

SPIDEY

MATERIALS

Worsted weight yarn in black, small amounts in white and red

Polyfil

Size G crochet hook

Yarn needle

Wire for stiffening legs - I used .9mm wire which I tripled, but if you have heavier wire, you won't have to triple. So if you don't triple, you need 3 yards.

Masking or duct tape, marking chalk

HEAD

With Black yarn:

Rnd 1: Magic circle 6 stitches (if you don't know what a magic circle is, there is an excellent video demonstrating it on Utube: Here is the link: <http://ca.youtube.com/watch?v=WLuSVyKvoUg>)

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.

Rnds 8 – 16 sc in each sc

Rnd 17: *sc 2 tog, sc in next 5 sc; rep from * around – 36 sc.

Rnd 18: *sc 2 tog, sc in next 4 sc; rep from * around – 30 sc.

Rnd 19: *sc 2 tog, sc in next 3 sc; rep from * around – 24 sc.

Stuff the head as much as you can.

Rnd 20: *sc 2 tog, sc in next 2 sc; rep from * around – 18 sc.

Rnd 21: *sc 2 tog, sc in next sc; rep from * around – 12 sc.

Finish stuffing.

Rnd 22: sc 2 tog till closed, end off, leaving long tail to attach to body later.

EYES (make 2)

With White yarn:

Rnd 1: Magic circle 6

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc – 12 sc.

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

End off, leaving tail.

With Black yarn: (make 2)

Rnd 1: Magic circle 6

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc – 12 sc.

End off, leaving tail.

Sew the black parts of eyes to the center of the white parts.

Sew a little French knot a little off-center of the black part of each eye.

Sew the white parts of the eyes to the head as shown. They should be about ½” apart. Put a little stuffing under each eye.

Using Red yarn, sew a little smile on the face as shown in my photo.

After running one stitch across for the mouth, I wrapped the yarn around the stitch to make it look fuller.



BODY

With Black yarn:

Rnd 1: Magic circle 6

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.

Rnds 7 – 14: sc in each sc

Rnd 15: *sc 2 tog, sc in next 4 sc; rep from * around – 30 sc.

Rnd 16: *sc 2 tog, sc in next 3 sc; rep from * around – 24 sc.

Stuff the body as much as you can.

Rnd 17: *sc 2 tog, sc in next 2 sc; rep from * around – 18 sc.

Rnd 18: *sc 2 tog, sc in next sc; rep from * around – 12 sc.

Finish stuffing.

Rnd 19: sc 2 tog till closed, end off, weaving in tail.

Sew head to body as shown in my photo.

*Note the back of the head should be about in the center of the top of the body.



LEGS

With Black yarn:

Rnd 1: Magic circle 5

For the first 6 legs:

Rnds 2 – 20 sc in each sc (you may just want to measure the legs rather than trying to keep track of the rnds. I found it easier that way – so the legs should be about 5 ½" long)

For the front legs – make them only 4 ½" long

Measure enough wire to fill two legs plus go through the body – I would say about 14". If you have to double or triple the wire, allow for this.

Bend over any raw edge of the wire, so that you can slip it into the legs and through the body without catching.

Place 4 chalk marks even spaced on each side of the body about half way down the side, making sure you have 2 in the front about 1 ½" apart for the shorter front legs.

Push the wire into a leg, then push the wire into the body at a chalk mark and out the other side at the corresponding mark.

Wrap tape around each wire and slip a leg on each side, stitching the leg in place on the body. Repeat this for the remaining legs.

Bend each leg upward at the point where it comes out of the body and then downward about 2" further down the leg.
Bend the feet slightly outward as shown.

Adjust the wired legs so that they look even. Don't be concerned if they are not strong enough to lift the spider off his belly. Mine wasn't.

Well there you have your spidey. You can put an orange bow around his neck and use him at Halloween, or perhaps a little Santa hat on him and use him at Christmas. Ha!

