

Happy Hippo the Hippopotamus Snuggle Blanky



MATERIALS:

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

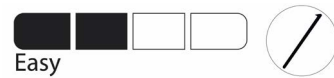
- Sewing needle with large eye
- Polyester stuffing

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

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

SIZE:

Approx 16" (40.5 cm) from ears down to the bottom edge, and 22" (51 cm) in diameter.



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ABBREVIATIONS: (US TERMS)

Ch	Chain
Sc	Single crochet
St (s)	Stitch(es)
Sp	Space
Sl st	Slip stitch
Sc2tog	Single crochet 2 together
SS	Small Shell: work (2 dc; ch 3; 2 dc) in same space
LS	Large Shell: work (3 dc; ch 3; 3 dc) in same space
MC	Main color (Grey - 3150, Red Heart Comfort 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
Lp(s)	Loop(s)
Rep	Repeat
Approx	Approximately
()	Parentheses are used in explanation
[]	Work instructions within brackets as many times as directed

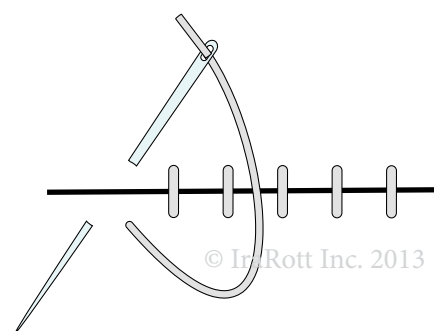
DIAGRAM KEY

I X	Single Crochet (Sc)
V	2 Sc in same space
^	Single crochet 2 tog (sc2tog)
o	Picot
T	Half double crochet (Hdc)
T	Double crochet (Dc)
3	Small Shell (SS) - work (2 dc; ch 3; 2 dc) in same sp
3	Large Shell (LS) - work (3 dc; ch 3; 3 dc) in same sp
o	Magic loop
o	Slip Stitch (Sl st)
o	Chain (Ch)
>	Direction indicator

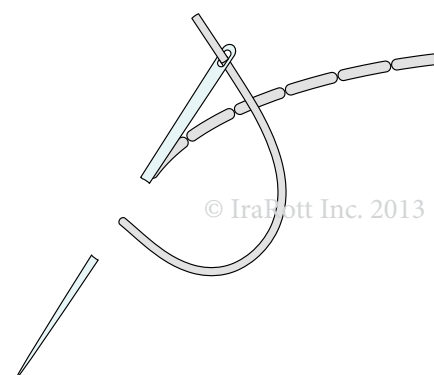
SPECIAL STITCHES:

- **Sc2tog** – [Insert hook in next stitch, yo and pull up lp] twice; yo and draw through all 3 lps on hook (1 st decreased).
- **Shell over shell** – means make a shell in ch sp in the middle of the shell below.
- **Picot**: Ch 3; insert hook between front and back lps of previous sc; yo; pull through all lps on the hook.

• Whip Stitch



• Back Stitch



BLANKET (Make 1) :

Work in rounds using crochet hook 3.75 mm (F). Start with **MC** and work from beg to rnd 5, then change to **WC** and cont to work changing colors in every round up to rnd 15 (do not break yarn after every color change). Change to **PC** after rnd 15 and work last rnd with **PC** (Diagram 1).

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

Rnd 1: ch 1; work 10 sc into ring; join with sl st to beg ch = 10 sts

Rnd 2: ch 1; work 2 sc in ea st around; join with sl st to beg ch = 20 sts

Rnd 3: ch 1; work sc in ea st around; join with sl st to beg ch = 20 sts

Rnd 4: ch 1; sc in first st; 2 sc in next st; [sc in next st; 2 sc in next st] 9 times ; join with sl st to beg ch = 30 sts

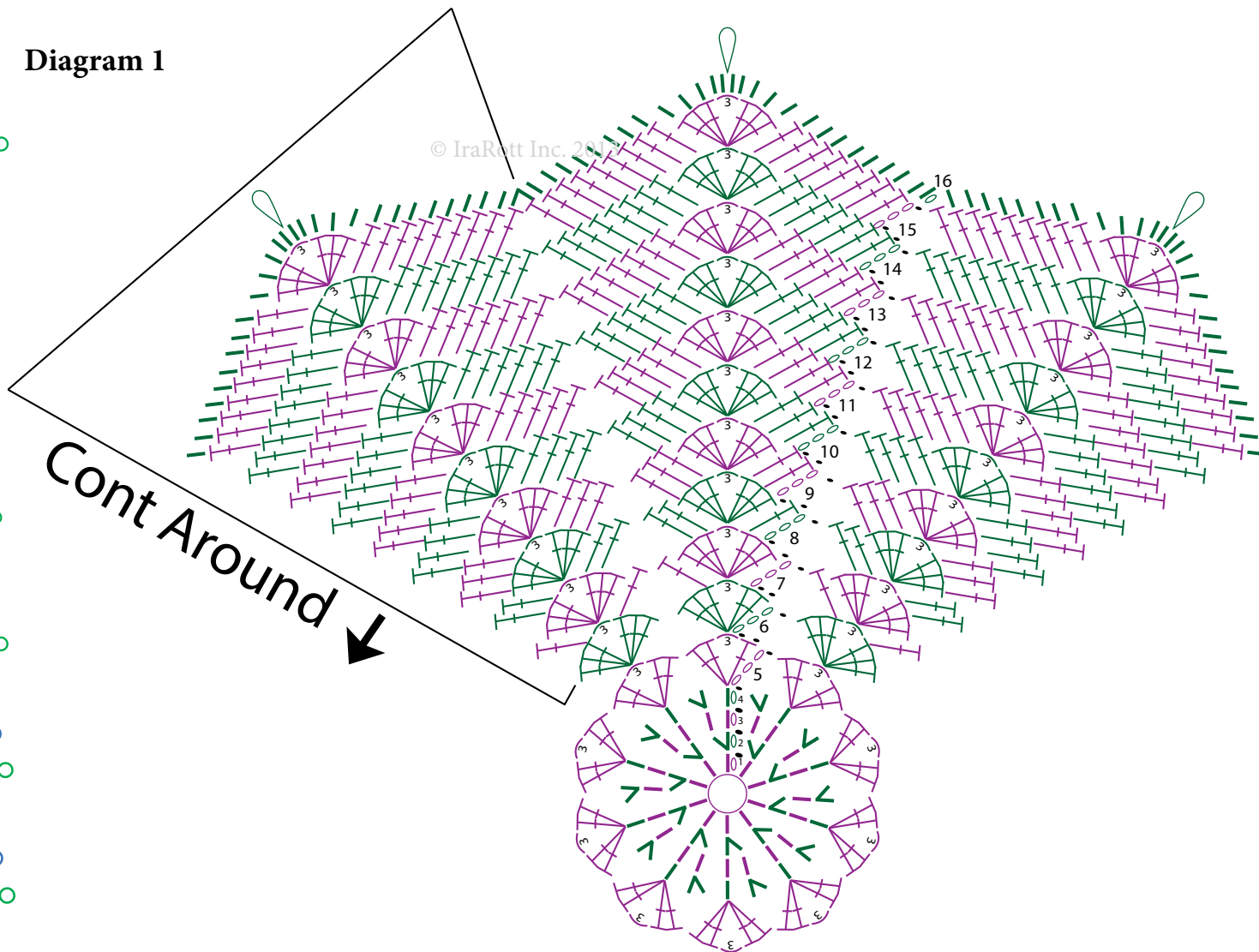
Rnd 5: ch 3 (counts as dc); (dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in same very first st; [skip 2 sts; SS in next st] 9 times; join with sl st to top of beg ch 3 = 10 shells

Sl st in next st; sl st in first ch of next ch 3 sp; change to **WC**, but do not break **MC**. Cont to change colors in every rnd up to rnd 15 (do not break yarn after every color change).

Rnd 6: ch 3 (counts as dc); (2 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in same ch 3 sp; [LS over next shell] 9 times; join with sl st to top of beg ch 3; sl st in ea of next 2 sts; change color = 10 LS sts

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Diagram 1



Rnd 7: ch 3 (counts as dc); LS in first ch 3 sp; dc in next st; [skip 4 dc; dc in next st; LS in next ch 3 sp; dc in next st] 9 times; skip last 4 dc; join with sl st to top of beg ch 3; sl st in ea of next 2 sts; change color = 80 dc sts

Rnd 8: ch 3 (counts as dc); dc in next st; LS in next ch 3 sp; dc in ea of next 2 sts; [skip 4 dc; dc in ea of next 2 sts; LS in next ch 3 sp; dc in ea of next 2 sts] 9 times; skip last 4 dc; join with sl st to top of beg ch 3; sl st in ea of next 2 sts; change color = 100 dc sts

Rnd 9: ch 3 (counts as dc); dc in ea of next 2 st; LS in next ch 3 sp; dc in ea of next 3 sts; [skip 4 dc; dc in ea of next 3 sts; LS in next ch 3 sp; dc in ea of next 3 sts] 9 times; skip last 4 dc; join with sl st to top of beg ch 3; sl st in ea of next 2 sts; change color = 120 dc sts

Rnd 10: ch 3 (counts as dc); dc in ea of next 3 st; LS in next ch 3 sp; dc in ea of next 4 sts; [skip 4 dc; dc in ea of next 4 sts; LS in next ch 3 sp; dc in ea of next 4 sts] 9 times; skip last 4 dc; join with sl st to top of beg ch 3; sl st in ea of next 2 sts; change color = 140 dc sts

Rnd 11: ch 3 (counts as dc); dc in ea of next 4 st; LS in next ch 3 sp; dc in ea of next 5 sts; [skip 4 dc; dc in ea of next 5 sts; LS in next ch 3 sp; dc in ea of next 5 sts] 9 times; skip last 4 dc; join with sl st to top of beg ch 3; sl st in ea of next 2 sts; change color = 160 dc sts

Rnd 12: ch 3 (counts as dc); dc in ea of next 5 st; LS in next ch 3 sp; dc in ea of next 6 sts; [skip 4 dc; dc in ea of next 6 sts; LS in next ch 3 sp; dc in ea of next 6 sts] 9 times; skip last 4 dc; join with sl st to top of beg ch 3; sl st in ea of next 2 sts; change color = 180 dc sts

Rnd 13: ch 3 (counts as dc); dc in ea of next 6 st; LS in next ch 3 sp; dc in ea of next 7 sts; [skip 4 dc; dc in ea of next 7 sts; LS in next ch 3 sp; dc in ea of next 7 sts] 9 times; skip last 4 dc; join with sl st to top of beg ch 3; sl st in ea of next 2 sts; change color = 200 dc sts

Rnd 14: ch 3 (counts as dc); dc in ea of next 7 st; LS in next ch 3 sp; dc in ea of next 8 sts; [skip 4 dc; dc in ea of next 8 sts; LS in next ch 3 sp; dc in ea of next 8 sts] 9 times; skip last 4 dc; join with sl st to top of beg ch 3; sl st in ea of next 2 sts; change color = 220 dc sts

Rnd 15: ch 3 (counts as dc); dc in ea of next 8 st; LS in next ch 3 sp; dc in ea of next 9 sts; [skip 4 dc; dc in ea of next 9 sts; LS in next ch 3 sp; dc in ea of next 9 sts] 9 times; skip last 4 dc; join with sl st to top of beg ch 3 = 240 dc sts
Break **WC** and **MC**, join **PC** and cont to work next rnd:

Rnd 16: ch 1; sc in ea of first 12 sts; (2 sc; picot; 2 sc) in next ch 3 sp; sc in ea of next 11 sts; [next sc2tog; sc in ea of next 11 sts; (2 sc; picot; 2 sc) in next ch 3 sp; sc in ea of next 11 sts] 9 times; skip last st; join with sl st to beg ch = 270 sc sts & 10 picots
Fasten off, weave in all the ends.

ARMS (Make 2) :

Work in continuous rnds 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 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: 2 sc in first st of beg rnd; [2 sc in next st] 5 times = 12 sts

Rnd 2: [sc in next st; 2 sc in next st] 6 times = 18 sts

Rnd 3-7: work sc in ea st around = 18 sts

Rnd 8: work [next sc2tog] 9 times = 9 sts

Sl st in next st, fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. Holding opened edge flat, sew seam with whip st.



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: work sc in ea st around = 44 sts

Rnd 8: [sc in ea of next 3 sts; 2 sc in next st] 11 times = 55 sts

Rnd 9-16: work sc in ea st around = 55 sts

Rnd 17: [sc in ea of next 3 sts; next sc2tog] 11 times = 44 sts

Rnd 18 - 19: work sc in ea st around = 44 sts

Rnd 20: [sc in ea of next 2 sts; next sc2tog] 11 times = 33 sts

Rnd 21 - 22: work sc in ea st around = 33 sts

Rnd 23: [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 (Diagram 2).

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

Rnd 1: sc in second ch from hook; sc in ea of next 10 chs; 3 sc in last ch; do not turn, cont working on opposite side of the ch: sc in ea of next 10 chs; 2 sc in last ch; join with sl st to beg ch = 26 sts

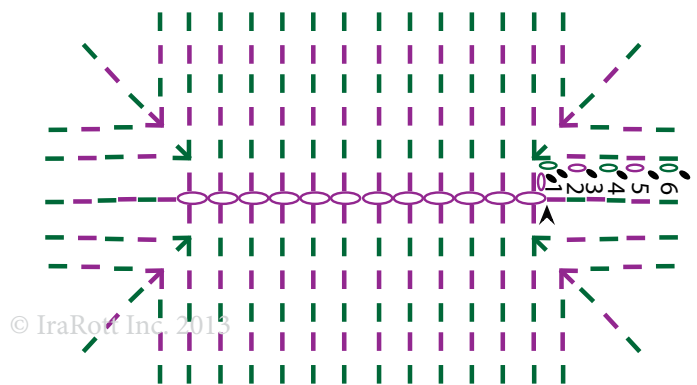
Rnd 2: ch 1; 3 sc in first st; sc in ea of next 10 sts; 3 sc in next st; sc in next st; 3 sc in next st; sc in ea of next 10 sts; 3 sc in next st; sc in last st; join with sl st to beg ch = 34 sts

Rnd 3: ch 1; sc in first st; 3 sc in next st; sc in ea of next 12 sts; 3 sc in next st; sc in ea of next 3 sts; 3 sc in next st; sc in ea of next 12 sts; 3 sc in next st; sc in ea of last 2 sts; join with sl st to beg ch = 42 sts

Rnd 4-6: ch 1; sc in ea st around; join with sl st to beg ch = 42 sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Diagram 2



NOSTRILS: (Make 2)

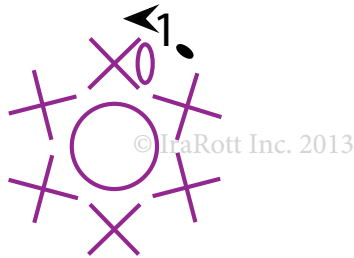
Work in the round with **PC** and hook 3.75 mm (F) (Diagram 3).

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 3



TEETH: (Make 2)

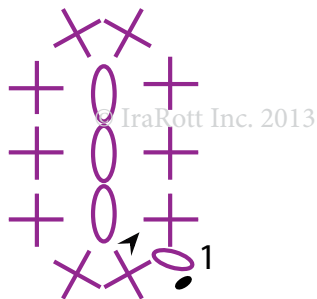
Work with **WC** and crochet hook 3.75 mm (F) (Diagram 4).

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; 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 4



EYES: (Make 2 of ea)

Outer Eye:

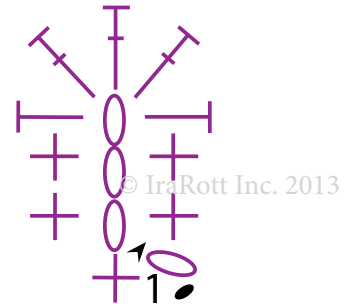
Work with **WC** and crochet hook 3.75 mm (F) (Diagram 5).

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

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Diagram 5



Pupils:

Work in the same manner as nostrils, but using **BC** and hook 3.25 mm (D) (Diagram 3). 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 6.

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:

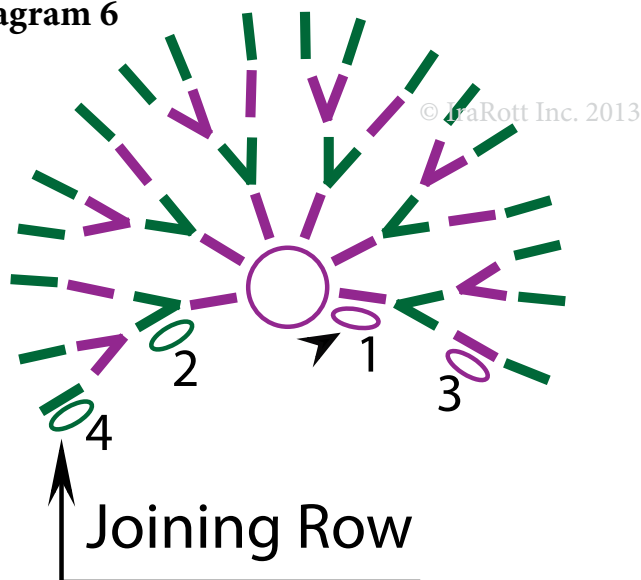
Work with **MC** in the same manner as front piece, but do not fasten off after row 3. Cont to work joining **Row 4** with **MC**.

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 st
Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Diagram 6



- 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)

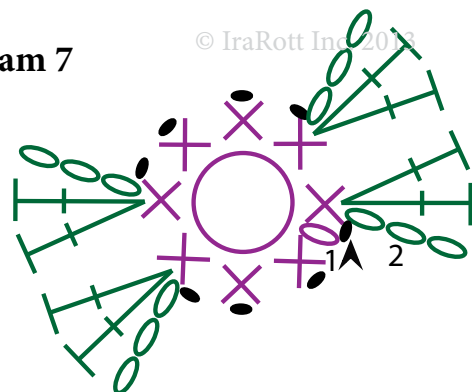
Work with **HC** and crochet hook 3.75 mm (F) (Diagram 7).

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 7



FINISHING:

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



- Place 2 teeth to the head, approx 1 rnd above the neck edge and 1.25" 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.



- Sew outer eyes to the head with whip stitch.



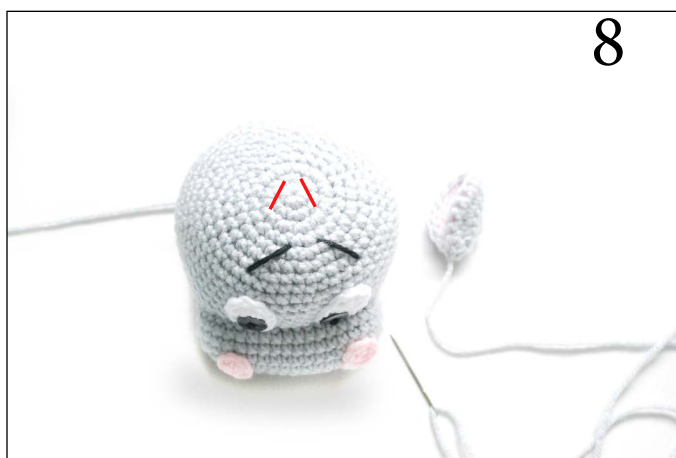
- Straight st eyebrows with BC.



- Stuff the head with polyester stuffing.



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



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



- Stitch the smile with **HC**.



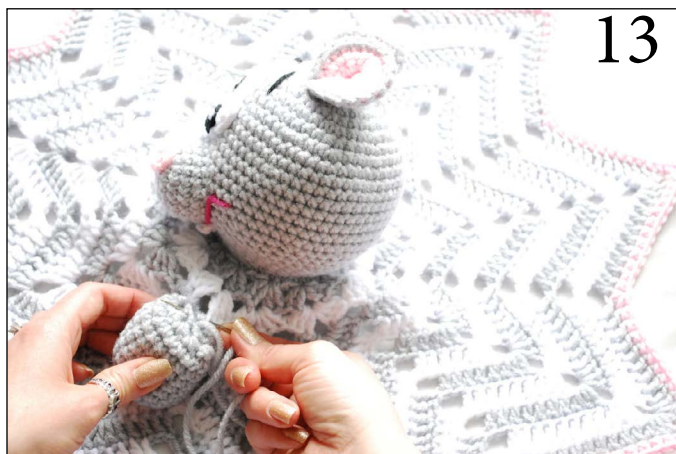
- Sew the head to the center of the body circle with back st around the neck.



- Place arms to the body to find the best placement (approx between rnd 7 and 8 of the body and 3 sectors between arms at the front).



- Sew arms to the body with whip stitch around bottom edge of arms.



- Sew the bow to the chest (optional).



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