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Jack Russell Terrier



A crochet pattern by June Gilbank

Materials

- All instructions are applicable for any worsted weight yarn. You will need much less than 1 skein of yarn. For my Jack Russell, I used Bernat Satin in *Silk* and *Sable*.
- Hook size: E US/3.5mm (see *Gauge*, below)

Gauge

Gauge is unimportant for this pattern, provided 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
- 2 eyes (approx 8mm diameter)
 - Animal (safety) eyes recommended
 - Alternatives: black buttons or beads, felt circles or embroidery
- Yarn needle to weave in ends
- Stitch marker

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)

Magic ring

The magic ring method gives a better finish as it doesn't leave a hole in the middle. See www.planetjune.com/magicring for instructions. If you prefer, you may substitute:

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

for: Make a magic ring, ch 1. Rnd 1: 6 sc in magic ring. (6 st)

Notes

- Do not join at the end of each round; rounds are worked in continuous spirals.
- Use a stitch marker to mark the beginning of each round. Move the marker up each time you start a new round.

Colour code

A white yarn (used throughout unless otherwise specified)

B brown yarn

Head

worked from top of head to neck

With **A**, make a magic ring, ch 1.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in magic ring. (6 st)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around as follows: **2A, 4B, 2A, 4B**. (12 st)

Rnd 3: **A**: 2 sc in next st, sc in next st,
B: (2 sc in next st, sc in next st) twice, sc in **same** st,
A: sc in next 2 st,
B: (2 sc in next st, sc in next st) twice. (18 st)

Rnd 4: **B**: sc in next st,
A: sc in **same** st, sc in next 3 st,
B: sc in **same** st, (sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) twice,
A: sc in next 2 st,
B: (2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 st) twice. (24 st)

Rnds 5-6: sc in each st around as follows: **1B, 4A, 9B, 2A, 8B**. (24 st)

Rnds 7-8: sc in each st around as follows: **1B, 5A, 8B, 2A, 8B**. (24 st)

Rnd 9: sc in each st around as follows: **7A, 7B, 2A, 7B, 1A**. (24 st)

Rnd 10: sc in each st around as follows: **8A, 6B, 2A, 6B, 2A**. (24 st)

Rnd 11: With **A**, (sc in next 2 st, sc2tog) six times. (18 st)

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

Rnd 13: sc in each st around. (12 st)

Join with sl st to next st. Fasten off, leaving long end of yarn to attach head to body.

Muzzle

With **A**, make a magic ring, ch 1.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in magic ring. (6 st)

Rnd 2: (2 sc in next st, sc in next st) three times. (9 st)

Rnd 3: (2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 st) three times. (12 st)

Rnd 4: sc in each st around. (12 st)

Rnd 5: sc in each st around as follows: **1A, 4B, 2A, 4B, 1A**. (12 st)

Join with sl st to next st. Fasten off, leaving long end of each yarn to attach muzzle to head.

Ear (make 2)

With **B**, make a magic ring, ch 1.

Rnd 1: 4 sc in magic ring. (4 st)

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

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

Rnd 4: (2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 st) twice. (10 st)

Rnds 5-9: sc in each st around. (10 st)

Join with sl st to next st. Fasten off, leaving long end of yarn to attach ear to head.

Tail

With **A**, make a magic ring, ch 1.

Rnd 1: 4 sc in magic ring. (4 st)

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

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

Rnd 4: sc in each st around. (5 st)

Rnd 5: 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 st. (6 st)

Rnds 6-7: With **B**, sc in each st around. (6 st)

Join with sl st to next st. Fasten off, leaving long end of yarn to attach tail to body.

Body

worked from neck back

With **A**, make a magic ring, ch 1.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in magic ring. (6 st)

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

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

Rnd 4: (2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 st) three times. (21 st)

Rnds 5-13: sc in each st around. (21 st)

Rnd 14: sc in next 5 st, sc2tog, (sc in next 3 st, sc2tog) twice, sc in next 4 st. (18 st)

Rnds 15-18: sc in each st around. (18 st)

Rnds 19-20: sc in each st around as follows: 5**B**, 13**A**. (18 st)

Rnd 21: **B**: sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog,

A: sc in next st, (sc2tog, sc in next st) four times. (12 st).

Stuff body through hole.

Rnd 22: With **A**, (sc2tog) six times. (6 st). Fasten off and weave in ends.

Front Leg (make 2)

worked from paw up

With **A**, make a magic ring, ch 1.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in magic ring. (6 st)

Rnds 2-6: sc in each st around. (6 st)

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

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

Join with sl st to next st. Fasten off, leaving long end of yarn to attach leg to body.

Back Leg (make 2)

worked from paw up

With A, make a magic ring, ch 1.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in magic ring. (6 st)

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

Rnds 3-6: sc in each st around. (6 st)

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

Rnds 8-9 : sc in each st around. (8 st)

Join with sl st to next st. Fasten off, leaving long end of yarn to attach leg to body.

Finishing

Tip for using animal (safety) eyes

I like to stuff the head and attach the muzzle before positioning the eyes, to make sure the eyes will be positioned to give the cutest expression. To do this, stuff the head and sew on the muzzle (see below), position the eyes, then remove the stuffing from the head so that you can attach the backs of the eyes inside the head. Now replace the head stuffing and the eyes will be exactly where you intended them to be.

Stuff head through hole. Stuff the muzzle and position it at the front of the head, lining up the white centre of the face with the white stitches on the muzzle. The bottom of the muzzle should be just below the bottom of the brown face patches (Figure 1). Using a yarn needle and the long yarn ends from the muzzle, sew the muzzle to the head all around the open end of the muzzle, changing colour where necessary so the white areas are sewn with the white yarn, and the brown areas with the brown yarn.



Figure 1: Position of muzzle



Figure 2: Position of nose. Arrow marks centre of magic ring; base of nose is one stitch **above** the centre

Attach eyes (see *Tip for using animal (safety) eyes*, above). Using a yarn needle and a length of black yarn, embroider the nose at the tip of the muzzle. The first stitch should be made vertically from one stitch **above** the centre of the muzzle's magic ring to one stitch directly above that (Figure 2). Make several more vertical stitches to each side of your initial stitch, until the nose looks large enough and there are no gaps between the stitches.

Flatten the ears and position them at either side of the head with the open end at the bottom, so the ears are sticking up and outwards (Figure 1). The base of each ear should be near the back edge of each brown patch on the head (Figure 2). Using a yarn needle and the long yarn end from each ear, sew the open end of each ear to the head.



Figure 1: Initial position of ears (front view)



Figure 2: Initial position of ears (back view)

Fold one ear forward so it points downward in a triangular shape, and the point lies close to the eye (Figure 3). To keep the ear fold in place, use a yarn needle and a short length of the brown yarn to make a couple of stitches through the ear from back to front, making sure to catch the ear on each side of the fold with each stitch (Figure 4). Knot the two ends of the yarn together, and weave in the ends.

Repeat this process for the second ear.



Figure 3: Fold ear forward and down into a triangular shape



Figure 4: Stitch through the ear to keep the ear fold in place

Position the head so the neck opening rests on the top of the front of the body. Using a yarn needle and the long yarn end from the head, sew the head to the body all around the neck opening.

Tip for stuffing legs

It is vital that you stuff the legs firmly, otherwise they will not support the weight of the dog and will flop out of shape. The legs are narrow so it can be difficult to stuff them. The best way I have found is to use an implement that is the same width as the inside of the leg (e.g. try the wrong end of a pencil or wooden spoon) to force the fibrefill inside, a little at a time. Keep stuffing until the leg is **very** firm and solid.

Stuff front legs firmly, then position them at the front of the body. They should be as upright as possible to support the weight of the dog without splaying outwards too much. When they are in the desired position, sew each leg to the body all around the open end of the leg.

Stuff back legs firmly, then position them at the back of the body. The legs should be positioned to support the weight of the dog without splaying outwards too much. When they are in the desired position, sew each leg to the body all around the open end of the leg.

Stuff the tail lightly. Position the tail over the brown patch at the back of the body, pointing upwards (see cover photos for reference). Using a yarn needle and the long brown yarn end from the tail, sew the tail to the body all around the open end of the tail.

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