

Simply Sweet Monkey

crochet pattern by Teri Crews



Materials:

Worsted Weight Yarn:

you will need a main color
for body and a contrasting color
for the muzzle, green for the collar and
a black for nose and mouth.

I used "Impeccable" yarn from Michael's
small amount
of black

Size F Crochet Hook

Fiberfill

Tapestry needle

Optional Materials:

safety eyes (my monkey 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 monkey.

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= treble 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 monkey together.

*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, but maybe you prefer putting your pieces together as you go. Either way, it will work out in the end.

*If your monkey 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 bottom of the head until you have positioned and secured eyes. To help me make sure my eyes are just where I want them I stuff lightly test positions and then remove stuffing and secure eyes. I also work on the nose and mouth at this point, but you go always go back and do this later.

*After securing your monkey's eyes, you might want to do a little needle sculpting to help shape your monkey's face and make his muzzle stand out a little more. Thread tapestry needle with brown (or main body color) yarn, insert under head where stitch won't be seen, bring needle up and as close to the corner of the right eye as possible. Move needle over to other side of eye and go back through head to the bottom, tug a little to pull the eye in just a little, repeat for the other eye and tie off.

*For my monkey's mouth, I split the black yarn into 2 ply and back stitched. Again, I started at the bottom of my monkey's head so that my beginning stitch wouldn't be seen.

*Before attaching legs I thread my tapestry needle, hold one leg next to my monkey'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 monkey's body just a little but not too tight or your monkey will look 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.

*After your monkey is all put together, add powder blush to cheeks, tummy and the bottom of his feet. Start out lightly, you can always add more, but it's hard to get off once it's on.



Body

with brown or 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 around (18)
 4: *sc 2, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (24)
 5: *sc 3, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (30)
 6: *sc4, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (36)
 7-8: sc in each sc around (36)
 9: *sc 4, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (30)
 10: *sc 3, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (24)
 11-15: sc in each sc around (24)
 16: *sc 2, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (18)
now is a good time to weave in that beginning tail
 17: sc in each sc around (18)
 18: *sc 1, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (12)

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.

Left Foot

with brown or main color

- Rnd 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook
 2: 2 sc in each sc around (12)
 3: sc in each sc around (12)
 4: sc 2 in next 2 sc, sc in each remaining sc around (14)
 5: sc in each sc (14)
 6: sc2tog, sc in each remaining sc around (13)
 7: sc2tog, sc in each remaining sc around (12) ***do not fo***
weave in beginning tail, fold piece in half and flatten
 8: ***Working through both thicknesses***, ch 1, sc in each sc to end, turn
 9: ch 5, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc 3, sl st in same st, *sl st in next sc, ch 4, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc 2, sl st in next sc*, repeat between *'s ending with a sl st in last sc.
FO weave in ends

Right Foot

with brown or main color

Repeat rounds 1-8 of left foot instructions

9: ch 4, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc 2, sl st in same st, *sl st in next sc, ch 4, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc 2, sl st in next sc*, repeat between *'s 2 more times, ch 5, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc 3, sl st in last sc.

FO weave in ends

Leg (make 2)

beginning at top of leg

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

2: sc 2 in each sc (12)

3-9: sc in each sc

now is a good time to weave in that beginning tail

10: sc2tog, sc each remaining sc (11)

11: sc2tog, sc each remaining sc (10)

12: sc2tog, sc each remaining sc (9)

13-22: sc in each sc (9)

FO, stuff top of leg, bend at beginning of decrease rounds (this is his knee), do not stuff this area, stuff bottom part of leg light. Sew to top of foot, near the back.



Hands (make 2)

with brown or main color

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

2: 2 sc in each sc around (12)

3-4: sc in each sc around (12)

5: sc 2 in each of the next 2 sc, sc in each remaining sc (14)

6: sc in each sc (14)

7: sc2tog (2 times), sc in each remaining sc (12) ***do not fo weave in beginning tail, fold piece in half and flatten***

8: ***Working through both thicknesses***, ch 1, sc in each sc to end, turn

9: *ch 4, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc 2, sl st in next sc*, repeat between *'s, sl st in last st.

FO, weave in ends

Arms (make 2)

with brown or main color yarn

beginning at top of arm

Rnd 1: ch 2, 8 sc in 2nd ch from hook (8)

2-19: sc in each sc around (8)

FO, leave long tail for sewing. Stuff lightly. Sew bottom of arm to bottom of hand.

Head

with brown or main color

beginning at top of head

Rnd 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 sc*, repeat between *'s around (18)

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

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

6-8: sc in each sc (30)

9: *sc 4, sc in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (36)

10: sc in each sc (36)

11: sc 15, hdc 3, sc 15, hdc 3 (36)

12: sc in each sc

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

14: sc in each sc (30)

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

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

17: sc in each sc (18)

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

stuff head

19: sc2tog around (9)

FO, leave long tail for sewing. If you are using safety eyes, wait to close head until after positioning muzzle and securing eyes. To close, thread tapestry needle, weave through remaining stitches, pull tight to close

Muzzle

with contrasting yarn

Rnd 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 sc *, repeat between *'s around (18)

4: sc 6, hdc 3, sc 6, hdc 3 (18)

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

FO, weave in ends. Pull into slight more oval shape before sewing onto monkey's face. Refer to picture for placement.

Eye Circles

with contrasting yarn

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

2: 2 sc in each sc (12)

FO, weave in ends. See picture for placement (about 1 row under muzzle). I used safety eyes on my monkey and positioned them directly in the center of the circle.

Ears (make 2)

with brown or main yarn

Rnd 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 sc *, repeat between *'s around (18)

4: sc2tog (2 times), sl st in next sc.

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

Nose

with black

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

2: 2 sc in each sc (12)

3: sc2tog, sl st to next sc

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



Tail

with brown or main color

beginning at bottom

Rnd 1: ch 2, 7 sc in 2nd ch from hook

2-18: sc in each sc (7)

FO, leave long tail for sewing. Weave in ends, do not stuff.

Collar Flowers (make 3)

with green yarn

Rnd 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook, join with a sl st.

2: *ch 3, 2 tr, ch 3, sl st in same space, sl st in next sc* repeat between *'s around (6 petals)

FO, weave in ends. Thread tapestry needle with green yarn, fold each flower in half so that it looks more like leaves. Run threaded needle through a few stitches at the top (where you folded or bent flower) of each flower and tie onto monkey's neck.

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

Sincerely,

Teri

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