6 sc; rep from \* around – 48 sc.

**Rnd 9:** \*2 sc in next sc, sc in next 7 sc; rep from \* around – 54 sc.

**Rnd 10:** \*2 sc in next sc, sc in next 8 sc; rep from \* around – 60 sc.

**Rnds 11 – 23:** sc around - Change to yellow yarn

**Rnds 24 – 25:** sc around – 60 sc

**Rnd 26:** \*sc2tog, 8 sc; rep from \* around – 54 sc

**Rnd 27:** \*sc2tog, 7 sc; rep from \* around – 48 sc

**Rnd 28:** sc around

**Rnd 29:** \*sc2tog, 6 sc; rep from \* around – 42 sc

**Rnd 30:** \*sc2tog, 5 sc; rep from \* around – 36 sc

**Rnds 31- 32:** sc around

**Rnd 33:** \*sc2tog, 4 sc; rep from \* around – 30sc Attach aran or flesh yarn

Now you will start to increase for the head:

**Rnd 34:** \*2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc; rep from \* around

**Rnd 35:** \*2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc; rep from \* around

**Rnds 36 – 45:** sc around

**Rnd 46:** \*sc2tog, 3 sc; rep from \* around

At this point you can stuff the body most of the way. Finish stuffing as you continue.

**Rnd 47:** \*sc2tog, 2 sc; rep from \* around

**Rnd 48:** \*sc2tog, sc; rep from \* around

**Rnd 49:** sc2tog till closed, end off, weaving tail in.

## **ARMS:**

With aran or flesh ( for hand), ch 2

**Rnd 1:** 7 sc in first ch

**Rnd 2:** 2 sc in each sc – 14 sc

**Rnd 3 – 4:** sc in each sc, sl st in next sc, end off, weave in tail and attach bright green yarn for arm.

**Rnds 5 – 14:** sc around

**Rnd 15:** \*sc2tog, 2 sc; rep from \*around, end off leaving tail. Stuff arm lightly.

## **CUFF ON ARM:**

With white, ch 15, join. Sc in each ch and continue around going around for 2 more rows (3 rows total), end off leaving tail.

Attach the cuff to row where aran and green meet, stitching in place.

## **FEET:**

With black, ch 2

**Rnd 1:** Work 7 sc in first ch

**Rnd 2:** 2 sc in each sc around – 14 sc

**Rnds 3 – 10:** sc in each sc around, fasten off. Stuff the end slightly.

## **NOSE:**

With aran or flesh, ch 2

**Rnd 1:** 6 sc in first sc

**Rnd 2:** 2 sc in each sc – 12 sc

**Rnd 3:** sc in each sc, end off, leaving tail

## **EARS:**

With aran, ch 2

**Rnd 1:** 4 sc in first ch

**Rnd 2:** 2sc in ea sc (8)

**Rnd 3:** \*2sc in sc, sc in next sc, repeat \* around (12)

**Rnds 4-5:** sc around

**Rnd 6:** \*sc2tog, sc in next sc, repeat \* around (8)

**Rnd 7:** sc2tog around and around till closed, end off leaving tail

### **BELT:**

With black, ch 55, sc in each ch, continuing around the bottom of the chain, sl st in first sc, end off leaving tail.

### **BUTTONS:**

With white, ch 2, 7 sc in first chain. Continue sl st in each sc, end off, leaving tail.

### **SUSPENDERS:**

With bright green, ch 35, sc in each ch, continuing around the bottom of the chain, sl st in beg, sc, end off leaving tail.

### **BUCKLES for both Hat and Belt: (make 2)**

With gold, ch 6. Sc in each ch, turn, sc across for 4 rows or until you have a little square. End off, weaving tails in.

With black, attach in any sc, ch 1. Sc in each sc around the square, putting 3 sc in each corner. Sl st in beg ch. End off, leaving tail.

### **HAT:**

With bright green, ch 2

**Rnd 1:** Work 6 sc in first ch; place a marker to mark beg of rnd; move marker up as each rnd is completed.

**Rnd 2:** 2 sc in each sc around – 12 sc.

**Rnd 3:** \*2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc; rep from \* around – 18 sc.

**Rnd 4:** \*2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc; rep from \* around – 24 sc.

**Rnd 5:** \*2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc; rep from \* around – 30 sc.

**Rnd 6:** \*2 sc in next sc, sc in next 4 sc; rep from \* around – 36 sc.

**Rnd 7:** \*2 sc in next sc, sc in next 5 sc; rep from \* around – 42 sc.

Side of hat:

**Rnd 8:** - Sc in top loop only of last row.

**Rnds 9 – 17:** sc in each sc

**Rnd 18:** 2 sc in each sc around

**Rnds 19 – 21:** sc in each sc around, end off, weaving in tail.

## **HAT BAND:**

With black, ch 42, sc in each ch, continuing around bottom of chain just as you did suspenders. St st in beginning sc, end off, leaving a long tail.

## **BEARD:**

With carrot yarn, make a chain long enough to reach from top of head, down sides of face, under chin (where aran and yellow meet) and up other side. (Each person's leprechaun might measure differently depending on how much it is stuffed, so I didn't give an exact number of ch here.)

**Rnd 1:** Sc in each ch, ch 1, turn

**Rnd 2:** working into front loop of each st \*1 sc, ch 4, 1 sc; rep from \* in each sc across, ch 1, turn.

**Rnd 3:** working into back loop of each st worked on previous row, \*1 sc, ch 5, 1 sc; rep from \* across. End off, leaving long tail for sewing onto head.

## **SHAMROCK:**

With Kelly green yarn, ch 2

**Rnd 1:** 10 sc in first ch

**Rnd 2:** 2 sc, 1 leaf [ch 4, (yo twice, insert hook in next st, draw up a loop, yo draw through 2 loops, yo, draw through 2 loops) 3 times in same st, yo, draw through 4 loops, ch 3], 1 sc in each of next 2 sts, and make 2 more leaves as above.

Make stem [ch 8, work back along these 8 ch with 1 sc in each ch, attach to base of shamrock when you get to the top, end off, leaving tail.

## **ASSEMBLY:**

Sew arms to body as shown in photo, with hands reaching slightly forward.

Sew nose onto face as shown, stuffing it as you go. Using red yarn, sew mouth onto face, adding a little stitch at corners. I used some thick tacky glue to hold my mouth in place.

Glue eyes onto face as shown.

If you like, you can apply blush to his nose, cheeks, chin and ears to give him a slightly ruddy complexion.

Sew feet under body, pointing slightly outward. Position them so that the unstuffed part is under body. At this point you may have to smush his body downward to adjust the stuffing so that he sits well and doesn't topple over backwards.

Sew the belt to the body with the top of the belt just where the green and yellow meet and the opening in the front where it will be covered by the buckle.

Attach the suspenders to the body by sewing them on top of the belt in front and under the belt in the back, crisscrossing in the back as shown. Sew the two white buttons onto the suspenders in front as shown.

Sew the beard onto the head as shown, going straight up the sides of the face and covering the point where the body and head meet.

Tack some of the loops of the beard on top of the head, onto the forehead so that they stick out of the hat.

Cut a round piece of cardboard the size of the top round of the hat and place it in the hat so that the hat stays straight on top and doesn't bulge out from the stuffing. Stuff the hat.

Stitch the hat onto the head. I did this with regular thread. It was more invisible than yarn.

Sew the ears onto the center of the beard on the sides of the head just under the hat. Tack them in their center to the head, so they have a nice indentation. Bend them over slightly.

Sew the band onto the hat as shown with the seam in front.

Sew or glue the two buckles onto the hat and belt as shown.

Stitch the shamrock onto the right hand, and there you have your little leprechaun. Happy St. Paddy's Day!





