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Mini Monsters

Amigurumi Crochet Pattern

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Mini Monsters: Harry, Larry & Barry

★ Pattern Notes

Terminology

This pattern is written in American crochet terminology, which differs from British terminology in some instances. The following table of terms used in this pattern will help should you wish to translate one to the other.

American (US)		British (UK)	
ch	chain	ch	chain
Sl st	slip stitch	ss	slip stitch
sc	single crochet	dc	double crochet

Abbreviations & Symbols

mm	millimetres
Rnd(s)	Round(s)
st(s)	stitch(es)
invdec	invisible decrease
()	Round brackets indicate: A group of stitches to be worked into the same stitch or space, or The amount of stitches you should have on completion of the round or row it follows, or Explanatory notes within the pattern.
[]	Square brackets contain a group of stitches to be worked the amount of times indicated after the brackets

Special Stitch Explanations

Invdec

This is a good way of decreasing in amigurumi when you need a tight, smooth fabric as this technique will eliminate bumps and holes in the fabric and will, as its name suggests, be almost completely invisible.

Insert hook into front loop only of first stitch, do not wrap yarn, insert hook into front loop only of next stitch. You will now have a total of three loops on your hook. Wrap your yarn around hook and pull through both of the 2 front loops on the hook, wrap yarn around hook again and pull through last 2 loops on hook. You have now 'invisibly' decreased by one stitch.

Color Change Ends

Tie off and trim your color change ends as you go. Tie securely on the inside of your work. With amigurumi crochet it can be difficult to reach the ends once you have crocheted too many rows above.

Jog-less color changing

Here is a useful technique if you wish to minimise the 'jog' or 'step' that happens when changing colors while working in the round. I have not written this into the pattern itself as it makes the pattern lines very long.

Make your color change in the last 2 loops as for a regular color change, now instead of making a sc with the new color in the next stitch make a slip stitch instead, (do not pull the slip stitch too tight or it will be difficult to crochet into in the next round), then just carry on in single crochet as normal, including making a sc into the Sl st on the following round.

Embroidered Stitches

To hide the starting and fastening off ends of the embroidered stitches on the face, first thread your yarn needle with the appropriate yarn. Tie a knot in the end of your yarn and push needle into and out of toy between crochet stitches, coming out where you want the first embroidery stitch to be. As you pull on the yarn the polyester toy filling will catch the knot securely inside the toy. When you have worked the required embroidery stitches you can finish off by passing the needle in and out between different crochet stitches a few times until the yarn is securely caught up in the polyester filling. When secure, pull on end of yarn and snip off close to toy.

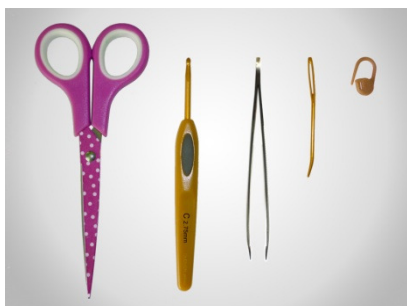
Gauge (Tension)

Exact gauge is not crucial for this pattern. Just make sure your crochet hook is small enough to create a tight fabric that the stuffing can't poke through.

With the yarn and hook specified above Monsters measure approximately 6" (15 cm) tall when standing.

Materials for each

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| 1 | Worsted Weight, (DK/8 ply) yarn in the following colours:
Harry: C1 = Light Blue, C2 = Turquoise, C3 = Orange
Barry: C1 = Purple, C2 = Magenta, C3 = Green
Larry: C1 = Pale Yellow, C2 = Dark Yellow, C3 = Blue |
| 2 | 6mm toy safety eyes. (Or beads or yarn instead) |
| 3 | Polyester toy stuffing (approx 20g per doll) |



Equipment

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| 1 | Size C/2 (2.75mm) Crochet Hook |
| 2 | Scissors |
| 3 | Large yarn needle |
| 4 | Stitch marker |
| 5 | Tweezers (for stuffing arms and legs) |

★The Pattern



Harry:

Head and Body

Colors **C1 = Light Blue, C2 = Turquoise**

Make 1 piece starting at crown of head. Working in continuous spiral rounds.

With **C1** make 2 ch.

Rnd 1 6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)

Place marker at beginning of next round, move marker up with each completed round.

Rnd 2 2 sc in each of next 6 sc, changing to **C2** in last 2 loops of round. (12 sts)

Rnd 3 [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times. (18 sts)

Rnd 4 [Sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times, changing to **C1** in last 2 loops of round. (24 sts)

Rnd 5 [Sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times. (30 sts)

Rnd 6 Sc in each sc around, changing to **C2** in last 2 loops of round.

Rnds 7-8 Sc in each sc around, changing to **C1** in last 2 loops of final round. (2 rounds)

Rnds 9-10 Sc in each sc around, changing to **C2** in last 2 loops of final round. (2 rounds)

Rnds 11-18 [Repeat rounds 7-10] 2 times (8 rounds)

If using safety eyes they will need to be attached now before the head is stuffed as the backs will need to be fixed inside the head. Place 9 rows down from crown of head and 7 stitches apart. Alternatively bead or yarn eyes may be sewn on once the doll is finished and stuffed.

Rnd 19 Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 20 [Sc in each of next 3 sc, invdec] 6 times, changing to **C1** in last 2 loops of round. (24 sts)

Rnd 21 Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 22 [Sc in each of next 2 sc, invdec] 6 times, changing to **C2** in last 2 loops of round. (18 sts)

Rnd 23 Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 24 [Sc in next sc, invdec] 6 times. (12 sts)

Stuff head and body at this point.

Rnd 25 [Invdec] 6 times. (6 sts)

Thread yarn tail onto yarn needle, pick up remaining 6 stitches. Pull tight to close the hole. Fasten off.

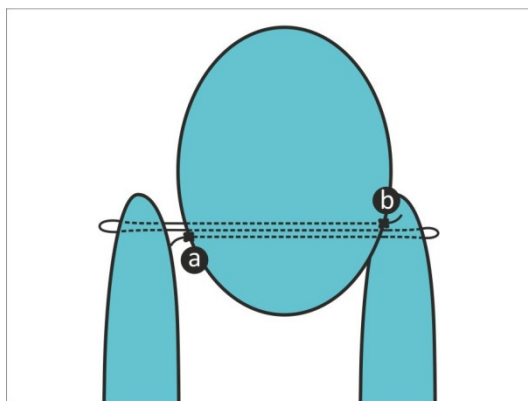
Use 1 strand of **C3** to embroider long running stitch 2 rows underneath eyes and 6 sc wide. Embroider 4 vertical 'teeth' at sc intervals over mouth. Use same yarn to embroider a cross on top left of forehead.

Arms

Colors	C1 = Light Blue, C2 = Turquoise
	Make 2 pieces alike, starting at hand. Working in continuous spiral rounds.
	With C2 make 2 ch.
Rnd 1	6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)
	Place marker at beginning of next round, move marker up with each completed round.
Rnd 2	[Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 3 times, changing to C1 in last 2 loops of round. (9 sts)
Rnds 3-4	Sc in each sc around, changing to C2 in last 2 loops of final round. (2 rounds)
Rnds 5-6	Sc in each sc around, changing to C1 in last 2 loops of final round. (2 rounds)
Rnds 7-8	Sc in each sc around, changing to C2 in last 2 loops of final round. (2 rounds)
Rnd 9	Sc in each sc around.
	Stuff arm at this point.
Rnd 10	[Sc in next sc, invdec] 3 times. (6 sts)
	Stuff arm. Thread yarn tail onto yarn needle, pick up remaining 6 stitches. Pull tight to close the hole. Fasten off. Sew top of arms to sides of body.

Legs

Colors	C1 = Light Blue, C2 = Turquoise, C3 = Orange
	Make 2 pieces alike, starting at center of foot. Working in continuous spiral rounds.
	With C3 make 2 ch.
Rnd 1	6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)
	Place marker at beginning of next round, move marker up with each completed round.
Rnd 2	2 sc in each of next 6 sc. (12 sts)
Rnd 3	[Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 4	[Sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times changing to C1 in last 2 loops of round. (24 sts)
Rnd 5-6	Sc in each sc around changing to C2 in last 2 loops of final round. (2 rounds)
Rnd 7	[Sc in each of next 2 sc, invdec] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 8	Sc in each sc around, changing to C1 in last 2 loops of round.
Rnd 9	[Sc in next sc, invdec] 6 times. (12 sts)
Rnd 10	Sc in each sc around, changing to C2 in last 2 loops of round.
Rnd 11	Sc in each of next 6 sc, [invdec] 3 times. (9 sts)
Rnd 12	Sc in each sc around, changing to C1 in last 2 loops of round.
Rnd 13	Sc in each sc around.
Rnd 14	Sc in each sc around, changing to C2 in last 2 loops of round.
Rnds 15-16	Sc in each sc around. (2 rounds)
	Stuff leg at this point.
Rnd 17	[Sc in next sc, invdec] 3 times. (6 sts)
	Thread yarn tail onto yarn needle, pick up remaining 6 stitches. Pull tight to close the hole. Fasten off.
	Sew legs to either side of monster as indicated in the diagram below. Place starting knot at point (a) and finishing knot at point (b). Pull yarn tightly each time you pass needle through monster to shape and form firm joints. Monster can now be positioned to sit or stand.



Horns

Color	C3 = Orange
	Make 2 pieces alike, starting at tip. Working in continuous spiral rounds.
	With C3 make 2 ch.
Rnd 1	3 sc in second ch from hook. (3 sts)
	Place marker at beginning of next round, move marker up with each completed round.
Rnd 2	2 sc in each of next 3 sc. (6 sts)
Rnd 3	Sc in each sc around.
Rnd 4	[Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 3 times. (9 sts)
Rnd 5	Sc in each sc around.
Rnd 6	[Sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 3 times. (12 sts)
Rnds 7-8	Sc in each sc around.
	Stuff horns. Sew to top of head 2 rounds apart.

Tummy Patch

Color	C3 = Orange
	Make 1 piece starting at center of patch. Working in continuous spiral rounds.
	With C3 make 2 ch.
Rnd 1	6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)
	Place marker at beginning of next round, move marker up with each completed round.
Rnd 2	2 sc in each of next 6 sc. (12 sts)
Rnd 3	[Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times. (18 sts)
	Fasten off. Oversew edges to monster's tummy.

Larry:

Head and Body

Colors	C1 = Pale yellow, C2 = Dark Yellow
	Make 1 piece starting at crown of head. Working in continuous spiral rounds.
	With C1 make 2 ch.
Rnd 1	6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)
	Place marker at beginning of next round, move marker up with each completed round.
Rnd 2	2 sc in each of next 6 sc. (12 sts)
Rnd 3	[Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 4	[Sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times. (24 sts)
Rnd 5	[Sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times. (30 sts)

Rnd 6-13	Sc in each sc around, changing to C2 in last 2 loops of final round. (8 rounds)
Rnds 14-15	Sc in each sc around, changing to C1 in last 2 loops of final round. (2 rounds)
Rnds 16-17	Sc in each sc around, changing to C2 in last 2 loops of round. (2 rounds)
	If using safety eyes they will need to be attached now before the head is stuffed as the backs will need to be fixed inside the head. Place 9 rows down from crown of head and 7 stitches apart. Alternatively bead or yarn eyes may be sewn on once the doll is finished and stuffed.
Rnds 18-19	Sc in each sc around, changing to C1 in last 2 loops of final round. (2 rounds)
Rnd 20	[Sc in each of next 3 sc, invdec] 6 times. (24 sts)
Rnd 21	Sc in each sc around, changing to C2 in last 2 loops of round.
Rnd 22	[Sc in each of next 2 sc, invdec] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 23	Sc in each sc around, changing to C1 in last 2 loops of round.
Rnd 24	[Sc in next sc, invdec] 6 times. (12 sts)
	Stuff body at this point.
Rnd 25	[invdec] 6 times. (6 sts)
	Thread yarn tail onto yarn needle, pick up remaining 6 stitches. Pull tight to close the hole. Fasten off.
	Use 1 strand of C3 to embroider long running stitch 2 rows underneath eyes and 6 sc wide. Embroider 4 vertical 'teeth' at sc intervals over mouth. Use same yarn to embroider a cross on top right of forehead.

Arms

Colors	C1 = Pale yellow, C2 = Dark Yellow
	Make 2 pieces alike, starting at hand. Working in continuous spiral rounds.
	With C1 make 2 ch.
Rnd 1	6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)
	Place marker at beginning of next round, move marker up with each completed round.
Rnd 2	[Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 3 times. (9 sts)
Rnds 3-4	Sc in each sc around, changing to C2 in last 2 loops of final round. (2 rounds)
Rnds 5-9	Sc in each sc around. (5 rounds)
	Stuff arm at this point.
Rnd 10	[Sc in next sc, invdec] 3 times. (6 sts)
	Stuff arm. Thread yarn tail onto yarn needle, pick up remaining 6 stitches. Pull tight to close the hole. Fasten off. Sew top of arms to sides of body.

Legs

Colors	C1 = Pale yellow, C2 = Dark Yellow, C3 = Blue
	Make 2 pieces alike, starting at center of foot. Working in continuous spiral rounds.
	With C3 make 2 ch.
Rnd 1	6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)
	Place marker at beginning of next round, move marker up with each completed round.
Rnd 2	2 sc in each of next 6 sc. (12 sts)
Rnd 3	[Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 4	[Sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times changing to C1 in last 2 loops of round. (24 sts)
Rnds 5-6	Sc in each sc around. (2 rounds)
Rnd 7	[Sc in each of next 2 sc, invdec] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 8	Sc in each sc around.
Rnd 9	[Sc in next sc, invdec] 6 times, changing to C2 in last 2 loops of round. (12 sts)
Rnd 10	Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 11	Sc in each of next 6 sc, [invdec] 3 times.(9 sts)
Rnds 12-16	Sc in each sc around. (5 rounds) Stuff leg at this point.
Rnd 17	[Sc in next sc, invdec] 3 times. (6 sts) Thread yarn tail onto yarn needle, pick up remaining 6 stitches. Pull tight to close the hole. Fasten off.
	Sew legs to either side of monster as for Harry.

Ear Shrooms

Color	C3 = Blue
	Make 2 pieces alike, starting at bottom of stalk. Working in continuous spiral rounds.
	With C3 make 2 ch.
Rnd 1	6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts) Place marker at beginning of next round, move marker up with each completed round.
Rnds 2-6	Sc in each sc around. (5 rounds)
Rnd 7	2 sc in each sc around. (12 sts)
Rnd 8	[Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnds 9=11	Sc in each sc around. (3 rounds) Roll top of Shrooms down to form a donut shape. They will want to do this naturally, so its just a case of teasing them into shape. Sew Shrooms to top of head 2 rounds apart.

Tummy Patch

Color	C3 = Blue
	Make 1 piece starting at center of patch. Working in continuous spiral rounds.
	With C3 follow pattern for Harry's tummy patch.

Barry:

Head and Body

Colors	C1 = Purple, C2 = Magenta
	Make 1 piece starting at crown of head. Working in continuous spiral rounds.
	With C1 make 2 ch.
Rnd 1	6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts) Place marker at beginning of next round, move marker up with each completed round.
Rnd 2	2 sc in each of next 6 sc, changing to C2 in last 2 loops of round. (12 sts)
Rnd 3	[Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 4	[Sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times, changing to C1 in last 2 loops of round. (24 sts)
Rnd 5	[Sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times. (30 sts)
Rnd 6	Sc in each sc around, changing to C2 in last 2 loops of round.
Rnds 7-8	Sc in each sc around, changing to C1 in last 2 loops of final round.
Rnds 9-10	Sc in each sc around, changing to C2 in last 2 loops of final round.
Rnds 11-12	Sc in each sc around, changing to C1 in last 2 loops of final round. If using safety eyes they will need to be attached now before the head is stuffed as the backs will need to be fixed inside the head. Place 9 rows down from crown of head and 7 stitches apart. Alternatively bead or yarn eyes may be sewn on once the doll is finished and stuffed.
Rnd 13-19	Sc in each sc around. (7 rounds)
Rnd 20	[Sc in each of next 3 sc, invdec] 6 times.(24 sts)
Rnd 21	Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 22	[Sc in each of next 2 sc, invdec] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 23	Sc in each sc around.
Rnd 24	[Sc in next sc, invdec] 6 times. (12 sts)
	Stuff body at this point.
Rnd 25	[invdec] 6 times. (6 sts)
	Thread yarn tail onto yarn needle, pick up remaining 6 stitches. Pull tight to close the hole. Fasten off.
	Use 1 strand of C3 to embroider long running stitch 2 rows underneath eyes and 6 sc wide. Embroider 4 vertical 'teeth' at sc intervals over mouth. Use same yarn to embroider a cross on top left of forehead.

Arms

Colors	C2 = Magenta
	Make 2 pieces alike, starting at hand. Working in continuous spiral rounds.
	With C1 make 2 ch.
Rnd 1	6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)
	Place marker at beginning of next round, move marker up with each completed round.
Rnd 2	[Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 3 times, changing to C2 in last 2 loops of round. (9 sts)
Rnds 3-9	Sc in each sc around. (7 rounds)
Rnd 10	[Sc in next sc, invdec] 3 times. (6 sts)
	Stuff arm. Thread yarn tail onto yarn needle, pick up remaining 6 stitches. Pull tight to close the hole. Fasten off. Sew top of arms to sides of body.

Legs

Colors	C2 = Magenta, C3 = Green
	Make 2 pieces alike, starting at center of foot. Working in continuous spiral rounds.
	With C3 make 2 ch.
Rnd 1	6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)
	Place marker at beginning of next round, move marker up with each completed round.
Rnd 2	2 sc in each of next 6 sc. (12 sts)
Rnd 3	[Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 4	[Sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times changing to C2 in last 2 loops of round. (24 sts)
Rnd 5-6	Sc in each sc around. (2 rounds)
Rnd 7	[Sc in each of next 2 sc, invdec] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 8	Sc in each sc around.
Rnd 9	[Sc in next sc, invdec] 6 times. (12 sts)
Rnd 10	Sc in each sc around.
Rnd 11	Sc in each of next 6 sc, [invdec] 3 times. (9 sts)
Rnds 12-16	Sc in each sc around. (5 rounds)
	Stuff leg at this point.
Rnd 17	[Sc in next sc, invdec] 3 times. (6 sts)
	Stuff leg. Thread yarn tail onto yarn needle, pick up remaining 6 stitches. Pull tight to close the hole. Fasten off.
	Sew legs to either side of monster as for Harry.

Hair (not exactly hair but not sure what else to call it!)

Color	C3 = Green
	Long piece
	Make 1 piece starting at top. Working in continuous spiral rounds.
	With C3 make 2 ch.
Rnd 1	7 sc in second ch from hook. (7 sts)
	Place marker at beginning of next round, move marker up with each completed round.
Rnds 2-8	Sc in each sc around. (7 rounds)
	Fasten off.
	Medium pieces
	Make two pieces alike, starting at top.
Rnd 1	7 sc in second ch from hook. (7 sts)
Rnd 2-7	Sc in each sc around. (6 rounds)
	Fasten off.
	Short pieces
	Make two pieces alike, starting at top.
Rnd 1	7 sc in second ch from hook. (7 sts)
Rnds 2-6	Sc in each sc around. (5 rounds)
	Fasten off.
	Stuff each piece and sew to top of head in a line. Sew longest piece to center of head, medium two pieces either side of longest piece and finally sew shortest two pieces either side of medium pieces.

Tummy Patch

Color	C3 = Orange
	Make 1 piece starting at center of patch. Working in continuous spiral rounds.
	With C3 follow pattern for Harry's tummy patch.

