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Fuzzy Penguin



A crochet pattern by June Gilbank

Materials

- All instructions are applicable for any eyelash yarn (see *Choosing a Yarn*, below).
- Hook sizes: G US/4mm and H US/5mm (see *Gauge*, below)

Yarn Quantity

- Main colour: 1 skein, black recommended
- Contrast colour: 1 partial skein (face and tummy), white recommended
- Small quantity of worsted weight yarn (beak and feet), black or orange recommended

Choosing a Yarn

The eyelash yarn chosen will affect the finished size and appearance of your toy. For my penguin, I used Bernat Eye Lash yarn, which has a thin core and curly 'lashes'.

A yarn with a thin core (e.g. Red Heart Foxy, left of picture) will give a smaller, very fuzzy toy.

A yarn with a thick core (e.g. Bernat Baby Lash, centre of picture) will give a larger toy with more visible stitches and a well-defined shape, but will require more yarn.

I recommend that you avoid a 'fringed' yarn (e.g. right of picture) as it can be difficult to see where to insert your crochet hook.



Gauge

Gauge is unimportant for this pattern, providing the pieces are crocheted sufficiently tightly that they will not gape visibly when stuffed. To test a swatch, crochet the first 3 rounds and then push a piece of fibrefill behind it:

- If the stitches stretch open too much and the fibrefill is clearly visible, reduce the hook size.
- If you cannot insert the hook into the previous stitches, reduce your tension (crochet more loosely) or increase the hook size.

Notions

- Polyester fibrefill stuffing
- Yarn needle to weave in ends
- Needle and thread to attach eyes
- Stitch marker
- 2 black buttons or beads for eyes (approx 13mm diameter)

Abbreviations

ch	chain
sc	single crochet
st	stitch
sl st	slip stitch
sc2tog	single crochet decrease (insert hook into stitch and draw up a loop, insert hook into next stitch and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook)
hdc	half double crochet
MC	main colour (used throughout unless contrast colour specified)
CC	contrast colour

Notes

- Do not join at the end of each round; rounds are worked in continuous spirals.
- Eyelash yarn stitches are worked in back loops only; worsted weight yarn stitches are worked in front and back loops.
- Use a stitch marker to mark the beginning of each round. Move the marker up each time you start a new round.
- Use H hook unless otherwise specified.

Head

worked from front to back of head

With CC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in 2nd chain from hook. (6 st)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around. (12 st)

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) six times. (18 st)

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) six times. (24 st)

Rnd 5: sc in each st around. (24 st)

Rnd 6: (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) six times. (30 st)

Change to MC

Rnds 7-10: sc in each st around. (30 st)

Rnd 11: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) six times. (24 st)

Rnd 12: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) six times. (18 st)

Rnd 13: (sc in next st, sc2tog) six times. (12 st). Stuff head through hole.

Rnd 14: (sc2tog) six times. (6 st). Fasten off and weave in ends.

Body

worked from centre of tummy to centre of back

With CC, ch 8.

Rnd 1: *in top loop of chain only*: sc in 2nd chain from hook, sc in next 5 st, 3sc in last chain. Rotate piece, and working down the other side of the starting chain: sc in next 6 st, 3 sc in last chain. (18 st)

Rnd 2: (sc in next 6 st, 2 sc in next 3 st) twice. (24 st)

Rnd 3: * sc in next 6 st, (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) three times. Repeat from * once. (30 st)

Rnd 4: * sc in next 6 st, (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) three times. Repeat from * once. (36 st)

Rnd 5: * sc in next 6 st, (sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st) three times. Repeat from * once. (42 st)

Change to MC

Rnd 6: * sc in next 6 st, (sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st) three times. Repeat from * once. (48 st)

Rnds 7-11: sc in each st around. (48 st)

Rnd 12: * sc in next 6 st, (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) three times. Repeat from * once. (42 st)

Rnd 13: * sc in next 6 st, (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) three times. Repeat from * once. (36 st)

Rnd 14: * sc in next 6 st, (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) three times. Repeat from * once. (30 st)

Rnd 15: * sc in next 6 st, (sc in next st, sc2tog) three times. Repeat from * once. (24 st)

Rnd 16: * sc in next 6 st, sc2tog three times. Repeat from * once. (18 st)

Rnd 17: sc in next 6 st. Stuff body through hole. The body will have a long slit down its back. Whipstitch the sides of the slit together, fasten off and weave in ends.

Foot (make 2)

worked from back to front

With worsted weight yarn and G hook, ch 2.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in 2nd chain from hook. (6 st)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around. (12 st)

Rnd 3: sc in each st around. (12 st)

Rnd 4: (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) six times. (18 st)

Rnds 5-10: sc in each st around. (18 st)

Flatten foot (Figure 1) and add a small amount of stuffing so foot is puffy but still flat.

Close foot by crocheting through top loops of both layers (Figure 2) as follows:

sc in next 2 sc, sl st in next st, sc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in next st, sc in next st, sl st in last st. Fasten off and weave in ends.



Figure 1: *Flattened foot with hook at corner*



Figure 2: *Insert hook through both layers*



Figure 3: *The finished foot*

Wing (make 2)

worked from shoulder down

With MC, ch 14.

Rnd 1: sc in 14th chain from hook, to form a circle. Sc in each st around the circle. (14 st)

Rnd 2: sc in each st around. (14 st)

Rnd 3: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) twice. (12 st)

Rnd 4: (sc in next 4 st, sc2tog) twice. (10 st)

Rnd 5: sc in each st around. (10 st)

Rnd 6: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) twice. (8 st)

Rnd 7: sc in each st around. (8 st)

Rnd 8: (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) twice. (6 st)

Flatten wing. 2 sl st across end of wing, through both layers, to close tip of wing. Fasten off and weave in ends.

Tail

With MC, ch 18.

Rnd 1: sc in 18th chain from hook, to form a circle. Sc in each st around the circle. (18 st)

Rnd 2: sc in each st around. (18 st)

Rnd 3: (sc in next 7 st, sc2tog) twice. (16 st)

Rnd 3: (sc in next 6 st, sc2tog) twice. (14 st)

Rnd 3: (sc in next 5 st, sc2tog) twice. (12 st)

Flatten tail. 5 sc across top of tail, through both layers, to close end of tail. Fasten off and weave in ends.

Beak (part 1)

With worsted weight yarn and G hook, ch 10.

Rnd 1: sc in 10th chain from hook, to form a circle. Sc in each st around the circle. (10 st)

Rnds 2-3: sc in each st around. (10 st)

Rnd 4: (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) twice. (8 st)

Flatten beak so crochet hook is at one corner. 3 sl st through both layers to close tip of beak. Fasten off and weave in ends.

Beak (part 2)

With MC, starting with the stitch above the end stitch (labelled '1' in Figure 4), sc in the back of each st around base (open end) of beak. (10 st)

Row 1: sc in next 4 sc, turn. (4 st)

Rows 2-4: ch 1 (counts as 1st sc), sc in 2nd st, sc in next 2 st, turn. (4 st)

Row 5: ch 1, sc in 1st st, sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in last st. (6 st).

Fasten off and leave long end to attach beak to head.

Position beak on face so beak is in centre of white area on head, and fuzzy strip covers all white at the top of the head. Using a length of MC, stitch right around the edge of the strip, to attach it to the head (Figure 5).



Figure 4: Sc around the base (open end) of the beak, beginning with stitch 1

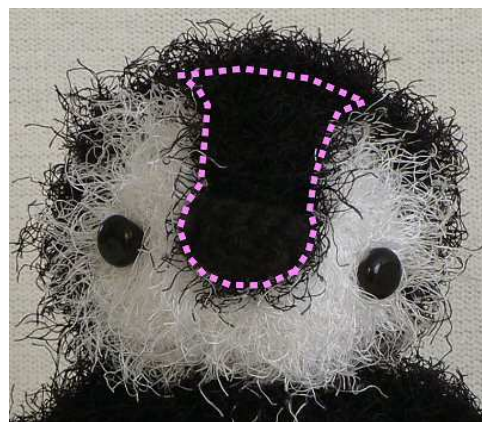


Figure 5: Stitch beak to head along the dotted lines

Finishing

Using needle and thread, sew eyes to head.

Cut a new length of MC yarn to stitch head to body. Stitch tops of wings to either side of upper body. Stitch tops of feet to bottom of body, so feet stick out at the front as in pictures (see front cover).

Position tail at back of body so it partially hangs down below bottom of body as shown in picture on right (this will stabilize the penguin so it can stand up without falling backwards). Using long yarn end from tail, stitch top of tail in place on body.



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