

Simply Sweet Fox

crochet pattern by Teri Crews



Materials:

Worsted Weight Yarn:

you will need a main color
for body and a contrasting color
ears, eye patch and feet, scarf color
and a small amount of black

Sample was made with Vanna's
Choice, Terracotta, mustard, white
and black

Size G Crochet Hook

Fiberfill

Tapestry needle

Optional Materials:

safety eyes (my fox has 12 mm brown safety eyes), beads, buttons or glass,
plastic pellets and scrap nylon if not using as a toy,
blush for a little color

Finished measurements: approx 11 inches. 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

sl st = slip stitch

tr= triple crochet

tog = sc 2 stitches together

Notes and Tips:

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

*Most pieces are crocheted in the round, do not join with slip stitch unless indicated in individual piece instructions.

*When stuffing pieces, try not to overstuff. Over stuffing will spread out your stitches making bigger holes and showing too much fiberfill.

*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 which I usually work on right away.

*If your fox 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 monkey's bottom and tummy, then I fill the rest of the body with fiberfill.

*If using safety or glass eyes, remember not to close the head until you have positioned and secured eyes. To help me make sure my eyes were just where I wanted them, I crocheted the head (leaving the head open), nose and eye pieces, sewed in place and then inserted the eyes without securing them. When I had them where I thought they looked best, I removed the stuffing, secured the eyes, stuffed again and then closed up the head.

*After securing your fox's eyes, you might want to do a little needle sculpting to help his face and give him some eyelashes or eyeliner. Split black yarn into single plies. With two plies, thread tapestry needle, insert needle under the head where the stitches won't be seen, secure yarn, insert needle and bring out right next to the right eye, move needle over and insert about 1 stitch from the eye, go back down through bottom, tug slightly to indent the eye and give head a little more shape. Repeat one more time and then do the same for the other eye. Tie to hold stitches in place.

*To sew on my fox's nose and create his mouth, I split the black yarn again into two plies, being sure to start in the bottom of the head so that my stitches wouldn't be seen. Hold and shape your nose as you sew. I always start at the bottom of the nose. The bottom of my nose, is directly above the center starting hole.

*Before attaching legs I thread my tapestry needle, hold one leg next to my fox'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 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 fox's body just a little but not too tight or your toy will be lopsided. Repeat sewing through legs at least 2 or 3 times.

*I sew on arms after my legs and head (using the same back and forth technique I used for the legs). This way I can be sure I have them where I want them. Don't forget the tail.

*Don't hesitate to write if you have any questions (tericrewsdesigns@gmail.com) or visit my website for close up pictures, tutorials and freebies. www.tericrews.blogspot.com



Head

with main color

beginning at nose

Rnd 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch. from hook (6)

2: 2 sc in each sc (12)

3: sc in each sc (12)

4: sc 2 in first sc, sc in each sc (13)

5: sc in each sc (13)

6: sc 2 in first sc, sc in each sc (14)

7-10: repeat round 6 until you have 18 sc

11: sc 7, hdc 2, sc 7, hdc 2 (18)

12: *sc 2, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s (24)

13: *sc 3, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s (30)

14: *sc 4, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s (36)

15: sc in each sc (36)

16: sc 15, hdc 6, sc 15 (36)

17: sc 15, hdc 6, sc 15 (36)

18: sc in each sc (36)

19: *sc 4, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (30)

20: sc in each sc (30)

21: *sc 3, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (24)

now is a good time to weave in that beginning tail

22: *sc 2, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (18)

23: *sc 1, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (12)

24: sc in each sc

fo, leave a long tail for sewing. After stuffing head and positioning eyes, thread tapestry needle with ending yarn tail, weave through remaining stitches, pull tight to close.

Nose

with black

Rnd 1: ch 2, 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook (5)

2: 2 sc in each sc (10)

3: sc2tog, sl st to next sc

FO, leave long tail for sewing. Weave in ends.

Eye Piece (make 2)

with white

1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook (6)

2: sc in each sc (12)

3: ch 8, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc 4, *working back into beginning circle*, sc, hdc in first sc, hdc 11, sc 6, sc 2 in next sc, join with sl tt to first sc.

FO, weave in ends

Body

with main body color

beginning at bottom of body

Rnd 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch. from hook (6)

2: 2 sc in each sc around (12)

3: *sc 1, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s (18)

4: *sc 2, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s (24)

5: *sc 3, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s (30)

6-10: sc in each sc (30)

11: *sc 3, sc3tog*, repeat between *'s (24)

now is a good time to weave in that beginning tail

12-17: sc in each sc (24)

18: *sc 2, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (18)

19-23: sc in each sc (18)

FO leave a long tail to sew. Stuff with fiberfill and/or pellets

Thread tapestry needle with tail, weave through remaining stitches pull tight to close.

Leg (make 2)

with white, beginning at bottom

Rnd 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook

2: sc 2 in each sc (12)

3: *sc 1, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (18)

4-6: sc in each sc (18)

7: *sc 1, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (12)

8: sc in each sc (12)

now is a good time to weave in that beginning tail

change to main color

9: sc in ea sc (12)

10: sc2tog, sc in each remaining sc (11)

11: sc2tog, sc in each remaining sc (10)

12-18: sc in each sc (10)

19: sc 2 in first sc, sc in each remaining sc (11)

20: sc 2 in first sc, sc in each remaining sc (12)

21: sc in each sc (12)

FO, leave long tail for sewing. Stuff foot firmly and upper portion lightly. Thread tapestry needle with ending tail, weave through remaining stitches, pull tight to close.



Arms (make 2)

with white

- Rnd 1: ch 2, 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook (5)
 2: 2 sc in each sc around (10)
 3: *sc 1, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s (15)
 4-5: sc in each sc (15)
 6: *sc 1, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (10)
now is a good time to weave in that beginning tail

change to main color

- 7: sc in each sc (10)
 8: sc2tog, sc in each remaining sc (9)
 9-16: sc in each sc (9)
 17: sc 2 in first sc, sc in each remaining sc (10)
 18: sc 2 in first sc, sc in each remaining sc (11)
 19: sc in each sc (11)

FO, leave long tail for sewing. Stuff bottom firmly and upper portion lightly. Thread tapestry needle with ending tail, weave through remaining stitches, pull tight to close.

Ears (make 2)

with white

- Rnd 1: ch 2, 4 sc in 2nd ch from hook (4)
 2: sc in each sc (4)
 3: 2 sc in each sc (8)
 4: sc in each sc (8)
 5: *sc 1, sc 2 in next *, repeat between *'s (12)
now is a good time to weave in that beginning tail

change to main color

- 6: sc in each sc (12)
 7: *sc 2, sc 2 in next*, repeat between *'s (16)
 8: *sc 3, sc 2 in next*, repeat between *'s (20)
 9: sc in each sc (20)

FO, leave long tail for sewing. Flatten ear, thread tapestry needle, whip stitch bottom closed. When sewing ears onto fox's head, bend inward slightly

Tail

with white

Rnd 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook

2: 2 sc in each sc (12)

3-5: sc in each sc (12)

6: *sc 1, 2 sc in next *, repeat between *s (18)

now is a good time to weave in that tail

7-8: sc in each sc (18)

9: *sc 1, sc2tog*, repeat between *s (12)

10-11: sc in each sc (12)

change to main color

12: sc in each sc (12)

13: sc2tog, sc in each remaining sc (11)

14: sc2tog, sc in each remaining sc (10)

15-26" sc in each sc (10)

FO, leave tail for sewing. Stuff bottom firmly and upper portion more lightly. Thread tapestry needle, weave through remaining stitches, pull tight to close.

Hair and Chest

Cut a few pieces of yarn (I used 7 pieces) into about 4 inch pieces. Fold in half, pull around sc on top of head and tie in a knot. Add another piece about a stitch over and repeat for remaining pieces. Pull plies apart and cut to desired length.

Repeat for the chest, I tied 8 pieces under his head, where the scarf would cover and hold it down.

Scarf

with mustard

1: loosely chain 40, dc in 3rd ch from hook and each ch to end. Ch 3, sl st in same sp, working on opposite side of chain, sl st in each sp to end.

FO, weave in ends. If you would like fringe, cut 12 pieces of yarn about 3" long. Holding two pieces together, fold in half. Using crochet hook, insert needle in first st at end of scarf, grab center of two pieces, pull up loop, pull both ends of yarn through, pull tightly. Repeat 2 more times on this side and three times on the other end. Trim to desired length and tie on fox's neck.



Thank you for choosing this pattern. I hope you enjoy making this sweet fox as much as I enjoyed designing him.

Sincerely,

Teri

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