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Spencer the Spider & Friends

Amigurumi Crochet Pattern

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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
dc	double crochet	tr	treble crochet
skip		miss	

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
"	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 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 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 large spider measures approximately 3" (8 cm) tall. Small spider measures approximately 2½" (6cm) tall.

Materials for each

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| 1 | Light worsted weight, (DK/8 ply) yarn in the following color suggestions:
Garden Spider - Brown, Beige, Black, White.
Red Knead Spider - Brown, Beige, Black, White, Red
Black Widow Spider - Black, Red, White |
| 2 | Polyester toy stuffing. |
| 3 | Large spider - 2 x 9mm and 2 x 6mm black plastic safety eyes. |
| 4 | Small spider - 2 x 6mm and 2 x 3mm black plastic safety eyes. |
| 5 | White felt and glue for fangs. (Or embroider fangs with a length of White yarn) |

Equipment

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| 1 | Size D (3.25 mm) and 2mm crochet hook. |
| 2 | Scissors. |
| 3 | Large yarn needle. |
| 4 | Stitch marker. |
| 5 | Tweezers. (For stuffing small or narrow parts) |



Garden Spider

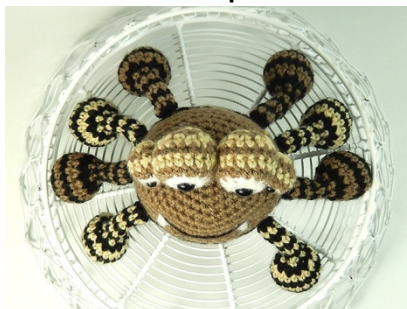


Fig.1

Red Kneed Spider



Fig. 2

Black Widow Spider



Fig.3



Fig. 4



Fig.5



Fig. 6

Large Spider

Individual colorways are given in order of **Garden Spider (Red Kneed Spider, Black Widow Spider)** unless the color used is the same for all spiders, in which case it will be the only color stated.

Head/Body

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

With **Brown (Brown, Black)** 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)

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

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

Rnd 6 [Sc in each of next 4 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (36 sts)

Rnd 7 [Sc in each of next 5 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (42 sts)

Rnds 8-17 Sc in each st around. (10 rounds)

Rnd 18 [Sc in each of next 5 st, invdec] 6 times. (36 sts)

Rnd 19 [Sc in each of next 4 st, invdec] 6 times. (30 sts)

Rnd 20 [Sc in each of next 3 st, invdec] 6 times. (24 sts)

Rnd 21 [Sc in each of next 2 st, invdec] 6 times. (18 sts)

Stuff head/body.

Rnd 22 [Sc in next st, invdec] 6 times. (12 sts)

Rnd 23 [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.

Large Eyes

	Make 2 pieces. Starting at center of eye. Working in continuous spiral rounds.
	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)
	Change color. Follow colors as stated at the beginning of each round for: Garden Spider (Red Knead Spider, Black Widow Spider). Color code - Brown = Br, Red = R, Beige = Be, Black = Bl
Rnd 3	Br (R, Bl) [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 4	Be (Br, Bl) Sc in each sc around.
Rnd 5	Br (R, Bl) [Sc in each sc around.
Rnd 6	Be (Br, Bl) Sc in each sc around.
	Insert safety eye through center of Rnd 1 .
Rnd 7	Br (R, Bl) [Sc in next sc, invdec] 6 times. (12 sts)
Rnd 8	Be (Br, Bl) [Invdec] 6 times. (6 sts)
	Fasten off. Use tweezers to stuff eyes. 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.
	Cut a 12" length of yarn to anchor each eye. Thread yarn needle and insert into stitch space between Rnds 5 & 6 of eye, coming out two stitch spaces apart. (Fig. 7). Thread both ends of yarn onto yarn needle and insert between Rnds 2 & 3 of head, coming out near bottom center of body. (Fig. 8)
	Do the same for the second eye, directly next to the first, coming out underneath body 2-3 stitches away from first pair of threads (Fig. 8). Tie both pairs of threads together and pull tightly to form shaping of head and body (Fig. 9). This will make a flat bottom so your spider will sit nicely without rolling around. Tie a few more knots to secure, then trim yarn ends to ½" (1cm) long. (Fig. 10)

Small Eyes

	Make 2 pieces. Starting at center of eye. Working in continuous spiral rounds.
	With White yarn make 2 ch.
Rnd 1	6 sc in second ch from hook, Sl st to next st. (6 sts)
	Change color. Follow colors as stated at the beginning of each round for: Garden Spider (Red Knead Spider, Black Widow Spider). Color code - Brown = Br, Red = R, Beige = Be, Black = Bl
Rnd 2	Br (R, Bl) 2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)
Rnd 3	Be (Br, Bl) Sc in each sc around.
Rnd 4	Br (R, Bl) Sc in each sc around.
	Insert safety eye through center of Rnd 1 .
Rnd 5	Be (Br, Bl) [Invdec] 6 times
	Fasten off. Use tweezers to stuff eyes. 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.
	Cut a 12" length of yarn to anchor each eye. Thread yarn needle and insert into stitch space between Rnds 3 & 4 of eye, coming out two stitch spaces apart. (Fig. 7). Thread both ends of yarn onto yarn needle and insert between Rnds 6 & 7 of head and body, coming out near bottom center of body (Fig. 8). Tie both pairs of threads together, knot securely then trim yarn ends to ½" (1cm) long. (Fig. 10)



Fig.7 Thread eyes.



Fig.8 Sew pairs of thread for each eye through body.



Fig.9 Tie ends together, pull tight to shape bottom.



Fig.10 Do the same with small eyes. Trim ends.

Pants

Make 1 piece starting at base of pants. Working in continuous spiral rounds.

With **Brown (Beige, Red)** yarn make 2 ch.

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

Change color where indicated. Follow colors as stated at the beginning of each round for:

Garden Spider (Red Knead Spider, Black Widow Spider).

Color code - **Brown = Br, Red = R, Beige = Be, Black = Bl**

Rnd 2 **Be (R, R)** 2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)

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

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

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

Rnd 6 **Bl (Bl, R)** [Sc in each of next 4 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (36 sts)

Rnd 7 **Br (Be, R)** [Sc in each of next 5 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (42 sts)

Rnd 8 **Be (R, R)** Sc in each st around.

Rnd 9 **Bl (Bl, R)** Sc in each st around.

Rnd 10 **Br (Be, R)** Sc in each st around.

Rnds 11-13 [Repeat **Rnds 8-10**] one more time (3 rounds)

Rnd 14 **Be (R, R)** Sc in each st around.

Rnd 15 **Bl (Bl, R)** Sc in each st around.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Fit pants over bottom of spider. Sew in place around top of waistband with backstitch.

Legs

Make 8 pieces, starting at bottom of foot. Working in continuous spiral rounds.

Foot part:

With **Black** yarn make 2 ch.

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

Note: For Garden and Red Knead Spider make 4 pieces with alternating stripes of **Black** and **Brown** yarn, and 4 pieces with alternating stripes of **Black** and **Beige** yarn.

Change color where indicated. Follow colors as stated at the beginning of each round for:

Garden Spider (Red Knead Spider, Black Widow Spider).

Color code - **Brown/Beige = Br/Be, Red = R, Black = Bl**

Rnd 2 **Br/Be (Br/Be, Bl)** 2 sc in each of next 6 sc. (12 sts)

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

Rnd 4	Br/Be (Br/Be, Bl) Sc in each st around.
Rnd 5	Bl Sc in each st around.
Rnd 6	Br/Be (Br/Be, Bl) Sc in each st around.
Rnd 7	Bl [Sc in next st, invdec] 6 times. (12 sts)
Rnd 8	Br/Be (R, Bl) [Invdec] 6 times. (6 sts) Use tweezers to stuff foot.
Rnd 9	Bl Sc in each st around.
Rnd 10	Br/Be (R, Bl) Sc in each sc around.
Rnds 11-14	[Repeat Rnds 9-10] 2 more times. (4 rounds)
Rnd 15	Bl Sc in each st around. Do not stuff leg part. Over sew ends of leg flat. Sew four legs to either side of body just above top of pants, leaving a small gap between each. Alternate the beige and brown striped feet/legs for the Garden and Red Kneed spiders. (Figs. 1 & 2)

Finishing touches

With a strand of **Black (Black, Red)** yarn sew a row of backstitches for mouth. Glue on **White** felt triangles at either end of mouth for fangs (Or embroider fangs with a strand of **White** yarn).

Small Spider

Individual colorways are given in order of **Garden Spider (Red Kneed Spider, Black Widow Spider)** unless the color used is the same for all spiders, in which case it will be the only color stated.

Head/Body

	Make 1 piece starting at crown of head. Working in continuous spiral rounds. With Brown (Brown, Black) 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)
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)
Rnd 5	[Sc in each of next 3 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (30 sts)
Rnds 6-11	Sc in each st around. (6 rounds)
Rnd 12	[Sc in each of next 3 st, invdec] 6 times. (24 sts)
Rnd 13	[Sc in each of next 2 st, invdec] 6 times. (18 sts) Stuff head/body.
Rnd 14	[Sc in next st, invdec] 6 times. (12 sts)
Rnd 15	[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.

Eyes

Following pattern for Large Spider's Small Eyes make 2 pieces with a **3.25mm hook/6mm** safety eyes and 2 pieces with a **2mm hook/3 mm** safety eyes.

In a similar way as for large spider (**Figs. 7-10**), cut a 12" length of yarn to anchor each eye. Thread yarn needle and insert into stitch space between **Rnds 3 & 4** of eye, coming out two stitch spaces apart. Thread both ends of yarn onto yarn needle and insert between **Rnds 1 & 2** of head and body, coming out near bottom center of body.

Do the same for the second eye, directly next to the first, coming out underneath body 2-3 stitches away from first pair of threads. Tie both pairs of threads together and pull tightly to form shaping of head and body. This will also make a flat bottom so your spider will sit nicely without rolling around. Tie a few more knots to secure, then trim yarn ends to ½" (1cm) long.

Sew the smallest eyes either side of larger eyes in the same way. Tie both pairs of threads together and pull tightly. Tie a few more knots to secure, then trim yarn ends to ½" (1cm) long.

Pants

Make 1 piece starting at base of pants. Working in continuous spiral rounds.

With **Black (Black, Red)** yarn make 2 ch.

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

Change color where indicated. Follow colors as stated at the beginning of each round for:

Garden Spider (Red Knead Spider, Black Widow Spider).

Color code - **Brown = Br, Red = R, Beige = Be, Black = Bl**

Rnd 2 **Br (Be, R)** 2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)

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

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

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

Rnd 6 **Be (R, R)** [Sc in each st around.

Rnd 7 **Bl (Bl, R)** Sc in each st around.

Rnd 8 **Br (Be, R)** Sc in each st around.

Rnd 9 **Be(R, R)** Sc in each st around.

Rnd10 **Bl (Bl, R)** Sc in each st around.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Fit pants over bottom of spider. Sew in place around top of waistband with backstitch.

Legs

Make 8 pieces starting at bottom of foot. Working in continuous spiral rounds.

Foot part:

With **Black** yarn make 2 ch.

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

Note: For Garden and Red Knead Spider make 4 pieces with alternating stripes of **Black** and **Brown** yarn, and 4 pieces with alternating stripes of **Black** and **Beige** yarn.

Change color where indicated. Follow colors as stated at the beginning of each round for:

Garden Spider (Red Knead Spider, Black Widow Spider).

Color code - **Brown/Beige = Br/Be, Red = R, Black = Bl**

Rnd 2 **Br/Be (Br/Be, Bl)** 2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)

Rnd 3 **Bl** Sc in each st around.

Rnd 4 **Br/Be (Br/Be, Bl)** Sc in each st around.

Rnd 5 **Bl** [Invdec] 6 times. (6 sts)

Stuff foot part.

Leg Part:

Rnd 6 **Br/Be (R, Bl)** Sc in each st around.

Rnd 7 **Bl** Sc in each st around.

Rnd 8 *Br/Be (R, Bl)* Sc in each st around.

Rnd 9 *Bl* Sc in each st around.

Do not stuff leg part. Over sew ends of leg flat. Sew four legs to either side of body just above top of pants, leaving a small gap between each. Alternate the beige and brown striped feet/legs for the Garden and Red Kneed spiders. **(Figs. 1 & 2)**



Fig.11



Fig. 12



Fig.13

Spider Web

Start at center of web. Working in continuous spiral rounds.

With **White/Black /Gray** yarn make 8 ch, join with a Slst to make a ring.

Rnd 1 4 ch (counts as 1 dc and 1 ch), [dc in ring, 1 ch] 11 times, join with a Slst to third ch of beginning 4 ch. (12 dc, each separated by 1 ch)

Rnd 2 5 ch (counts as 1 dc and 2 ch), [dc in next dc, 2 ch] 11 times, join with a Slst to third ch of beginning 5 ch. (12 dc, each separated by 2 ch)

Rnd 3 6 ch (counts as 1 dc and 3 ch), [dc in next dc, 3 ch] 11 times, join with a Slst to third ch of beginning 6 ch. (12 dc, each separated by 3 ch)

Rnd 4 7 ch (counts as 1 dc and 4 ch), [dc in next dc, 4 ch] 11 times, join with a Slst to third ch of beginning 7 ch. (12 dc, each separated by 4 ch)

Rnd 5 8 ch (counts as 1 dc and 5 ch), [dc in next dc, 5 ch] 11 times, join with a Slst to third ch of beginning 8 ch. (12 dc, each separated by 5 ch)

Rnd 6 9 ch (counts as 1 dc and 6 ch), [dc in next dc, 6 ch] 11 times, join with a Slst to third ch of beginning 9 ch. (12 dc, each separated by 6 ch)

Rnd 7 10 ch (counts as 1 dc and 7 ch), [dc in next dc, 7 ch] 11 times, join with a Slst to third ch of beginning 10 ch. (12 dc, each separated by 7 ch)

Rnd 8 11 ch (counts as 1 dc and 8 ch), [dc in next dc, 8 ch] 11 times, join with a Slst to third ch of beginning 11 ch. (12 dc, each separated by 8 ch)

Rnd 9 12 ch (counts as 1 dc and 9 ch), [dc in next dc, 9 ch] 11 times, join with a Slst to third ch of beginning 12 ch. (12 dc, each separated by 9 ch)

Rnd 10 13 ch (counts as 1 dc and 10 ch), [dc in next dc, 10 ch] 11 times, join with a Slst to third ch of beginning 13 ch. (12 dc, each separated by 10 ch)

Fasten off. Weave in ends. To block your web pin out on a foam board/cork board/piece of carpet etc. Stretch it flat and form into your desired shape **(Fig. 11)**. Dampen with water and allow to dry, preferably over night. When completely dry unpin web and use to embellish your spiders lair! **(Figs. 12-13)**

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