

Happy Hippo the Hippopotamus Toy



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MATERIALS:

• **Red Heart Super Saver Yarn:** 100% acrylic;  7oz/198g; 364yd/333m. Weight category: 4/ Worsted.
Qty: Main color - 1 ball; secondary colors - small amount (list of colors is on page 2).

- Sewing needle with large eye
- Polyester stuffing
- 30 mm animal joints or 2 large buttons.

HOOKS: 3.75 mm (F) & 3.25 mm (D)

GAUGE: 8 dc X 3 rows = 2" X 2" (5 X 5 cm)

SIZE: Approx 21" (53.5 cm) tall.



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ABBREVIATIONS: (US TERMS)

Ch	Chain
Sc	Single crochet
Dc	Double crochet
Hdc	Half double crochet
St (s)	Stitch(es)
Sp	Space
Sl st	Slip stitch
Sc2tog	Single crochet 2 together
Bpsc	Back post single crochet
MC	Main color (341 - Light Grey, Red Heart Super Saver Yarn)
PC	Petal Pink - 373, Red Heart Super Saver Yarn
HC	Shocking Pink - 718, Red Heart Super Saver Yarn
WC	White - 311, Red Heart Super Saver Yarn
BC	Black - any DK or light worsted weight yarn
RS	Right side (outside of the item)
WS	Wrong side (inside of the item)
Ea	Each
Beg	Beginning
Yo	Yarn over
Cont	Continue
Mo	Month(s)
Yrs	Years
Tog	Together
Pcs	Pieces
Rep	Repeat
Lp(s)	Loop(s)
Approx	Approximately
()	Parentheses are used in explanation
[]	Work instructions within brackets as many times as directed

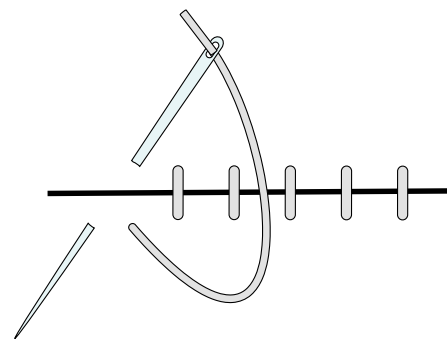
DIAGRAM KEY

I	Single Crochet (Sc)
×	2 Sc in same space
∨	Half double crochet (Hdc)
⊥	Double crochet (Dc)
○	Magic loop
●	Slip Stitch (Sl st)
○	Chain (Ch)
➤	Direction indicator

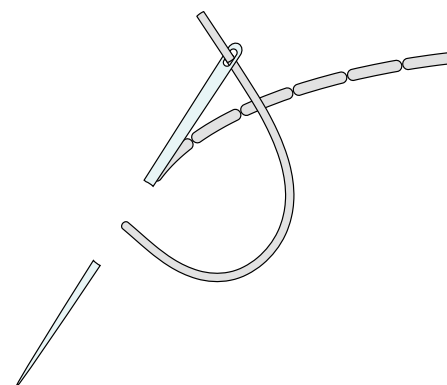
SPECIAL STITCHES:

- **Sc2tog** – [Insert hook in next stitch, yo and pull up lp] twice; yo and draw through all 3 lps on hook (1 st decreased).
- **Bpsc** – Back post single crochet: Insert hook from back to front to back around post of st below, yo and pull up a lp, yo and pull yarn through both lps on hook.

• Whip Stitch



• Back Stitch



HEAD (Make 1) :

Work in continuous rounds with **MC**, using hook 3.75 mm (F). Do not join rnds; use stitch marker or contrast yarn to mark beg of ea rnd. DO NOT stuff.

To begin: ch 2; 6 sc in second ch from hook, do not join = 6 sts (or start with a magic loop and 6 sc in the loop)

Rnd 1: work sc in first st of beg rnd; [2 sc in next st] 5 times = 11 sts

Rnd 2: 2 sc in ea sc around = 22 sts

Rnd 3: work sc in ea st around = 22 sts

Rnd 4: [sc in next st; 2 sc in next st] 11 times = 33 sts

Rnd 5: work sc in ea st around = 33 sts

Rnd 6: [sc in ea of next 2 sts; 2 sc in next st] 11 times = 44 sts

Rnd 7-11: work sc in ea st around = 44 sts

Rnd 12: [sc in ea of next 3 sts; 2 sc in next st] 11 times = 55 sts

Rnd 13: work sc in ea st around = 55 sts

Rnd 14: [sc in ea of next 4 sts; 2 sc in next st] 11 times = 66 sts

Rnd 15-18: work sc in ea st around = 66 sts

Rnd 19: [sc in ea of next 4 sts; next sc2tog] 11 times = 55 sts

Rnd 20: work sc in ea st around = 55 sts

Rnd 21: [sc in ea of next 3 sts; next sc2tog] 11 times = 44 sts

Rnd 22 : work sc in ea st around = 44 sts

Rnd 23: [sc in ea of next 2 sts; next sc2tog] 11 times = 33 sts

Rnd 24: work sc in ea st around = 33 sts

Rnd 25: [sc in next st; next sc2tog] 11 times = 22 sts

Sl st in next st; fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Do not stuff the head yet.

MUZZLE: (Make 1)

Work with **MC** and crochet hook 3.75 mm (F) in rounds, starting around foundation chain (Diagram 1).

To begin: ch 16 - last ch counts as beg ch of first rnd.

Rnd 1: sc in second ch from hook; sc in ea of next 13 chs; 3 sc in last ch; do not turn, cont working on opposite side of the ch: sc in ea of next 13 chs ; 2 sc in last ch; join with sl st to beg ch = 32 sts

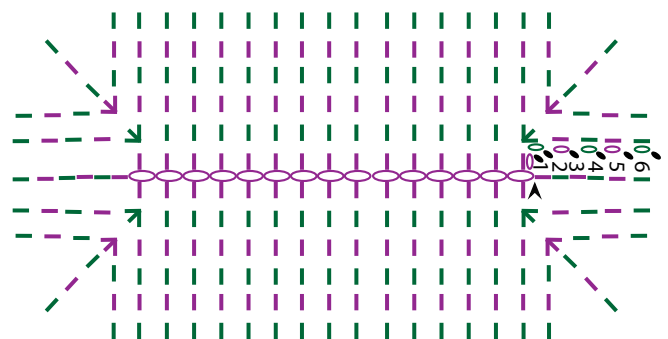
Rnd 2: ch 1; 3 sc in first st; sc in ea of next 13 sts; 3 sc in next st; sc in next st; 3 sc in next st; sc in ea of next 13 sts; 3 sc in next st; sc in last st; join with sl st to beg ch = 40 sts

Rnd 3: ch 1; sc in first st; 3 sc in next st; sc in ea of next 15 sts; 3 sc in next st; sc in ea of next 15 sts; 3 sc in next st; sc in ea of last 2 sts; join with sl st to beg ch = 48 sts

Rnd 4-6: ch 1; sc in ea st around; join with sl st to beg ch = 48 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Diagram 1



NOSTRILS: (Make 2)

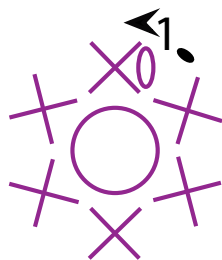
Work in the round with **PC** and hook 3.75 mm (F) (Diagram 2).

To begin: ch 3; join ch with a sl st to form a ring (or start with a magic loop)

Rnd 1: ch 1; work 6 sc into ring; join with sl st to beg ch = 6 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Diagram 2



TEETH: (Make 2)

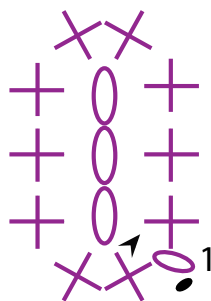
Work with **WC** and crochet hook 3.75 mm (F) (Diagram 3).

To begin: ch 4 - last ch counts as beg ch of first rnd.

Rnd 1: sc in second ch from hook; sc in next ch; 4 sc in last st; do not turn, cont working rnd on opposite side of the chain: sc in next ch; 3 sc in last ch; join with sl st to beg ch = 10 sts.

Fasten Off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Diagram 3



EYES: (Make 2 of ea)

Outer Eye:

Work with **WC** and crochet hook 3.75 mm (F) (Diagram 4).

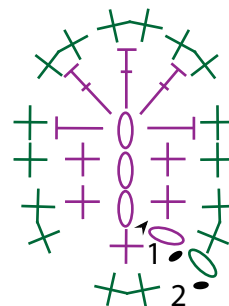
To begin: ch 4 - last ch counts as beg ch of first rnd.

Rnd 1: sc in second ch from hook; sc in next ch; (hdc; 3 dc; hdc) in last ch; cont working rnd on opposite side of the ch: sc in next ch; 2 sc in last ch; join with sl st to beg ch = 10 sts

Rnd 2: ch 1; 2 sc in first st; sc in ea of next 2 sts; 2 sc in ea of next 3 sts; sc in ea of next 2 sts; 2 sc in ea of last 2 sts; join with sl st to beg ch = 16 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Diagram 4



Pupils:

Work in the same manner as **NOSTRILS**, but using **BC** and hook 3.25 mm (D) (Diagram 2). Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Stitch a twinkle with **WC**.

- Sew pupils to the outer eyes with back st using **BC**.



EARS: (Make 2 of ea)

Diagram 5.

Front Piece:

Work with **PC** and crochet hook 3.75 mm (F).

To begin: ch 3; join ch with a sl st to form a ring (or start with a magic loop)

Row 1: ch 1; work 6 sc into ring; do not join; turn to next row = 6 sts

Row 2: ch 1; work 2 sc in ea st across; ch 1; turn = 12 sts

Row 3: ch 1; [sc in next st; 2 sc in next st] 6 times = 18 sts
Fasten off.

Back Piece:

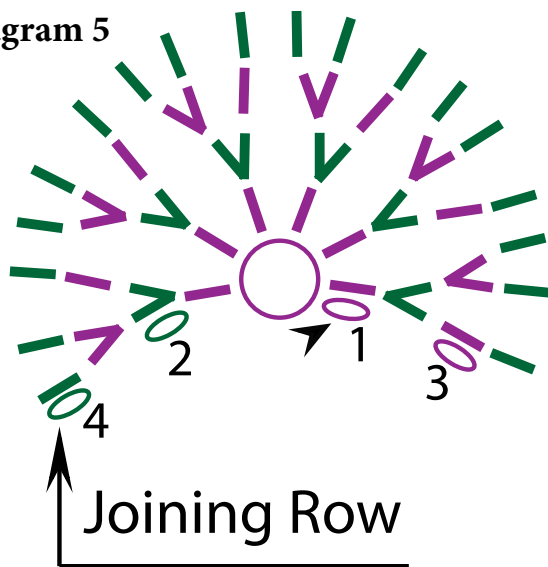
Work with **MC** in the same manner as front piece, but do not fasten off after row 3. Cont to work joining **Row 4** with **MC**.

Joining Back and Front pieces:

Place the front piece on the top of the back piece of the ear and join 2 pcs together with **MC** as follows:

Row 4: ch 1; sc through ea st across = 18 sst
Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Diagram 5



- Join front and back pieces with sc using **MC**.



- Fold ea ear in half and stitch bottom edge tog to hold the shape of hippo ears.



BOW: (Make 1, optional)

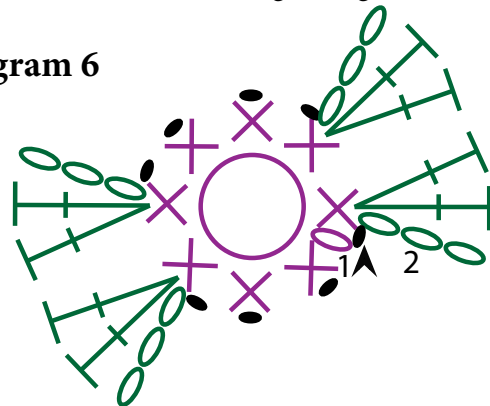
Work with **HC** and crochet hook 3.75 mm (F) (Diagram 6).

To begin: ch 3; join ch with a sl st to form a ring (or start with a magic loop)

Rnd 1: ch 1; work 8 sc into ring; join with sl st to beg ch = 8 sts

Rnd 2: (ch 3; 2 dc) in very first st; (2 dc, ch 3, sl st) in next st; sl st in ea of next 2 sts; (sl st, ch 3, 2 dc) in next st; (2 dc, ch 3, sl st) in next st; sl st in ea of next 2 sts; sl st in base of very first st. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Diagram 6



BODY (Make 1) :

Work in rnds with **MC**, using hook 3.75 mm (F).
Stuff as you go.

To begin: ch 13 - last ch counts as beg ch of first rnd.
Work around ch:

Rnd 1: sc in second ch from hook; sc in ea of next 10 chs; 3 sc in last ch; cont working rnd on opposite side of the chain: sc in ea of next 10 chs; 2 sc in last ch; join with sl st to beg ch = 26 sts

Rnd 2: ch 1; 2 sc in first st; sc in ea of next 10 sts; 2 sc in ea of next 3 sts; sc in ea of next 10 sts; 2 sc in ea of last 2 sts; join with sl st to beg ch = 32 sts

Rnd 3: ch 1; sc in first st; 2 sc in next st; sc in ea of next 10 sts; [sc in next st; 2 sc in next st] 3 times; sc in ea of next 10 sts; [sc in next st; 2 sc in next st] 2 times; join with sl st to beg ch = 38 sts

Rnd 4: ch 1; sc in ea of first 2 sts; 2 sc in next st; sc in ea of next 10 sts; [sc in ea of next 2 sts; 2 sc in next st] 3 times; sc in ea of next 10 sts; [sc in ea of next 2 sts; 2 sc in next st] 2 times; join with sl st to beg ch = 44 sts

Rnd 5: ch 1; [sc in next st; 2 sc in next st] 22 times, do not join = 66 sc sts

Now work in continuous rnds, do not join after ea rnd. Use stitch marker or contrast yarn to mark beg of ea rnd.

Rnd 6 : work sc in first st of previous rnd; sc in ea of next 65 sts = 66 sts

Rnd 7-20 : work sc in ea st around = 66 sts

Rnd 21: [sc in ea of next 4 sts; next sc2tog] 11 times = 55 sts

Rnd 22-25: sc in ea st around = 55 sts

Rnd 26: [sc in ea of next 3 sts; next sc2tog] 11 times = 44 sts

Rnd 27-30: sc in ea st around = 44 sc sts

Rnd 31: [sc in ea of next 2 sts; next sc2tog] 11 times = 33 sts

Rnd 32-35: sc in ea st around = 33 sc sts

Rnd 36: [sc in next st; next sc2tog] 11 times = 22 sts. Fasten off.

LEGS (Make 2) :

Work in rnds with **MC** from the bottom up, using hook 3.75 mm (F). Stuff as you go.

To begin: ch 3; join ch with a sl st to form a ring (or start with a magic loop)

Rnd 1: ch 1; work 6 sc into ring; join with sl st to beg ch = 6 sts

Rnd 2: ch 1; work 2 sc in ea st around; join with sl st to beg ch = 12 sts

Rnd 3: ch 1; work 2 sc in ea st around; join with sl st to beg ch = 24 sts

Rnd 4: ch 1; work sc in ea st around; join with sl st to beg ch = 24 sc sts

Rnd 5: ch 1; sc in first st; 2 sc in next st; [sc in next st; 2 sc in next st] 11 times; join with sl st to beg ch = 36 sts

Rnd 6: ch 1; work bpsc in ea st around; join with sl st to beg ch = 36 bpsc sts

Now work in continuous rnds, do not join after ea rnd. Use stitch marker or contrast yarn to mark beg of ea rnd.

Rnd 7 : work sc in first st of previous rnd; sc in ea of next 35 sts = 36 sts

Rnd 8-12 : work sc in ea st around = 36 sts

Rnd 13: [sc in next st; next sc2tog] 12 times = 24 sts

Rnd 14-15 : work sc in ea st around = 24 sts

Rnd 16: [sc in ea of next 2 sts; next sc2tog] 6 times = 18 sts

Rnd 17-35 : work sc in ea st around = 18 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.



ARMS (Make 2) :

Work in continuous rounds with **MC**, using hook 3.75 mm (F). Do not join rnds; use stitch marker or contrast yarn to mark beg of ea rnd. Stuff as you go.

To begin: ch 3; join ch with a sl st to form a ring (or start with a magic loop)

Rnd 1: ch 1; work 6 sc into ring; do not join = 6 sts

Rnd 2: work 2 sc in first st of beg rnd; 2 sc ea of next 5 sts = 12 sts

Rnd 3: work 2 sc in ea st around = 24 sts

Rnd 4-9: work sc in ea st around = 24 sc sts

Rnd 10: [sc in ea of next 2 sts; next sc2tog] 6 times = 18 sts

Rnd 11-33 : work sc in ea st around = 18 sts

Rnd 34: work [sc2tog] 9 times = 9 sts

Do not break yarn, insert 30 mm disk with shank into connection spot of the arm from inside out, approx 4 rnds below, and cont to work next rnd.

NOTE: If you are going to use buttons for joining, just cont working next rnd.



Rnd 35: work [sc2tog] 4 times; [skip st; sl st in next st] twice; fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. Sew opening and hide the end inside of the arm.

FINISHING:

- Sew nostrils to the muzzle with back stitch using **PC**.



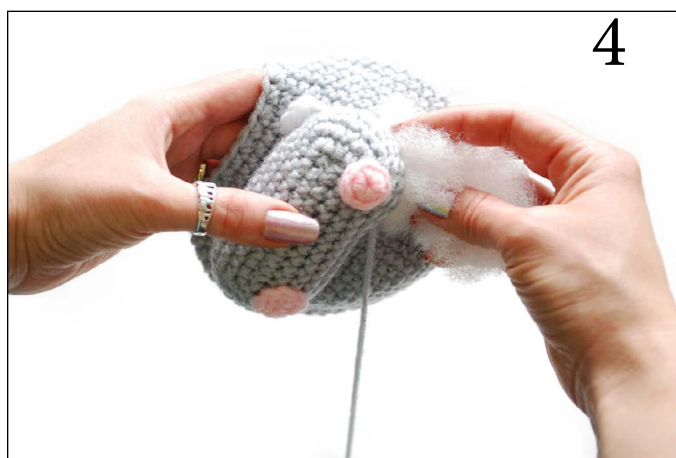
- Place 2 teeth on the head, approx 1 rnd above the neck edge and 2" (5 cm) sp between the teeth. Sew teeth across top edge, leaving bottom edge of teeth unattached.



- Sew the muzzle to the head with whip stitch, covering top edge of the teeth. Leave some space at the end for stuffing.



- Stuff muzzle and complete sewing.



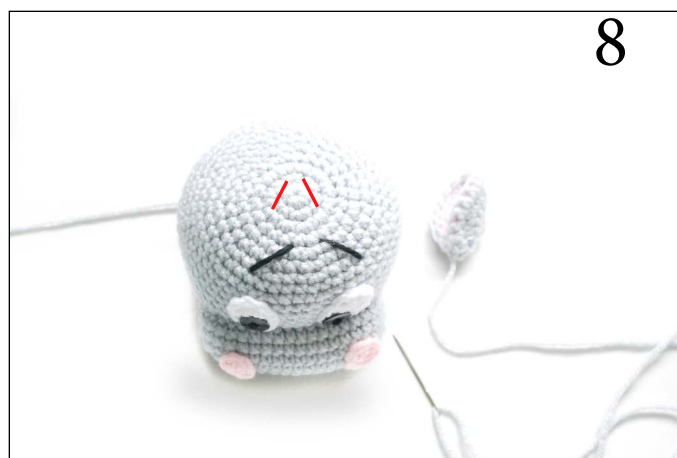
- Stuff the head with polyester stuffing.



- Sew outer eyes to the head with whip stitch.



- Place ears to the top of the head to find the best placement.



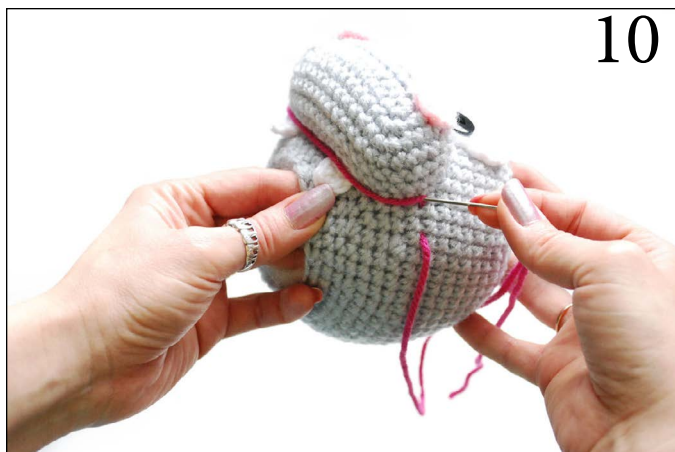
- Straight st eyebrows with BC.



- Sew ears to the head with whip stitch around bottom edge of the ears.



- Using **HC** , stitch a smile with a long straight st under the muzzle and short straight sts on ea side of the muzzle.

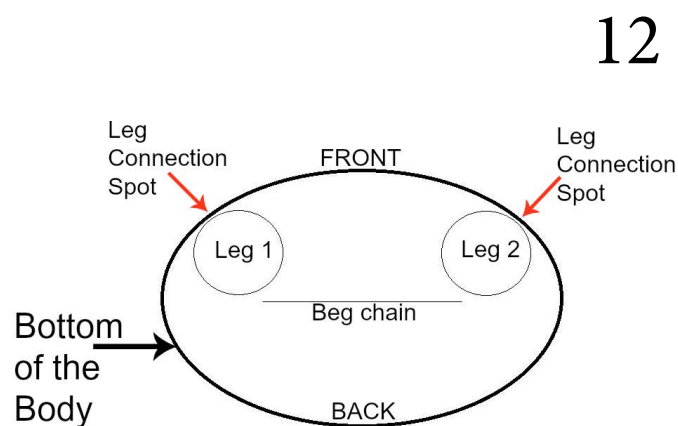


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- Sew legs to the bottom of the body with whip st, placing them slightly towards the front side of the body as shown in the picture 12.

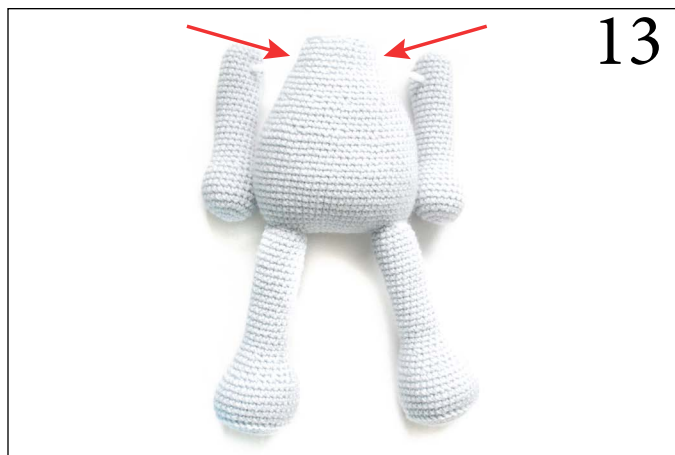


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- Mark arm connection spots on ea side of the body (approx 4 rnds below the neck edge).



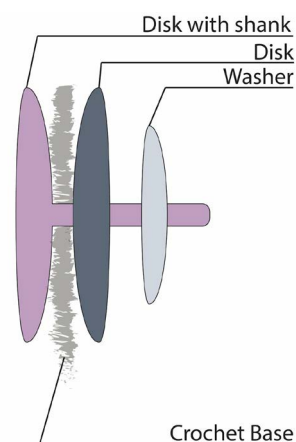
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- **BUTTON JOINING:** Join arms to the body using large buttons as joining elements to make arms rotatable. Sew the button through the arm to the body, sandwiching the arm between the body and the button.

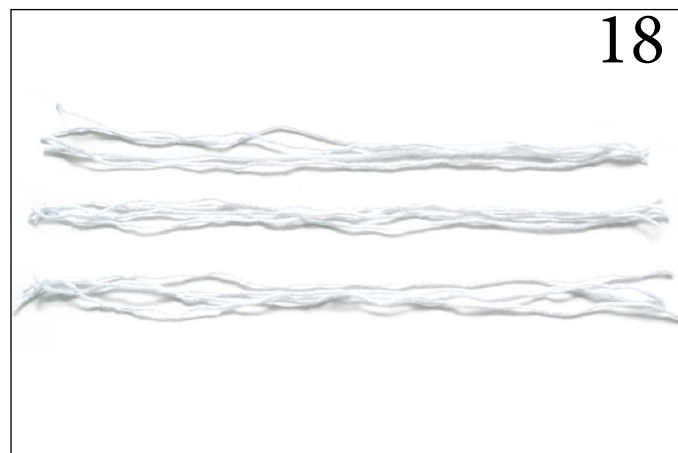


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- **DISC JOINING:** insert the shank from the arm into the body, and complete installation inside of the body using washer and disk as shown in pictures 15 & 16 on page 10.



- Prepare 3 bundles of yarn for the tail, with 5 strands in ea bundle (approx 12" (30 cm) long).



- Using crochet hook, pull 3 groups through the sts at the bottom back of the body and fold them in the middle. Braid yarn, secure and then trim the ends.



- Sew the head to the body with whip st around the neck edge. Hide the end inside of the body.

- Sew the bow at the top of the tail (optional).



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