



Minimals Little Pet Shop

An original crochet pattern by

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★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
Slst	slip stitch	ss	slip stitch
sc	single crochet	dc	double crochet
hdc	half double crochet	htr	half treble crochet
tr	treble crochet	dtr	double treble crochet

Abbreviations & Symbols

cm	centimeters
invdec	invisible decrease
mm	millimeters
Rnd(s)	Round(s)
st(s)	stitch(es)
()	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
*	Asterisks indicate a point of repeat.
"	inches

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 Changing:

Make all color changes in the last 2 loops of the final stitch of the old color.

Tips for Neater Color Changes (optional):

1. Make the first stitch in the new color a slip stitch instead of a single crochet. (Don't pull the slip stitch too tight or it will be difficult to crochet into in the next round)
2. On narrow stripes (1-2 rounds), add 1 extra stitch of the old color to the end of every color change round (move marker up a stitch to reflect new start of round). This extra stitch will help to counteract the shortness of the slip stitch that replaced the single crochet.

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.

For repeating stripes carry the unused color up the inside of the work to save keep cutting and re-tying.

Embroidered Stitches:

To hide the starting and fastening off ends of the embroidered stitches, 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.

Stitch Marker Use:

Place marker in first stitch of each round. Move marker up with each completed round.

Stitch Placement: Work in both loops of the stitch unless specified otherwise.

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 below Little Pet Shop Minimals measure approximately 2 ½" (6 cm) tall not including ears.

Materials for each

1	Light worsted weight, (DK/8 ply) yarn in the following color suggestions:				
		Head	Body	Arms	Legs
	Rabbit	White	Green	White	White
	Cat	Dark & Light Orange	Blue	Dark Orange	Dark Orange
	Mouse	Gray	Dark Pink	Gray	Gray
	Dog	Beige	Lilac	Beige	Beige
	Tortoise	Green	Beige	Green	Green
Other colors (refer to pattern for where to use): Light Pink, Cream, Mid Brown, Dark Brown, Black and White.					
2	2 x 6 mm toy safety eyes. (Or beads or yarn instead)				
3	Polyester toy stuffing				
4	Decorative buttons				

Equipment

1	Size C (2.75mm) crochet hook
2	Scissors
3	Large yarn needle
4	Smaller needle (for sewing on buttons)
5	Stitch marker
6	Tweezers (for stuffing small or narrow parts)

★The Pattern



All Minimalis: Head and Body

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

With **appropriate colored** yarn for the head of your Minimal make **2 ch**. (See table on page 3).

Note: For cat's head work in stripe pattern of 1 round **Dark Orange** followed by 1 round **Light Orange**.

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

Rnd 2 2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)

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

Rnd 4 [Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (24 sts)

Rnds 5-9 Sc in each st around. (5 rounds)

Rnd 10 [Sc in each of next 2 st, invdec] 6 times. (18 sts)

Insert safety eyes in between **Rnds 7** and **8** spacing **6 stitches** apart.

Rnd 11 [Sc in next st, invdec] 6 times. (12 sts)

Stuff head.

Rnd 12 [Invdec] 6 times. (6 sts)

Change to **body color** yarn. (See table on page 3)

Rnd 13 2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)

Rnd 14 [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)

Rnds 15-18 Sc in each st around. (4 rounds)

Rnd 19 [Sc in next st, invdec] 6 times. (12 sts)

Stuff body.

Rnd 20 [Invdec] 6 times. (6 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for finishing. Thread yarn tail onto yarn needle, pick up front loop only of remaining 6 stitches. Pull tight to close the hole. Fasten off. Weave in end.

All Minimalis: Arms

Make 2 pieces.

With **appropriate colored** yarn to match the head of your Minimal make **2 ch**.

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

Rnds 2-4 Sc in each st around. (3 rounds)

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing.

Do not stuff. Sew top of each arm closed. Sew flat part of arm to neck on either side of Minimal.

All Minimals: Legs

Make 2 pieces.

With **appropriate colored** yarn to match the head of your Minimal make **2 ch**.

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

Rnds 2-3 Sc in each st around. (2 rounds)

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Thread yarn tail onto yarn needle, pick up front loop only of remaining 6 stitches. Pull tight to close the hole. Fasten off.

Sew to front of Minimal, flattening each leg with a stitch or two through the center. Leave a small gap between legs.



fig.1



fig.2

Rabbit

Ears

Make 2 pieces, starting at tip.

With **White** yarn make **2 ch**.

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

Rnd 2 [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (9 sts)

Rnds 3-7 Sc in each st around. (5 rounds)

Rnd 8 [Sc in next st, invdec] 3 times. (6 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing. Oversew bottom of ear together to form a flat seam. Pinch base of ear together and secure with a stitch or two. Sew ears to top of head, **3** rounds apart.

Tail

Make 1 piece following pattern for legs.

Sew to lower back.

Finishing Touches

With **Dark Pink** yarn embroider a cross in between eyes

Embellish rabbit with a button sewn to tummy.

Cat

Ears

Make 2 pieces, starting at tip.

With **Dark Orange** yarn make **2 ch**.

Rnd 1 3 sc in second ch from hook. (3 sts)

Rnd 2 2 sc in each of next 3 st. (6 sts)

Rnd 3 [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (9 sts)

Rnd 4 Sc in each st around.

Rnd 5 [Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (12 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing. Oversew bottom edge of ear flat. Sew to top of head, 1 round apart.

Muzzle

Make 1 piece starting at center.

With **White** yarn make **2 ch**.

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

Rnd 2 2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Sew to middle of face in between eyes with top of muzzle level with eyes.

Tail

With **Dark Orange** yarn make **7 ch**.

Row 1 Slst in second ch from hook, Slst in each of remaining 5 ch. (6 sts)

Fasten off leaving a long yarn tail for sewing. Tie cast off and cast on tails together. Sew to lower back.

Finishing Touches

Embroider nose with **Black** yarn. Sew running stitches fanning out from centre to top of muzzle for nose. (**fig.1**). Sew a vertical running stitch for mouth and two running stitches in a 'V' shape either side for each set of whiskers.

Embellish cat with a button sewn to tummy.

Mouse

Ears

Make 2 pieces, starting at center.

With **Light Pink** yarn make **2 ch**.

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

Rnd 2 2 sc in each of next 6 st, Slst to next st. (12 sts)

Change to **Gray** yarn in Slst.

Rnd 3 Slst in next st, 2 sc in next st, [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 5 times. (18 sts)

Rnd 4 Sc in each st around.

Rnd 5 [Sc in next st, invdec] 6 times. (12 sts)

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

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for finishing. Do not stuff. Thread yarn tail onto yarn needle, pick up front loop only of remaining 6 stitches. Pull tight to close the hole. Fasten off. Weave in end.

Flatten ear with a few stitches around edge. Sew to top of head in between rounds **2 and 5**.

Tail

Row 1 With **Gray** yarn make **10 ch**.

Fasten off leaving a long yarn tail for sewing. Sew tail to lower back.

Finishing Touches

With **Light Pink** Yarn embroider **3** horizontal running stitches, **3** stitches wide between **Rnds 7** and **8**. With a single running stitch embroider on a vertical line underneath to finish.

Embellish mouse with a button sewn to tummy.

Dog

Ears

Make 2 pieces, starting at tip.

With **Dark Brown** yarn make **2 ch**.

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

Rnd 2 [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (9 sts)

Rnds 3-4 Sc in each st around. (2 rounds)

Rnd 5 [Sc in next st, invdec] 3 times. (6 sts)

Rnds 6-7 Sc in each st around. (2 rounds)

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing.

Oversew edges of ear flat. Sew base of ears to side of head in between rounds **3** and **4**.

Muzzle

Make 1 piece starting at center.

With **Cream** yarn make **2 ch**.

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

Rnd 2 2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Sew to middle of face in between eyes with top of muzzle level with eyes.

Tail

With **Dark Brown** yarn make **7 ch**.

Row 1 Slst in second ch from hook, Slst in each remaining 5 ch.

Fasten off leaving a long yarn tail for sewing. Tie cast off and cast on tails together. Sew to back.

Finishing Touches

Embroider nose with **Brown** yarn. Sew running stitches fanning out from centre to top of muzzle for nose. Sew a vertical running stitch for mouth and two tiny running stitches on either side of muzzle.

Embellish dog with a button sewn to tummy.

Tortoise

Shell

Make 1 piece, starting at center. Working in continuous spiral rounds.

With **Brown** yarn 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 st. (12 sts)

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

Rnds 4-6 Sc in each st around. (3 rounds)

Rnd 7 Working in front loops only; *[Sl st in next st, (Hdc, dc, Hdc) in next st] 3 times, Sl st in each of next 3 st, repeat from * once more.

Rnd 8 Working in leftover back loops from round 7: Sc in each st around. (18 sts)

Rnd 9 [Sc in next st, invdec] 6 times. (12 sts)

Stuff shell

Rnd 10 [Invdec] 6 times. (6 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for finishing. Thread yarn tail onto yarn needle, pick up front loop only of remaining 6 stitches. Pull tight to close the hole. Fasten off. Weave in end.

Sew shell to back of body placing three scallops to either side.

Finishing Touches

With Beige yarn embroider 6 equally spaced stripes, each stripe consisting of a single running stitch fanning out from center to edge of shell. Embroider running stitches between these stripes in two rows between **Rnds 3 and 4** and **Rnds 6 and 7**. (fig.2)

With **Dark Brown** yarn embroider a single running stitch for mouth.

Embellish tortoise with a button sewn to tummy.



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