

Gourmet
Crochet™

Snips and Snails Amigurumi



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*Sweet little amigurumi
specially designed for
adventurous Huck
Finn types whether
they be boys or
girls! Hound
dog, raccoon,
fox, snake, owl,
hamster. 4"-6"
tall, made with
worsted-weight yarn.
Skill level:*



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Crochet abbreviations

ch(s)	chain(s)
dc	double crochet
lp	loop
rnd	round
sc	single crochet
sl	slip
sl st	slip stitch
sp(s)	space(s)
st(s)	stitch(es)

Gauge

All amigurumi in this pattern are made with size F or G hook and worsted-weight yarn. Gauge is roughly 4 sc and 4 sts per inch. Exact gauge is not important; however, work should be close enough that stuffing should not show through stitches.

Working in rounds

To avoid a hole in piece at center of first round, work over yarn tail for round one. After round two is completed, pull on yarn tail of round one to close opening; thread tapestry needle with yarn tail and weave in end securely so hole will not reopen; then continue crocheting. Most body parts are made by working in rounds without joining. To make this easier, use a scrap of yarn between the last stitch of one row and first stitch of the next row. Flip the end of the scrap yarn to the front on one row, then to the back on the next row and so on, weaving scrap yarn through work as you stitch. When counting rows, count just to the right of the scrap yarn.

Changing colors

To change colors, in last sc before color change, do not complete sc. Do not pull yarn through last 2 lps on hook; pull new color through last 2 lps on hook. Make next sc with new color.

Sewing parts together

Leave tails for sewing body parts together when fastening off. Thread tapestry needle with yarn tail, and sew pieces together as neatly as possible, adding extra stuffing if needed right before closing seam. For the most attractive amigurumi, position body parts so that color changes are at center back of body.

Safety for children

Buttons and small parts can be a hazard to small children. To be safe, all items intended for use as toys should have embroidered eyes, not button eyes. To embroider eyes, make French knots using yarn or embroidery floss.

Basic Materials

Worsted weight yarn in colors specified in each pattern, or colors of choice

F (3.75 mm) or G (4 mm) crochet hook
1/8" half-ball shank buttons or other eyes as desired (I used #753 Black 1/8" (5 mm) La Petite buttons by Blumenthal Lansing)

Tapestry needle

Sewing needle and thread for attaching eyes

Polyester fiberfill

Basic Instructions

These basic body parts are used in several of the amigurumi in this pattern.

Basic Head

Rnd 1: Ch 5, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, 8 sc in ring, do not join; work in rnds using scrap yarn to mark end of rnds. (8)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around. (16)

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

Rnds 4-9: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 10: (Sc next 2 sts together, sc in next st) around. (16)

Stuff.

Rnd 11: (Sc next 2 sts together) around. (8)

Sl st in next st. Fasten off.

Thread tapestry needle with yarn tail; weave in and out of stitches of last row adding more stuffing if needed. Pull yarn tail to close opening; take small stitches to secure.

Basic Body

Rnd 1: Ch 5, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, 8 sc in ring, do not join; work in rnds using scrap yarn to mark end of rnds. (8)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in next st, sc in next st around. (16)

Rnds 3-7: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 8: (Sc next 2 sts together) around. (8)

Sl st in next st. Fasten off, leaving tail for sewing. Stuff. Hold body over last rnd of head; sew in place.

Basic Foot and Leg

Rnd 1: With foot color, ch 5, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, 8 sc in ring, do not join; work in rnds using scrap yarn to mark end of rnds. (8)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around. (16)

Rnd 3: (2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts) 2 times. (18)

Rnd 4: (Sc in next st, sc next 2 sts together) around. (12)

Stuff foot.

Rnd 5: (Sc next 2 sts together) around, stuffing before completing rnd and changing to leg color in last st. (6)

Rnds 6-8: With leg color, sc in each st around.

Sl st in next st. Fasten off, leaving tail for sewing.

Stuff remainder of leg lightly or leave unstuffed.

Position legs at sides of bottom of body; flatten tops of legs against body. Legs may be attached in sitting or standing position. Sew legs in place with yarn tails.

Basic Tummy

Rnd 1: Ch 5, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, 8 sc in ring, do not join; work in rnds using scrap yarn to mark end of rnds. (8)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around. (16)

Sl st in next st. Fasten off, leaving tail for sewing. Sew to body.

Hound Dog

Size

About 5½" tall

Materials

Small amounts tan, cream, dark brown and black worsted-weight yarn

Items in basic materials list on page 2

Instructions

Note: See Basic Instructions on page 3.

Head

With tan, make Basic Head

Body

With tan, make Basic Body.

Tummy

With cream, make Basic Tummy.

Foot and Leg (make 2)

With cream for foot color and tan for leg color, make Basic Leg.

Front paw and arm (make 2)

Rnd 1: With cream, ch 5, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, 8 sc in ring, do not join; work in rnds using scrap yarn to mark end of rnds. (8)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around. (16)

Rnd 3: (Sc in next 2 sts, sc next 2 sts together) around. (12)

Rnd 4: (Sc next 2 sts together) around, stuffing before completing rnd and changing to tan in last st. (6)

Rnds 5-7: With tan, sc in each st around.

Sl st in next st. Fasten off, leaving tail for sewing.

Arms and legs may be attached in sitting or standing position. Flattening tops of arms and legs, sew in place with yarn tails.

Muzzle

Rnd 1: With cream, ch 5, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, 8 sc in ring, do not join; work in rnds using scrap yarn to mark end of rnds. (8)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around. (16)

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

Rnd 4: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 5: Ch 4, sc in second ch from hook, sc in next 2 ch, sc next st on rnd 4, sc in next 23 sts, working on opposite side of ch 4, sc in next 2 ch, 2 sc in next ch, sl st in next ch. Fasten off. Shape muzzle in upside down U shape as shown in photo; sew to front of head, adding stuffing before closing.



Ear (make 2)

Rnd 1: With dark brown, ch 5, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, 8 sc in ring, do not join; work in rnds using scrap yarn to mark end of rnds. (8)

Rnd 2: (2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts) around. (10)

Rnds 3-7: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 8: (Sc next 2 sts together, sc in next 3 sts) 2 times. (8)

Sl st in next st. Fasten off, leaving tail for sewing.

Flatten ears; sew to sides of head.

Nose

Rnd 1: With black, ch 5, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, 8 sc in ring, do not join; work in rnds using scrap yarn to mark end of rnds. (8)

Rnd 2: (2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts) around. (10)

Sl st in next st. Fasten off, leaving tail for sewing. Sew to muzzle as shown in photo.

Finishing

Sew eyes in place. $\frac{3}{4}$

Raccoon

Size

About 6" tall

Materials

Small amounts gray, white, black and pink worsted-weight yarn

Scraps of white felt

Items in basic materials list on page 2

Instructions

Note: See Basic Instructions on page 3.

Head

With gray, make Basic Head.

Body

With gray, make Basic Body.

Tummy

With white, make Basic Tummy.

Foot and Leg (make 4)

With gray for foot color and leg color, make Basic Leg

Ear (make 2)

Ear back (make 2)

Row 1: With gray, ch 2, 3 sc in second ch from hook, turn. (3)

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in first st, (sc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, sc) in next st, sc in last st. Fasten off.

Inside ear (make 2)

Row 1: With pink, ch 2, (sc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, sc) in second ch from hook. Fasten off.

Holding wrong side of inside ear against right side of ear back, aligning bottom edge and having last row of ear back extend around remaining sides of "triangle", sew inside ear to ear back catching only one layer of threads of ear back and trying not to let pink threads show from back of ear.

Sew ears to head with pink facing front and with ears about 1" apart at top of head.

Eye patch (make 2)

Row 1: With black, ch 6, sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across, turn.

Row 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in each st across to last st, 2 sc in last st. Fasten off. Turn.

Row 3: Join white with sc in first st, sc in each st across. Fasten off.



Muzzle

With white, ch 5, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, 8 sc in ring, join. Fasten off.

Pin eye patches and muzzle to front of head as shown in photo; sew in place.

Tail

Rnd 1: With gray, ch 4, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, 4 sc in ring, do not join; work in rnds using scrap yarn to mark end of rnds. (4)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts. (5)

Rnd 3: 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, changing to black in last 2 lps of last st. (6)

Rnd 4: Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts. (7)

Rnd 5: 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts. (8)

Rnd 6: Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, changing to gray in last 2 lps of last st. (9)

Rnd 7: 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts. (10)

Rnd 8: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 9: Sc in each st around, changing to black in last 2 lps of last st. (10)

Rnd 10: Sc next 2 sts together, sc in each st around. (9)

Rnd 11: Sc next 2 sts together, sc in each st around. (8)

Stuff tail very lightly; flatten opening and sew together. Sew to back of body.

Finishing

Cut rounds of white felt; position as shown in photo and sew eyes to raccoon through felt. ✂

Fox

Size

About 6" tall

Materials

Small amounts orange, white and black worsted-weight yarn

Items in basic materials list on page 2

Instructions

Note: See Basic Instructions on page 3.

Head

With orange, make Basic Head.

Body

With orange, make Basic Body.

Tummy

With white, make Basic Tummy.

Foot and Leg (make 4)

With black for foot color and orange for leg color, make Basic Leg.

Ear (make 2)

Ear back (make 2)

Row 1: With orange, ch 2, 3 sc in second ch from hook, turn. (3)

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in first st, (sc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, sc) in next st, sc in last st. Fasten off.

Inside ear (make 2)

Row 1: With white, ch 2, (sc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, sc) in second ch from hook. Fasten off.

Holding wrong side of inside ear against right side of ear back, aligning bottom edge and having last row of ear back extend around remaining sides of "triangle", sew inside ear to ear back

catching only one layer of threads of ear back and trying not to let white threads show from back of ear.

Sew ears to head with white facing front and with ears about 1/2" apart at top of head.

Muzzle

Rnd 1: With orange, ch 4, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, 6 sc in ring, do not join; work in rnds using scrap yarn to mark end of rnds. (6)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in next st, sc in each st around. (7)

Rnd 3: Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts. (8)

Rnd 4: 2 sc in next st, sc in each st around. (9)

Rnd 5: Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts. (10)

Rnd 6: 2 sc in next st, sc in each st around. (11)

Rnd 7: Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts. Fasten off. (12)

Sew muzzle to head as shown in photo.

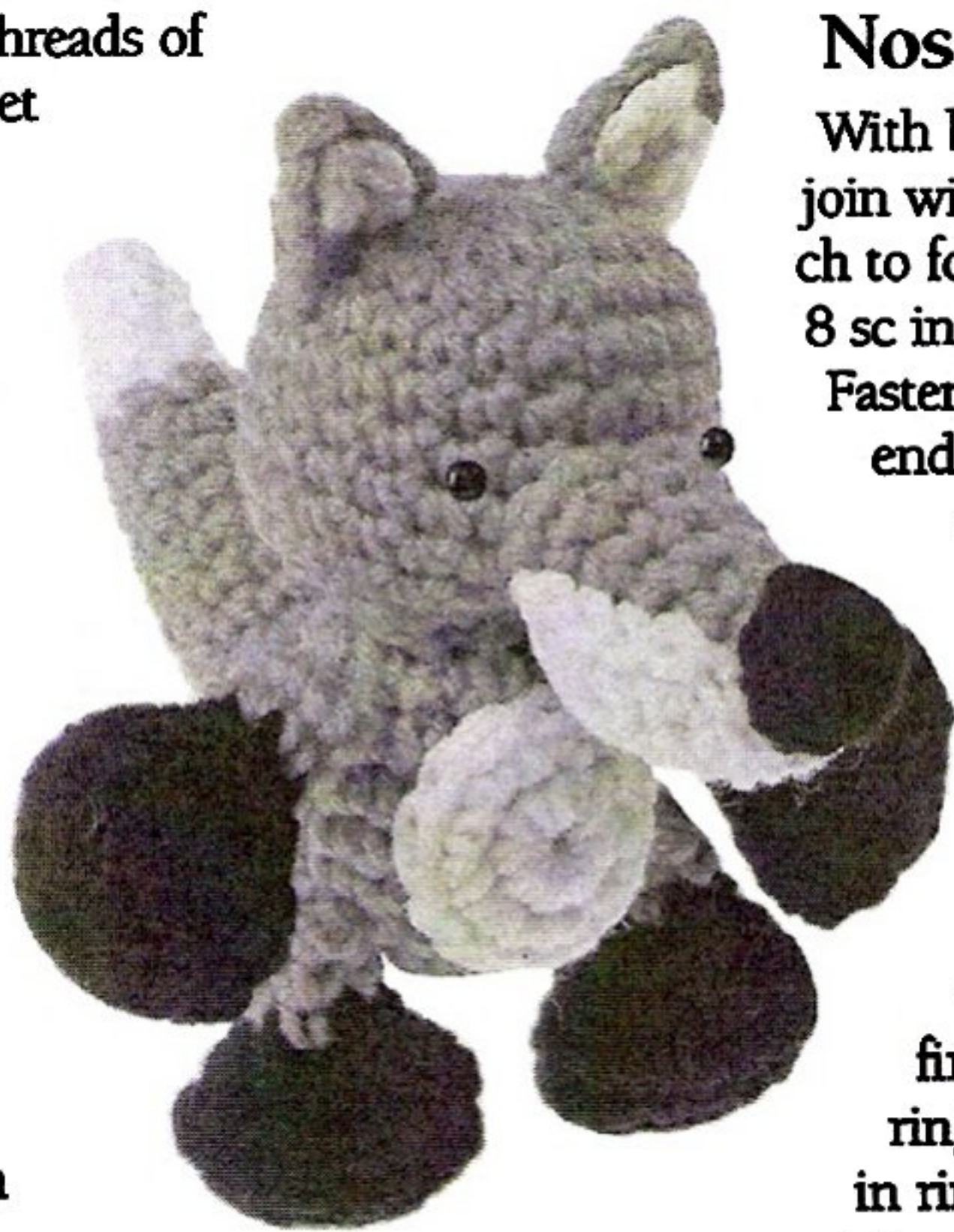
Under muzzle

Row 1: With white, ch 5, sc in second ch from hook, sc in each ch across, turn. (4)

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in each st across, do not turn.

Edging: Continuing down side of piece, sc in end of each row, 2 sc in corner, working in opposite side of starting ch, sc in each st across, 2 sc in corner, working in ends of rows, sc in end of each row, 2 sc in corner, join. Fasten off. Sew piece to underside of muzzle.



Nose

With black, ch 4, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, 8 sc in ring, join.

Fasten off. Sew to end of muzzle as shown in photo.

Tail

Rnd 1: With white, ch 4, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, 4 sc in ring, do not join; work in rnds

using scrap yarn to mark end of rnds. (4)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts. (5)

Rnd 3: 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, changing to orange in last 2 lps of last st. (6)

Rnd 4: Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts. (7)

Rnd 5: 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts. (8)

Rnd 6: Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts. (9)

Rnd 7: 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts. (10)

Rnd 8: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 9: Sc in each st around. (10)

Rnd 10: Sc next 2 sts together, sc in each st around. (9)

Rnd 11: Sc next 2 sts together, sc in each st around. (8)

Stuff tail very lightly; flatten opening and sew together. Sew to back of body.

Finishing

Sew eyes in place. ✂

Hamster

Size

About 5" tall

Materials

Small amounts gold, white and black
worsted-weight yarn

Items in basic materials list on
page 2

Instructions

Note: (See Basic Instructions on page 3.)

Head

With gold, make Basic Head.

Body

With gold, make Basic
Body.

Tummy

With white, make Basic
Tummy.

Cheek (make 2)

Rnd 1: With gold, ch 5,
join with sl st in first ch to
form ring, ch 1, 8 sc in
ring, do not join; work in
rnds using scrap yarn to mark end of
rnds. (8)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around. (16)

Rnd 3: (2 sc in next st, sc in next st)
around. Fasten off. (24)

Nose

With black, ch 5, join with sl st in first
ch to form ring, ch 1, 6 sc in ring, join.
Fasten off.

Pin cheeks and nose to front of head;
sew in place.

Ear (make 2)

With gold, ch 3, sc in second ch from
hook, hdc in next ch. Fasten off.

Sew to top of head about 2" apart.

Upper leg (make 2)

Rnd 1: With gold, ch 5, join with sl st
in first ch to form ring, ch 1, 8 sc in
ring, do not join; work in rnds using
scrap yarn to mark end of rnds. (8)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around. (16)

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

Rnd 4: (Sc next 2 sts together, sc in next
st) around. (16) Stuff lightly

Rnd 5: (Sc next 2 sts together) around.
Fasten off. (8)

Sew to sides of body.



Foot (make 2)

Rnd 1: Ch 5, join
with sl st in first ch
to form ring, ch 1, 8
sc in ring, do not
join; work in rnds
using scrap yarn to
mark end of rnds.
(8)

Rnd 2-7: Sc in
each st around.

Sl st in next st.
Fasten off, leaving
tail for sewing.

Leave unstuffed.
Sew to underside of
upper leg pieces.

Arm (make 2)

Rnd 1: Ch 4, join with sl st in first ch to
form ring, ch 1, 6 sc in ring, do not join;
work in rnds using scrap yarn to mark
end of rnds. (6)

Rnd 2-7: Sc in each st around.

Sl st in next st. Fasten off, leaving tail
for sewing.

Leave arm unstuffed. Flatten ends and
sew to sides of body, pointing forward
above upper leg pieces.

Finishing

Sew eyes in place. ✂

Owl

Size

About 4" tall

Materials

Small amounts medium blue, gray, lavender, light blue and tan worsted-weight yarn

Items in basic materials list on page 2

Instructions

Head/Body

Rnd 1: With medium blue, ch 5, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, 8 sc in ring, do not join; work in rnds using scrap yarn to mark end of rnds. (8)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around. (16)

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

Rnds 4-13: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 14: (Sc next 2 sts together, sc in next st) around. (16) Stuff.

Rnd 15: (Sc next 2 sts together) around. (8)

Sl st in next st. Fasten off, leaving tail for sewing. Thread tapestry needle with yarn tail; weave in and out of stitches of last row adding more stuffing if needed. Pull yarn tail to close opening; take small stitches to secure.

Feathers (make one with lavender and one with gray)

Ch 24, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, sc in same ch, skip next 2 ch,

5 dc in next ch, skip next 2 ch, (sc in next ch, skip next 2 ch, 5 dc in next ch, skip next 2 ch) around, join. Fasten off.

Place feathers on body with gray feathers about halfway down and lavender feathers just below gray with scallops offset as shown in photo. Tack both strips in place.

Eye (make 2)

With light blue, ch 5, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, 8 sc in ring, join. Fasten off.

Beak

With tan, ch 2, (sc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, sc) in second ch from hook. Fasten off.

Pin beak and eyes centered above feathers with rounded end of beak extending into feathers as shown. Sew in place.

Horn (make 2)

With medium blue, make same as beak. Sew horns to top of head about $\frac{3}{4}$ " apart.

Foot (make 2)

With tan, ch 5, 3 sc in second ch from hook, sc in next 2 ch, 3 sc in last ch; working on opposite side of ch, sc in next 2 ch, join. Fasten off.

Sew feet to underside of body in V shape.

Finishing

Sew eyes in place. $\frac{3}{4}$



Snake

Size

About 11½" long

Materials

Small amounts green, tan and orange worsted-weight yarn

Items in basic materials list on page 2

Instructions

Rnd 1: Beginning at tip of tail with green, ch 4, join with sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, 4 sc in ring, do not join; work in rnds using scrap yarn to mark end of rnds. (4)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts. (5)

Rnd 3: 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, changing to tan in last 2 lps of last st. (6)

Rnd 4: Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts. (7)

Rnd 5: Sc in each st around changing

to orange in last 2 lps of last st. (7)

Rnds 6-7: Sc in each st around with orange.

Rnds 8-39: Sc in each st around, working 4 rnds green, 2 rnds tan and 2 rnds orange.

Rnds 40-42: Sc in each st around with green.

Rnd 43: 2 sc in each st around. (14)

Rnd 44: (2 sc in next st, sc in next st) around. (21)

Rnds 45-46: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 47: (Sc next 2 sts together, sc in next st) around. (14) Stuff snake lightly stuffing head more firmly.

Rnd 48: (Sc next 2 sts together) around. Sl st in next st. Fasten off. (7)

Thread tapestry needle with yarn tail; weave in and out of stitches of last row adding more stuffing if needed. Pull yarn tail to close opening; take small stitches to secure.

Finishing

Sew eyes in place. ✂

