

Simply Cute Mouse

crochet pattern by Teri Crews



Materials:

Worsted Weight Yarn:

you will need a main color

for body (gray), pink for ears and nose,

a t-shirt and shoe color (red), white for bottom of shoes,

socks and laces, tiny amount of black for

mouth and eye brows. Sample was made with

Impeccable Yarn from Michael's

Size F hook for mouth and G hook for tail

Fiberfill

Tapestry needle

safety eyes (I used 12 mm) beads or buttons for eyes

Optional Materials:

plastic pellets and scrap nylon for weight (if not using as a toy),

blush for a little color

small piece of white felt for under the eyes

Finished measurements: approx 8 inches tall sitting. Since this is a toy pattern, gauge is not really that important. Using a different size hook and yarn weight will give you a smaller or larger toy.

Abbreviations and Stitches Used:

ch=chain

dc=double crochet

fo=fasten off

hdc=half double crochet

rnd= round

sc=single crochet

skp=skip

ss = slip stitch

st= stitch

tog = together

Notes and Tips:

Helpful to read these before starting and maybe even again when it's time to put Mouse together.

*Do not join pieces that are crocheted in the round unless indicated in that particular piece's instructions.

*When stuffing pieces, try not to overstuff. Over stuffing will spread out your stitches making bigger holes and showing too much fiberfill. Use small amounts of stuffing, shaping as you go. The back of a wooden spoon or a larger crochet hook help stuffing small pieces.

*I like to use a stitch counter to count off my rows, or scrap paper to mark off. A stitch marker will come in handy when repeating rounds or you can pull through the beginning tail as you go to help you spot the beginning of each round.

*I crochet each piece, weave in tails, stuff and set aside until the end, with the exception of the head. I like to put the eyes in as soon as I'm finished so that I'll be able to see where my nose and ears should be positioned

*Crochet the head Weave in ends, stuff head. Cut two white felt circles just slightly bigger than your eyes (try tracing around a button to help give you a nice circle). Cut a small slit in the center of each felt piece and insert the safety eye stem or lay under your beads or buttons. Decide where your eyes look best on your mouse and sew in place now if using beads or buttons. If you are using safety eyes, remove the stuffing (holding eyes in place or mark positions with a tiny pen dot) attach backing. Stuff head again, weave yarn tail through tapestry needle, weave through remaining open stitches, pull tight to close and secure yarn in place.

*When I sew on my noses, I pull my yarn apart and sew with two plies and a sharper needle. Pull your nose into a slight oval shape before sewing on. Shape as you sew.

*After you've sew on or secured your eyes, do a little needle sculpting to help your eyes stand out. Thread your tapestry needle with black yarn (I pull my yarn apart and use two plies to sew with). Insert your needle under the head where your stitches won't be seen. Secure yarn and bring tapestry needle up in a stitch as close to the inside corner of the right eye as you can, put your needle back in the stitch directly below the stitch you came up from and go back through to the bottom, tug gently to slightly indent your eye, but not too much, re-insert the needle and repeat this for the other eye. If you would like your mouse to have eyebrows, re-insert the needle, and bring it up over the right eye (my eyebrows are about 1 round up from my eye), move the needle over to the right about 3 or 4 stitches, re-insert, going back down to the bottom of the head, repeat for the other eyebrow, secure yarn under head.

*If your mouse is not going to be a toy you might want to give him a little weight. I fill the bottom of a old knee high nylon with plastic pellets, tie it off and stuff it in my mouse's bottom and tummy, then I fill the rest of the body with fiberfill.

*Before attaching legs I thread my tapestry needle, hold one leg next to my mouse's bottom and then insert the threaded needle all the way through the body. This shows me where my legs need to be. Then I attach the legs by sewing through a couple stitches on the inside of the leg, insert needle back into body and do the same for the other leg. I tug on my yarn slightly to indent my body just a little but not too tight or your mouse will look lopsided. Repeat sewing through legs at least 3-4 times. Repeat back and forth technique for arms. Note, I like to sew my head on before I attach my arms, this helps me see where my shoulders should be .

*After your mouse is all put together, add a bit of powder blush to his cheeks. Start out lightly, you can always add more, but it's hard to get off once it's on.



Head

with F hook and gray yarn

starting at tip of nose

- 1: ch2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook
- 2: 2 sc in each sc (12)
- 3: sc 2 in each of the next 2 sc, sc in each remaining sc (14)
- 4: sc 2 in each of the next 2 sc, sc in each remaining sc (16)
- 5: sc in each sc (16)
- 6: 2 sc in each of the next 2 sc, sc in each remaining sc (18)
- 7: sc 7, hdc in each of the next 4 sc, sc 7 (18)
- 8: *sc 2, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s (24)
- 9: *sc 3, sc 2 in next sc *, repeat between *'s (30)
- 10: sc 13, hdc 4, sc 13 (30)

note the hdc's are the center of your mouse's face

- 11: *sc 4, sc 2 in next*, repeat between *'s (36)
- 12: *sc 5, sc 2 in next*, repeat between *'s (42)
- 13: sc in each sc (42)
- 14: *sc 5, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (36)
- 15: *sc 4, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (30)
- 16-17: sc in each sc (30)
- 18: *sc 3, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (24)
- 19: sc in each sc (24)
- 20: *sc 2, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (18)

FO leave a long tail to sew. Weave in beginning tail Refer to head assembly instructions in notes and tips before closing head.

To close, thread tapestry needle with ending yarn, weave through remaining stitches pull tight to close.

Nose

with F hook and pink yarn

- 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook
- 2: sc 2 in each of the next 5 sc, sc3tog, FO

Note: I sewed my nose so that the bottom of it is just above the beginning center hole.

Body

with gray yarn and F hook

starting at bottom

- 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook (6)
- 2: 2 sc in each sc (12)
- 3: *sc 1, sc 2 in next*, repeat between *'s (18)
- 4: *sc 2, sc 2 in next*, repeat between *'s (24)
- 5: *sc 3, sc 2 in next*, repeat between *'s (30)
- 6: *sc 4, sc 2 in next*, repeat between *'s (36)
- 7: *sc 5, sc 2 in next*, repeat between *'s (42)
- 8-9: sc in each sc (42)
- 10: *sc 5, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (36)
- 11: sc in each sc (36)
- 12: *sc 4, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (30)
- 13: sc in each sc (30)
- 14: *sc 3, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (24)

change to red or t-shirt color yarn

- 15: *working in back loops only for this round*, sc in each sc (24)
- 16-18: sc in each sc (24)
- 19: *sc 2, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (18)
- 20-22: sc in each sc (18)

FO, leave long tail for sewing. Weave in beginning tail. Turn sideways, this is the front of your body

Make the bottom of the T-Shirt

rejoin red yarn in back of body with ss in any un-worked front stitch from round 15, sc in each st around. Join with ss and

FO, stuff body, thread tapestry needle, weave through remaining stitches, pull tight to close.

Outer Ears (make 2)

with gray yarn and F hook

- 1-3: Repeat rounds 1-3 of body (18)
- 4: *sc 2, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s (24)
- 5: (sc2tog) 2 times, ss in next sc,
FO, weave in tails

Inner Ears (make 2)

with pink yarn and F hook

- 1-2: Repeat rounds 1-2 of outer ear (12)
FO, weave in ends. Sew inner ear to outer ear, placing the bottom of the pink near the bottom of the gray, not directly in the center.



Arms (make 2)

with gray yarn and F hook

Starting at bottom of hand

Note: pieces will be small, weave in beginning tail after round 3 or 4 and stuff as you go

- 1-2: Repeat rounds 1-2 of body (12)
- 3: sc in each sc (12)
- 4: sc2tog, sc in each remaining sc (11)
- 5: sc2tog, sc in each remaining sc (10)
- 6: (sc2tog) 2 times, sc in each remaining sc (8)
- 7: sc2tog, sc in each remaining sc (7)
- 8-15: sc in each sc (7)
- 16: sc 2 in next sc, sc in each remaining sc (8)
- 17: sc 2 in next sc, sc in each remaining sc (9)

change to red yarn

- 18: *working in back loops for this round only*, sc in each sc (9)
- 19: sc in each sc (9)
- 20: sc 2 in next sc, sc in each remaining sc (10)
- 21-22: sc in each sc

FO, leave a long tail for sewing

Bottom of Sleeve

rejoin red yarn in back of arm with ss in any un-worked front stitch from round 18, sc in each st around. Join with ss and

FO, stuff body, thread tapestry needle, weave through remaining stitches, pull tight to close.

Legs (make 2)

with white yarn and F hook

beginning at bottom of foot

- 1-2: Repeat rounds 1-2 of body (12)

change to red yarn

Note: pieces will be small, weave in beginning tail after round 3 or 4 and stuff as you go

- 3: *working in back loops for this round only*, sc in each sc (12)
- 4-5: sc in each sc (12)
- 6: (sc2tog) 2 times, sc in each remaining sc (10)
- 7: (sc2tog) 2 times, sc in each remaining sc (8)

change to white yarn

- 8: *working in back loops for this round only*, sc in each sc
- 9: sc2tog, sc in each remaining sc (7)

change to gray yarn

- 10: *working in back loops for this round only*, sc in each sc (7)
- 11-14: sc in each sc (7)
- 15: sc 2 in next sc, sc in each remaining (8)

Note: this is where I began bending my leg slightly, using less stuffing so that my leg would stay slightly bent

- 16: sc 2 in next sc, sc in each remaining (9)
- 17-20: sc in each sc (9)

Note: back to stuffing a little more firmly

- 21: sc 2 in each of the next 2 sc, sc in each remaining sc (11)
- 22-23: sc in each sc

FO, leave a long tail for sewing. Thread tapestry needle, weave through remaining stitches, pull tight to close.

Make the top of sock

rejoin white yarn in back of leg with ss in any un-working front stitch from round 8, ss in each st around. Join with ss and FO



Collar:

with red yarn and F hook

1: ch 19, dc in 3rd ch from hook and each ch.

FO, leave a long tail for sewing. Weave in beginning tail, put around neck, thread tapestry needle with tail and sew ends together

Tail

with gray yarn and G hook

1: ch 25, ss in 2nd ch from hook and each ch.

FO, leave a long tail for sewing. Weave in beginning tail, thread tapestry needle with ending tail and sew to back bottom

Hair & Whiskers

cut a few pieces (I used 2 for hair and 1 for whiskers) of yarn into about 4 inch pieces. Pull plies apart and use each piece individually. Fold yarn in half, pull around sc on top of head and tie in a knot. Add another piece about a stitch over and repeat until you have the amount of hair you like, trim pieces to desired length. I like to fluff a few up. Repeat for the whiskers (I put my whiskers about 2 stitches over from my nose).

Thank you for choosing this pattern. I hope you enjoy making your mouse.

Sincerely,

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