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AMIGURUMI IS A JAPANESE WORD THAT TRANSLATES AS DOLLS THAT ARE EITHER KNIT OR CROCHET.

Crocheted amigurumi have something to offer everyone, from a baby's fascination with textured stuffed animals to an adult's love of whimsical crocheted creatures.

In *11 Free Crochet Amigurumi Patterns: Amigurumi Crochet with Crochet Me*, you will find the perfect pattern for any age. And once you finish your first amigurumi, you will be hooked.

Doug & Gordo Dolls by Kim Werker are true Canadians and love curling, hockey, poutine, and grits. These quick and cuddly dolls are created in single crochet worked with a chunky yarn. Work this pair for a small child in your life or set them on a shelf in your craft room for a touch of humor.

The **Dread Pirate Sam** by Amy J. Shimel appeals to the pirate lover in every little boy, and many adults as well. This pattern includes several pieces, from Sam's boots to his vest and hair, ensuring your crochet never becomes boring, and it might even lead to a bout of talking like a pirate.

Funky Stuffed Toys by Judith L. Swartz includes easy patterns for a simple cat and dog. These striped amigurumi are perfect stashbusting projects and are perfect for beginning crocheters.

Sir Stephen, the Bunny by Donna Childs was inspired by antique toys. Working up quickly in double crochet and a soft organic cotton, Sir Stephen makes a great baby-shower gift.

Bring a touch of enchantment into a child's life with **Frog Charming** by Toni Rexroat. I was inspired by the story of the frog prince who fetched the princess's favorite ball after it was lost down a well. This fun crocheted toy is perfect for a little boy or girl, a great project for any crocheter who loves amigurumi.

Ewenice McFleece by Christine Vitron is a wonderful combination of single crochet, double crochet, and double crochet thrumming. The easy thrummed body creates a wonderfully fluffy body. You can crochet an entire herd in a variety of shades.

Crochet a Lamb by Meg Grossman is based on a nineteenth-century Weldon's Practical Needlework pattern. This vintage lamb is created by encasing an armature of cotton batting wrapped with yarn with a crocheted fleece.

Hugo the Not So Hungry Hippo by Stacey Trock is the perfect pet for boys and girls of all ages. He loves snuggling and is always ready for an adventure. Worked entirely in single crochet, Hugo is also a great pattern for beginning crocheters.

Pucker the Goldfish by MK Lee presents a great opportunity to play with yarn size. Crochet him using a bulky yarn for a giant goldfish perfect for snuggling or work him in thread for a tiny figure perfect for creating your own dry aquarium.

Chiyo the Mouse by Mamta Motiyani is a creation of pure imagination. With crochet balloons ready to fly her away to her next adventure, she is ready to take you with her.

Little Joe by Brenda K. B. Anderson is the perfect best friend. He may be an amigurumi monster, but he has a big heart and an adorable grin. Create your own crochet amigurumi pal or make him for a special someone.

Amigurumi are great stash-busters, fun gifts, and fabulous crochet projects. Whether this is your first or your hundredth, we hope the amigurumi included in *11 Free Crochet Amigurumi Patterns: Amigurumi Crochet with Crochet Me* bring a smile and a touch of fun to your life.

Best wishes,



Toni Rexroat

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DOUG + GORDO DOLLS

design by Kim Werker

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I HAVE A SHORT ATTENTION SPAN, WHICH IS WHY MY FAVORITE THINGS TO CROCHET ARE SCARVES AND DOLLS. I can finish them up before I get bored and start thinking about the next thing I want to make. One is the loneliest number, so I had to make two. Also, I'm an American expat living in Canada and continue to be enamored with all things stereotypically Canadian. So these dolls are Canucks, through and through. Gordo and Doug like curling, peameal,

hockey, poutine, and—to the dismay of hosers—grits. With a luxe exoskeleton of bulky yarn crocheted on a small hook, these guys are terrific for cuddling or for just hanging around looking good.



Jeff Navarro

Finished Size: 13" (33 cm) high and 7" (18 cm) diameter at the base.

Yarn: Lion Brand Yarns Wool-Ease Thick & Quick (80% acrylic, 20% wool; 106 yd [97 m]/170 g; **6**). Gordo (blue): #106 sky blue (MC), #99 fisherman (CC1), #112 raspberry (CC2), 1 ball each. Doug (green): #132 lemongrass (MC), #99 fisherman (CC1), #133 pumpkin (CC2), 1 ball each.

Yarn substitution: About 100 yd (91 m) bulky-weight (Super Bulky **6**) yarn for MC and small amounts of bulky-weight yarn for contrast colors.

Hook: Size L/11 (8 mm) and size D/3 (3.25 mm) (optional). Change hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

Notions: Yarn needle; eyes; sewing needle; 1 yd (1 m) sewing thread; contrast yarn/thread for facial features; polyfill stuffing, 1 bag for each doll; 5 yd (5 m) size 10 white crochet thread (optional) for eyes.

Gauge: 10 sc and 10 rows = 4" (10 cm) with larger hook. Gauge is not critical in this pattern, but make sure your stitches are tight so the stuffing doesn't bleed through.

Skill Level: Easy.

Head

With MC, wrap yarn twice around the first two fingers of your nondominant hand, leaving a 2" (5 cm) tail (Figure 1). Remove the ring from your fingers, keeping hold of the tail to keep the ring intact. Insert larger hook through the center of the ring and pull up a lp (Figure 2). Ch 1.

Rnd 1: Work 6 sc into the ring. Pm in last sc to mark the end of the round. Pull tail end to tighten ring—6 sc.

Rnd 2: Work 2 sc in each st around—12 sc.

Rnd 3: *Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around—18 sc.

Rnd 4: *Sc in each of next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around—24 sc.

Rnd 5: *Sc in each of next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around—30 sc.

Rnd 6: *Sc in each of next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around—36 sc.

Rnds 7–8: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 9: *Sc in each of next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around—42 sc.

Rnds 10–18: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 19: *Sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in each of next 5 sts; rep from * around—36 sc total.

Sl st in next st. Fasten off, leaving a 24" (61 cm) tail.

Body

With MC, begin with a double ring as for Head, ch 1.

Rnd 1: Work 8 sc into the ring. Pm in last sc to mark the end of the round. Pull tail end to tighten ring—8 sc.

Rnd 2: Work 2 sc in each st around—16 sc.

Rnd 3: *Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around—24 sc.

Rnd 4: *Sc in each of next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around—32 sc.

Rnd 5: *Sc in each of next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around—40 sc.

Rnd 6: *Sc in each of next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around—48 sc.

Rnd 7: *Sc in each of next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around—56 sc.

Rnd 8: Start shaping the pot belly. Sc in each of next 25 sts, (work 2 sc in next st) twice, sc in each of next 2 sts, (work 2 sc in next st) twice, sc in each st to end of round—60 sc.

Rnd 9: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 10: Sc in each of next 25 sts, *work 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, work 2 sc in next st*, sc in each of next 4 sts, rep from * once, sc to end of round—64 sc.

pattern notes

All work in the round is done in a spiral, so do not join stitches at the end of each round. Place a marker in the last stitch of the round. When you reach the marker remove it, work the stitch(es), and replace it to mark the last stitch of the round.

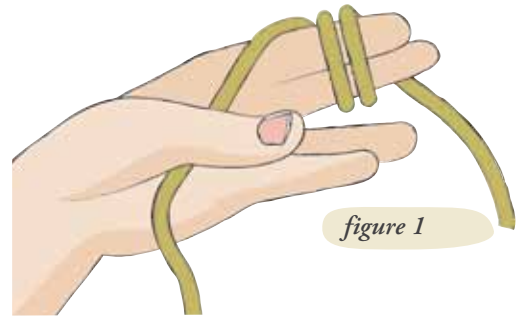


figure 1



figure 2

Rnd 11: Sc in each of next 5 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in each st to 7 sts before end of round, sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in each of next 5 sts—62 sc.

Rnd 12: *Sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in each of next 5 sts, [sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in each of next 6 sts] 3 times; rep from * once—54 sc.

Rnd 13: *Sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in each of next 7 sts; rep from * around—48 sc total.

Rnds 14–15: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 16: Sc in each of next 18 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in each of next 8 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in each st to end of round—46 sc.



Rnd 17: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 18: Sc in each of next 19 sc, [sc2tog over next 2 sts] 4 times, sc in each st to end of round—42 sc.

Rnd 19: *Sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in each of next 5 sts; rep from * around—36 sc.

Rnd 20: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 21: Sc in each of next 13 sts, hdc in each of next 10 sts, sc in each st to end of round. Sl st in next st. Fasten off.

Arms

Work the arms in the following stripe patterns. Always change color by working the last st of the round until 2 lps remain on the hook, complete the st with the new yarn. Because the inside of the arm will be hidden from view, don't cut the yarn if the color will be used again. Simply drop it and pick it up when it's needed again.

stripe pattern 1—gordo (blue)

Rows 1–2: CC1.

Rows 3–7: CC2.

Row 8: MC.

Rows 9–11: CC2.

Rows 12–13: MC.

Rows 14–15: CC2.

Rows 16–18: MC.

Row 19: CC2.

Rows 20–24: MC.

stripe pattern 2—doug (green)

Rows 1–2: CC1.

Rows 3–8: MC.

Rows 9–21: CC2.



Rows 22–24: MC.

Begin with a double ring as for Head, ch 1.

Rnd 1: Work 6 sc into the ring. Pm in last sc to mark the end of the round. Pull tail end to tighten ring—6 sc.

Rnd 2: Work 2 sc in each st around—12 sc.

Rnd 3: *Sc in each of next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around—16 sc.

Rnd 4: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 5: *Sc2tog over next 2 sts; rep from * around—8 sc.

Stuff the hand just enough so that you're still comfortable working the next round of stitches.

Rnds 6–24: Sc in each st around. Sl st in next st. Fasten off, leaving a 10" (25.5 cm) tail.

Eye backings (Make 2, optional)

With size 10 crochet thread and smaller hook, begin with a double ring as for Head, ch 1.

Rnd 1: Work 8 sc into the ring. Pm in last sc to mark the end of the round. Pull tail end to tighten ring—8 sc.

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Rnd 2: Work 2 sc in each st around—16 sc.

Rnd 3: *Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around—24 sc.
Fasten off, leaving an 8" (20.5 cm) tail.

Finishing

If you're using eyes that have a fastener on them, attach them to the head or backing before stuffing. Stuff the head and body; do not stuff the arms beyond the hands (this allows them to be nice and flexible). When you think you're done stuffing, stuff some more. The head and body use almost an entire bag of stuffing. With yarn needle and long tail from head, line up the sl st from the head and body and whipstitch them together. Using the tail ends, sew the arms to the neck area. If you're not using eyes with a fastener, sew eyes to the head. Using yarn or thread, embroider the mouth and any other facial features. If you're so inclined, crochet your happy Canadians a toque. Or hair. Or, you know, ears.

Note that small parts are not baby- or toddler-friendly. If you're willing to part with your doll by putting it into the hands of a being who will drool on it, make sure you use only embroidery and no embellishments that can be swallowed. The same goes for older

children who might be inclined to shove small parts up their nose or in their ear. And for grown-ups who are, um, immature.

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THE DREAD PIRATE SAM

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PIRATE SAM'S CREATION INVOLVED A LITTLE BIT OF OBSESSION. Amy says that she began making crochet turtles for amysbabies.etsy.com of some of her favorite characters, such as Willie Wonka and the Beatles . . . but when she decided to do a doll inspired by Johnny

Depp's character in *Pirates of the Caribbean*, she found a turtle just wasn't enough to contain his enormous personality. Amy says, "After days of trying to work on other things, the idea kept whizzing around in my head, forcing me to begin his construction. Once I began, I was unable to stop, crocheting at sword point it seemed—not of my own volition but by strict order of The Pirate himself. After a few days of my husband dragging me to bed at 2 a.m., The Dread Pirate Sam was finally done and a legend was born. I hope he brings you many adventures!"



Chris Hartlove

Finished Size: 12" high.

Yarn: Caron Simply Soft (100% acrylic; 165 yd/3 oz; **44**): #2604 bone (A; face, neck, and hands), #2626 country blue (B; pants), #2628 dark country blue (C; vest), #2601 white (D; shirt), #2680 black (E; hair, boots), 1 skein each. **Note:** Actual yardage required for one doll: bone (A), 49 yd; country blue (B), 28 yd; dark country blue (C), 21 yd; white (D), 28 yd; black (E), 132 yd.

Hook: Size E/4 (3.5 mm) regular hook, size F/5 (3.75 mm) regular hook, and size 6 (1.8 mm) steel hook. Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

Notions: Tapestry needle; stitch markers (m); embroidery/cross-stitch needle small enough to fit through beads; 12 oz polyester stuffing; two $\frac{1}{16}$ " buttons (for outer eyes); two $\frac{3}{8}$ " buttons (for inner eyes); black sewing thread (for sewing on eyes); bamboo skewer, $\frac{1}{16}$ " thick and 5" long; 24 size 6/0 (E) beads in random colors; 30 size 10/0 clear iridescent beads; serrated knife or small saw; sandpaper. DMC embroidery floss: #310 black, 13 skeins (F; hair);

#3371 black brown, 13 skeins (G; hair and belt); #817 very dark coral red, 4 skeins (H; headband and sash); #927 light silver, 1 skein (J; belt buckle); #0002 ecru, 1 skein (K; sash).

Gauge: 6 sc and 6 rows = 1" using an E/4 hook.

Skill Level: Advanced.

Stitch Guide

Bobble: *Yo 2 times, insert hook in next st, yo and draw up a lp, [yo and draw through 2 lps] 2 times; repeat from * 2 times more (4 lps on hook), yo and draw yarn through all 4 lps on hook.

Magic ring: This is an easy way to begin crocheting in the round that eliminates the hole in the center of the rounds. Make a yarn lp about 6" from end of yarn, with yarn tail crossing in back of working yarn. Hold lp in left hand so that thumb secures the place where yarn crosses. **For first slip stitch into ring:** Insert hook into yarn ring, yo, draw yarn through both ring and lp on hook—slip stitch made. Continue as indicated in instructions. (For step-by-step photos and full instructions for magic ring technique, see http://www.crochetme.com/Dec_Jan_0405/reads_round.html.)

Notes

Colors listed are slightly different than those in sample doll shown. Consult each section for notes specific to that part of doll.

Doll is worked in the round unless otherwise instructed.

Rounds are not joined, but worked in spirals. Mark the last stitch in each round and move marker up as work progresses.

To join a new color, work last stitch of first color until two lps remain on hook; yarn over with new color and draw yarn through both lps.

Work all body, head, and limb stitches with a fairly tight tension; this will stop the stuffing from showing through and help the doll keep its shape.

Some parts of the pattern require that you split the yarn from 4 plies into 2 plies. Try to work these sections using a similar tension to the rest of the doll. This will give these parts enough stiffness so they can hold their shape.

Head

Using E, size E/4 hook, and the magic ring technique (see Notes), form yarn ring and work first sl st into ring.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in ring, pull yarn tail to draw ring closed at base of sts—6 sc. Place marker (m) in last st to mark end of rnd (see Notes) and move up as work progresses.

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc around—12 sc.

Rnd 3: *Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from * 5 times—18

sc.

Rnd 4: *Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from * 5 times—24 sc.

Rnd 5: *Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from * 5 times—30 sc.

Rnd 6: *Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from * 5 times—36 sc.

Rnd 7: *Sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from * 5 times—42 sc.

Rnd 8: *Sc in next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from * 5 times—48 sc.

Rnd 9: *Sc in next 7 sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from * 5 times—54 sc.

Join A in last sc of Rnd 9 (see Notes); fasten off E.

Rnds 10–17: With A, ch 1, sc in each sc around.

Rnd 18: *Sc in next 7 sc, sc2tog (see Glossary); rep from * 5 times—48 sc.

Rnd 19: *Sc in next 6 sc, sc2tog; rep from * 5 times—42 sc.

Rnd 20: *Sc in next 5 sc, sc2tog; rep from * 5 times—36 sc.

Rnd 21: *Sc in next 4 sc, sc2tog; rep from * 5 times—30 sc.

Rnd 22: *Sc in next 3 sc, sc2tog; rep from * 5 times—24 sc.

Rnd 23: *Sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog; rep from * 5 times—18 sc.

Fasten off. Break yarn, leaving a 10" tail for seaming.

Set head aside.

Boots

Using E, size E/4 hook, and the magic ring technique (see Notes), form yarn ring and work first sl st into ring.

Rnd 1: 6 sc into ring, pull yarn tail to draw ring closed at base of sts—6 sc. Place marker (m) in last st to mark end of rnd and move m up as work progresses.

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc around—12 sc.

Rnd 3: *Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from * 2 times—15 sc.

Rnds 4–6: Sc in each sc around.

Ankle shaping:

Rnd 7: Sl st in first 3 sc, skip next sc, sl st in next 3 sc, sc in next sc, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sc, sc2tog (see Glossary)—6 sl st and 6 sc.

Rnd 8: Sc in front loop only (flo) of next 6 sl sts, sc under both lps of next 6 sc—12 sc.

Rnd 9: *Sc in next 4 sc, sc2tog; rep from * once—10 sc.

Rnds 10–18: Sc in each sc around.

Join B in last sc of Rnd 18 (see Notes); fasten off E.

Insert a small amount of stuffing into boot and push it toward the

back of the foot to create the heel. As work progresses, stop every few rnds and add more stuffing to leg.

Rnd 19: With B, sc in back loop only (blo) in each st around—10 sc.

Rnd 20: *Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from * once—12 sc.

Rnds 21–26: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 27: *Sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from * once—14 sc.

Rnds 28–29: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 30: *Sc in next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from * once—16 sc.

Rnds 31–32: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 33: *Sc in next 7 sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from * once—18 sc.

Rnds 34–35: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 36: *Sc in next 8 sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from * once—20 sc.

Rnd 37: *Sc in next 9 sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from * once—22 sc. Fasten off. Insert stuffing all the way up to top of leg.

Boot Cuffs

Cut a length of E about 6 yd long. Split the yarn from 4 plies to 2 plies; set aside one 2-ply length for second cuff. Using the first 2-ply length and size E/4 hook, attach yarn with sl st to flo of first st of Rnd 18 (last rnd worked with E on leg) and cont as foll:

Rnd 1: Sc in flo of each st around—10 sc.

Rnd 2: *Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from * once—12 sc.

Rnd 3: *Sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from * once—14 sc.

Rnd 4: *Sc in next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from * once—16 sc.

Rnd 5: *Sc in next 7 sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from * once—18 sc.

Rnd 6: *Sc in next 8 sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from * once—20 sc.

Rnd 7: *Sc in next 9 sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from * once—22 sc.

Rnds 8–10: Sc in each sc around.

Fasten off. Using tapestry needle, weave in loose ends. Fold cuff down over top of boot.

Torso

Line up legs so that feet point in same direction and heels are tog. Locate the inner 2 sts at the top of each leg where the legs touch; these will be the crotch sts. **Joining legs:** Using B and size E/4 hook, attach yarn to front-most crotch st on doll's left leg, sl st in 2nd crotch st of same leg, sl st in back-most crotch st of right leg, sl st in 2nd crotch st of right leg.

Rnd 1: Sc in next 20 sc around top of right leg, sc in first sc after crotch st on left leg and in next 19 sts around top of left leg, skipping crotch sts entirely—20 sc on each leg, 40 sc total.

Rnds 2–7: Sc in each sc around—40 sc.

Rnd 8: *Sc in next 8 sc, sc2tog (see Glossary); rep from * 3 times—36 sc.

Join D in last st of Rnd 8 (see Notes); fasten off B.

Rnds 9–15: With D, sc in each sc around—36 sc. Join A in last st of Rnd 15; do not fasten off D. Carry unused color along back of work.

Rnd 16: 2 sc with D, 2 sc with A, 32 sc with D.

Rnd 17: 2 sc with D, 3 sc with A, 31 sc with D.

Rnd 18: 2 sc with D, 4 sc with A, 30 sc with D.

Rnd 19: 2 sc with D, 5 sc with A, 29 sc with D.

Rnd 20: 2 sc with D, 6 sc with A, 28 sc with D.

Rnd 21: 2 sc with D, 7 sc with A, 27 sc with D.

Rnd 22: 2 sc with D, 8 sc with A, 26 sc with D.

Rnd 23: 2 sc with D, (sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sc) with A, (sc2tog, *sc in next 4 sc, sc2tog; rep from * 3 more times) with D—30 sc.

Rnd 24: 2 sc with D, (sc in next sc, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sc, sc2tog) with A, (*sc in next 3 sc, sc2tog; rep from * 3 times) with D—24 sc.

Join A in last st of Rnd 24; fasten off D.

Rnd 25: With A, *sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog; rep from * 5 times—18 sc.

Rnds 26–27: Sc in each sc around.

Fasten off, leaving 12" tail for seaming. Stuff torso to top of neck.

Arms

Using A, size E/4 hook, and the magic ring technique (see Notes), form yarn ring and work first sl st into ring.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in ring, pull yarn tail to draw ring closed at base of sts—6 sc. Place marker (m) in last st to mark end of rnd (see Notes) and move m up as work progresses.

Rnd 2: 2 sc in next sc, [sc in next sc, bobble (see Stitch Guide) in same sc] 3 times, [2 sc in next st] 2 times—12 sts.

Rnds 3–4: Sc in each st around—12 sc.

For right hand only:

Rnd 5: Sc in next 3 sc, bobble in next sc for thumb, sc in next 8 sc.

For left hand only:

Rnd 5: Sc in next 9 sc, bobble in next sc for thumb, sc in next 2 sc.

Both hands:

Rnd 6: *Sc in next 4 sc, sc2tog (see Glossary); rep from * once—10 sc.



Rnd 7: *Sc in next 3 sc, sc2tog; rep from * once—8 sc.

Rnds 8–30: Sc in each sc around.

Fasten off. Shape the hand by pressing it around your thumb to give the palm a curve.

Sleeves

Using 2 plies of D and size F/5 hook, and leaving a 24" tail for seaming, ch 10, sl st in first ch to form ring.

Rnd 1: 20 sc in ring.

Rnds 2–30: Sc in each sc around.

Turn to work remainder of sleeve back and forth in rows.

Rows 31–35: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn—20 sc.

Row 36: Ch 1, sc2tog (see Glossary) across, turn—10 sc.

Rows 37–39: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

Fasten off. Place arms into sleeves so that the sleeves come down over the hands. Using long tail left at top of sleeve threaded onto tapestry needle, sew first rnd at top of sleeve to first rnd at top of arm. Cont with same yarn tail, sew the arm/sleeve to the torso at shoulder 2 rnds below neck color change. **Left cuff:** Leave end of sleeve open so that it covers the hand. **Right cuff:** Using D threaded onto tapestry needle, sew edges of Rows 37–39 of sleeve shut over the wrist, allowing extra length to “pouf” around the closed cuff.

Vest

Notes

- The vest is worked in 3 pieces (2 fronts and 1 back) and sewn tog at shoulder and side seams.
- Each piece is worked from top to bottom in rows.
- Split 4-ply yarn into two lengths of 2 plies each throughout.
- The fronts will be longer than the back piece.

Vest front (make 2):

Using C, size F/5 hook, and leaving a 10" tail for seaming, ch 5, turn.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn—4 sc.

Rows 2–8: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

Row 9: Ch 4, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 ch, sc in next 4 sc across, turn—7 sc.

Row 10: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

Row 11: Ch 4, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 ch, sc in each sc across, turn—10 sc.

Rows 12–40: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

Row 41: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, do not turn.

Fasten off. **Vest back:** Using C and size F/5 hook, ch 16, turn.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across, turn—15 sc.

Rows 2–18: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

Row 19: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, do not turn.

Fasten off. Line up top of shoulder with first 4 sts on top edge of back. With yarn tail threaded on tapestry needle and RS tog, sew shoulder seams with second front, lining up top of shoulder with last 4 sts of back. From top back neck, count down 6 rows and place marker (m) at this point. With 2-ply length of C threaded on tapestry needle, RS tog, and leaving marked 6-row space open for armholes, sew fronts to back along side seams from m to bottom of back. Weave in ends. Put vest on doll.

Sash

Notes

Sash is worked back and forth in rows, alternating bet two colors (K and H). Steel hook is used throughout.

Sash will be long enough to go around the waist (where legs and torso meet) with some left over to hang down the sides.

Fringe for each end of the sash is created by leaving the tails hanging at each end of each row. The tails should be about 1" long.

Using K and steel hook, and leaving a 1" tail for fringe, ch 76.

Row 1: With K, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, do not turn—75 sc.

Fasten off K, leaving a 1" tail (see notes).

Row 2: Using H and leaving a 1" tail, attach yarn with sl st to first st. Sc in same st and in each st across, do not turn—75 sc.

Fasten off H, leaving a 1" tail.

Row 3: Using K and leaving a 1" tail, attach yarn with sl st to first st. Sc in same st and in each st across, turn—75 sc.

Row 4: Using K, sc in each sc across, do not turn.

Fasten off K, leaving a 1" tail.

Rows 5–7: Rep Rows 2–4 once.

Fasten off, leaving a 1" tail. Wrap sash around doll over vest. On the doll's left side, tie sash closed with a simple overlap, leaving one end longer than the other. This extra end will be folded so that it overlaps belt; belt will hold sash in place.

Belt

Using G and steel hook, ch 86. Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across—85 sc. Fasten off and weave in ends.

Belt Buckle

Using J and steel hook, attach yarn with sl st to one end of belt.

Row 1: Ch 1, sc in same st, ch 4, sc in flo of same st as beg, turn.

Row 2: Ch 1, 6 sc in ch-4 lp.

Fasten off and weave in ends. Wrap belt around doll over sash, with belt buckle on doll's left side. Thread opposite end of belt through buckle and pull until snug. Center buckle on front of doll. Tie an overhand knot at end of belt to hold buckle in place.

Headband

Using H and steel hook, ch 151.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 4 ch, hdc in next 140 ch, sc in next 5 ch, turn—150 sts (10 sc and 140 hdc).

Row 2: Sk first sc, sl st in next 4 sc, sc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 130 sts, sc in next 5 sts, turn—10 sts dec'd, 140 sts (10 sc and 130 hdc).

Row 3: Sk first sc, sl st in next 4 sc, sc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 120 sts, sc in next 5 sts, turn—10 sts dec'd, 130 sts (10 sc and 120 hdc).

Row 4: Sk first sc, sl st in next 4 sc, sc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 110 sts, sc in next 5 sts, turn—10 sts dec'd, 120 sts (10 sc and 110 hdc).

Row 5: Sk first sc, sl st in next 4 sc, sc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 100 sts, sc in next 5 sts, turn—10 sts dec'd, 110 sts (10 sc and 100 hdc).

Fasten off; weave in ends. At this point you should have the assembled body, empty bald head, vest, sash, belt with buckle, and headband.

Face

Using photo as a guide, decide where you want the face and sew on the button eyes, layering smaller button on top of larger button. Using F threaded on embroidery needle, stitch moustache and goatee with long stitches. Cut six 6" pieces of F for beard. Using tapestry needle, thread floss around "legs" of one single crochet st on face (see photo for placement). Braid each end of floss and tie off at about 1" long.

Hair Placement

Notes

The hair is held in place with knots on inside of head; it will be knotted into the head in a repeating pattern of 2 floss bundles, then 1 yarn bundle.

The first two rows of hair have 1 bundle per hole in order to delineate the hairline.

The fill-in area in center of head is worked with 1 bundle in every other space, like a checkerboard.

Hair will be very long at first, but will be cut to length at the end of the styling process.

Cut 12 skeins of F and 12 skeins of G into 18" lengths.

Cut 192 eighteen-inch lengths of E yarn. Take 1 length of F and 1 length of G and fold in half, matching cut ends. Tie an overhand knot as close to the fold as possible. Do the same for all the rest of the floss. Fold and knot each length of E yarn in the same manner.

To knot the hair into the head: Starting at the hairline (the color change line on head) and using size E/4 hook, push hook into one of the spaces on the "hair" side of the line. Take one of the knotted floss bunches and fold it over hook. Pull hook and hair back up through fabric so that knot stays inside head. Be careful to not pull knot through head. Following hairline around head, insert another floss bundle in next hole in same manner, then insert yarn bundle in next hole. Cont around entire circumference of head, alternating 2 floss bundles with 1 yarn bundle.

Sides and back of head: Beg the next rnd down from hairline and 8 sts away from center of face, insert bundles in every other hole around head, cont to alternate 2 floss bundles with 1 yarn bundle, and stopping 8 sts away from center of face on other side. Move to next rnd down and rep prev row 6 times, so that hair along sides of face is 7 rows deep and frames face evenly. **Top of head:** Return to the hairline and work another rnd of hair insertions in the rnd immediately above the first, inserting bundles in every hole and following bundle pattern as before. Cont to fill in hair from the hairline up, now working a bundle in every other space (like a checkerboard), working in a spiral as you get to the top of the head. Use all the rem bundles. Note that the top of the head will not be filled in completely.

Attaching the Head

Stuff head. Using A threaded on a tapestry needle, sew head to body, stopping about 3 sts from the end. Stuff neck through opening and then finish sewing neck shut.

Hair Styling

Note: Use whatever colors and scraps of floss are left over at this point to secure hair. Separate hair at hairline, smoothing hair below hairline down towards shoulders and hair above hairline up toward head. Tie headband around head at hairline, securing with an overhand knot at back of head. Cut two 10" lengths of floss for securing braid and ponytail. **Side ponytail:** Separate first 2 rnds of hair above hairline and between sides of face; pull to right side of head and tie off with one length of floss. **Braid:** Divide the rest of hair on top of head into three sections; braid loosely, incorporating loose strands at sides and adjusting braid as you work so that it covers

the “bald spot” at top of head. Tie off with second length of floss.
Trimming hair: Cut remainder of hair raggedly to about the same length as finished braid so that hair is about shoulder length.

Beads

Note: Use whatever colors and scraps of floss are left over at this point to string beads. **Short strand:** Using 3 strands of floss threaded on embroidery needle, string 5 of the larger multicolored beads, leaving a tail 8" long. Skipping first bead after needle, thread needle back through the other 4 beads. Using all 6 strands of floss threaded onto needle, sew bead strand to upper edge of headband just over doll's right eye. **Medium strand:** Work as for short strand, using 9 of the larger multicolored beads. Sew to lower edge of headband on right side of doll's face. **Long strand:** Using 3 strands of floss threaded on embroidery needle, string 10 of the smaller clear beads, leaving a tail 8" long. Skipping first bead after needle, pass needle back through rem 9 beads. Rep this process 2 more times, so that you have 3 separate “bead branches” on the same length of floss. Move branches close tog and thread needle with all 6 strands of floss. String the remainder of the larger multicolored beads onto floss. Sew strand to lower edge of headband on left side of face.

Bamboo Hair Sticks

Note: Use whatever colors and scraps of floss are left over at this point to secure and wrap hair sticks. Measure and mark skewer so that it is divided into two 2½" lengths. Using serrated knife or small saw, cut the skewer along markings. Using sandpaper, shape and smooth sticks so there are no rough edges. Using the serrated knife or saw, cut a very shallow groove ⅛" from top end. (This groove will help hold the floss wraps in place). Cut an 18" length of floss, divide it into 3 strands, and begin wrapping it around one stick near the groove. Cont wrapping the top ¼" of stick until it is well covered. With end of floss threaded on embroidery needle, sew end under

wraps several times to secure; do not cut. Rep wrapping process for second hair stick. Position sticks on top of ponytail at point where hair is tied (refer to photo for placement). Using long tail ends of floss threaded on embroidery needle, thread ends through floss wraps, through hair tie, then back down through wrapping on second stick. Rep 2–3 times, then wrap floss around sp bet sticks several times and tie to side ponytail.

Trim ends

Sit back and enjoy the treasure you have made!

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FUNKY STUFFED TOYS

design by Judith L. Swartz

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BRIGHT COLORS AND SIMPLE DETAILS DEFINE THIS CAT AND DOG. They are a great exercise in striping, with a little shaping thrown in. Stuff them tightly or slightly for different looks. Whipstitched seams add another touch of color and emphasize the handmade look. With the exception of the ears and tails, both animals are constructed the same, just in different colors.



Joe Coca

CAT

Finished Size: About 13¼" (33.5 cm) long and 4" (10 cm) wide, excluding arms and ears.

Yarn: Tahki Cotton Classic (100% mercerized cotton; 108 yards [100 meters], 50 grams; **3**): #3412 orange (A), #3528 yellow (B), #3744 dark green (C), #3764 bright green (D), #3783 turquoise (E), #3856 navy (F), and #3947 red violet (G). For Cat, use 1 skein each of A, C, D, E, G; for Dog, use 1 skein each of A, B, C, D, E, F, G. (Note: The total number of skeins listed above will make more than 2 animals.)

Hook: Size G/6 (4 mm). Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

Notions: Yarn needle, for sewing and weaving in ends; two 3/8" (1 cm) diameter buttons per animal, for eyes; stuffing (either cotton batting or polyester fiberfill).

Gauge: 20 stitches and 24 rows = 4" (10 cm) in sc with size G/6 (4 mm) hook.

Skill Level: Intermediate.

CAT

Back

With color E, ch 21.

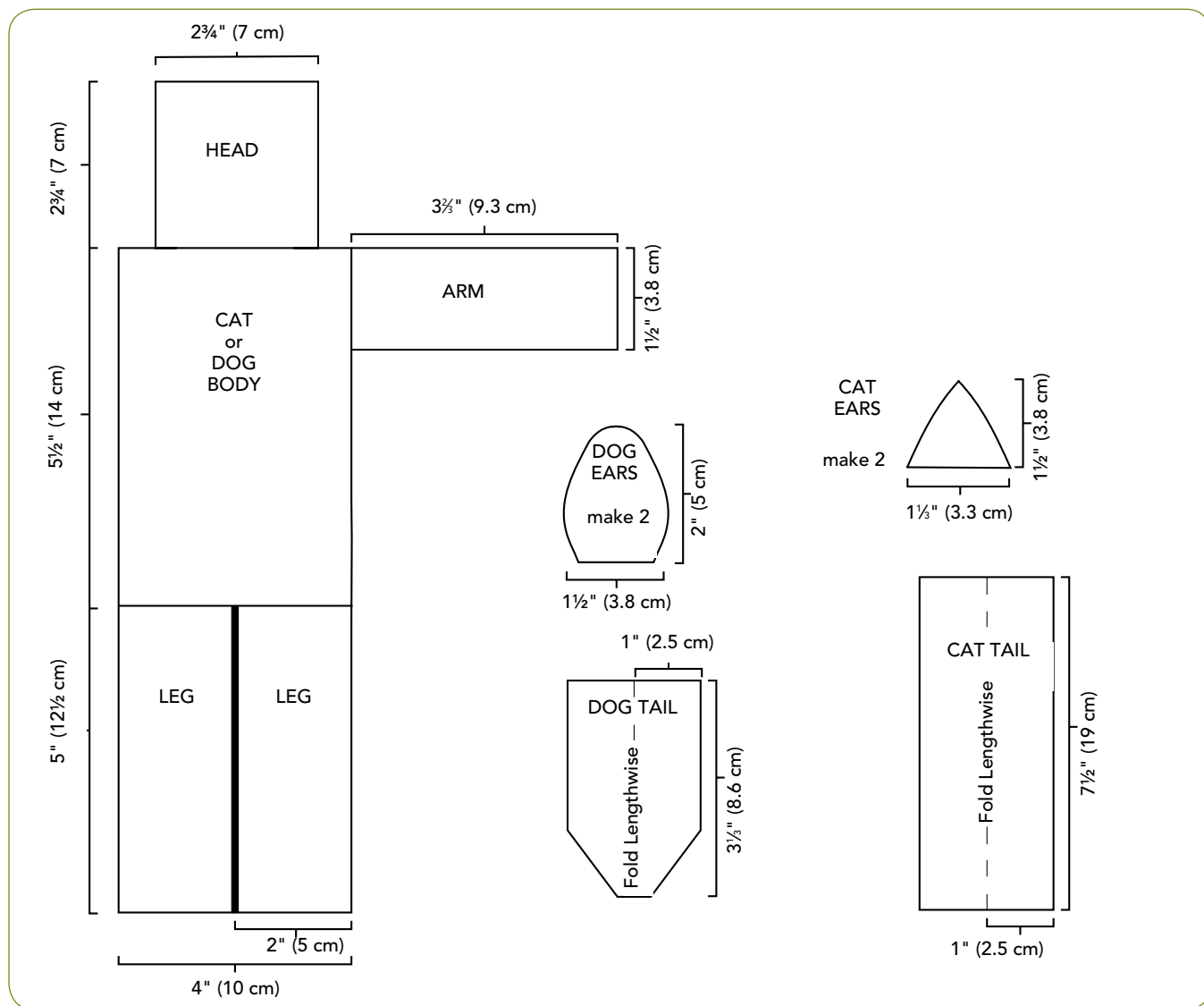
Row 1: Beginning in second ch from hook, work 1 sc in each ch, turn work—20 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, work 1 sc in each sc across row, turn work.

Rows 3–4: Repeat Row 2. Fasten off E.

Rows 5–8: Using color G, repeat Row 2. Fasten off G.

Repeating Row 2, continue to alternate 4 rows with E, followed



by 4 rows with G for a total of 28 rows. Fasten off.

Front

With G, ch 21. Work as for Back, alternating 4 rows in G, followed by 4 rows in A for a total of 28 rows. Fasten off.

Head (make 2 pieces)

With D, ch 15.

Row 1: Beginning in second ch from hook, work 1 sc in each ch, turn work—14 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, work 1 sc in each sc across row, turn work.

Repeat Row 2 until head measures a total length of about 2 3/4" (7 cm) or 16 rows. Fasten off.

Arms (make 2, worked from shoulder down)

With color C, ch 16.

Row 1: Beginning in second chain from hook, work 1 sc in each ch, turn work—15 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, work 1 sc in each sc across row, turn work.

Note: Don't fasten off C. Allow the unused color to hang at the side edge and pull up into place when ready to use again. Don't pull yarn up too tightly, or work will pucker along side edge.

Rows 3–4: Using color E, repeat Row 2.

Don't fasten off E.

Drop E and pick up C where it hangs along side edge. Continue to repeat Row 2, alternating 2 rows with C followed by 2 rows with E for a total of 18 rows. Fasten off C and E. Attach D and work 4 rows sc (repeating Row 2). Fasten off.

Legs (make 2, worked from thigh down)

With color A, ch 21.

Row 1: Beginning in second ch from hook, work 1 sc in each ch, turn work—20 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, work 1 sc in each sc across row, turn work. Repeat Row 2 until work measures 2" (5 cm). Fasten off A. Attach G and continue repeating Row 2 for an additional 2" (5 cm). Fasten off G. Attach D and continue repeating Row 2 for 1" (2.5 cm). Fasten off D.

Tail (worked from tip to top)

With color E, ch 11.

Row 1: Beginning in second ch from hook, work 1 sc in each ch, turn work—10 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, work 1 sc in each sc across row, turn work. Repeat Row 2 until tail measures 1½" (3.8 cm). Fasten off E. *Join A, repeat Row 2 for 1½" (3.8 cm). Fasten off*. Repeat from * to * in colors C, D, and G. Finished tail measures 7½" (19 cm), and each color section is 1½" (3.8 cm) long.

Ears (make 2)

With color A, ch 8.

Row 1: Beginning in second ch from hook, work 1 sc in each ch, turn work—7 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, work 1 sc in each sc across row, turn work.

Row 3: Ch 1, decrease 1 stitch by pulling up a loop in first sc, pull up a loop in second sc, wrap yarn around hook, pull through all loops on hook (see Glossary), work 1 sc in each of remaining sc, turn work—6 sc. Repeat Row 3 five more times (1 stitch remains). Fasten off.

Finishing

Weave in loose ends. To create face, with color G, sew buttons for eyes on 1 head piece and embroider nose/mouth as shown in diagram (page 17). If you prefer, omit buttons for eyes and embroider 2 triangles (not shown here) in same place as buttons. Use whipstitch on right sides of work (seaming is visible) to sew all pieces together. With E, join both head pieces together around side and upper edges,

leaving the bottom open. With the face side toward you, place the ears in front of the head seam and attach to top of head piece. Whipstitch around edges of ears. Mark center of each head piece and center of body front and back. Center head over body and join front and back together at shoulders. Sew body side seams and stuff head and body as desired. Stitch along bottom edges of body to close. Fold tail lengthwise with wrong sides together and stitch along the long edge and across chain edge. Sew open end of tail to lower edge of center back. Fold arms in half lengthwise with wrong sides together and stitch along side and lower edges. Stuff arms as desired. Sew open edges of arm to close. Fold leg pieces in half lengthwise with wrong sides together and sew along side and lower edges. Stuff legs as for arms. Sew open edges of leg to close. Attach arms and legs in place to body.



Joe Coca

DOG

DOG

Back

Work same as for Cat, beginning with C, and alternating 4 rows each in C and G for a total of 28 rows.

Front

Work same as for Cat, beginning with G and alternating 4 rows each in G, then B, for a total of 28 rows.

Head (make 2 pieces)

Work same as for Cat, using A.

Arms (make 2, worked from shoulder down)

Work same as for Cat, beginning with D and alternating 2 rows each in D, then E, for a total of 18 rows. Attach A and work 4 rows.

Legs (make 2, worked from thigh down)

Work same as for Cat in 2" (5 cm) segments beginning with F, then E. With A, work final 1" (2.5 cm).

Tail (worked from top down to tip)

With E, ch 11.

Row 1: Beginning in second ch from hook, work sc in each ch, turn work—10 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, work 1 sc in each sc across row, turn work. Fasten off E.

Repeat Row 2 working 2 rows each in D, C, F, G, A, B; don't fasten off B. Continue working in B and decrease 1 stitch at beginning of next 6 rows by pulling up a loop in first sc, pull up a loop in second sc, wrap yarn around hook, pull through all loops on hook—4 sc remain. Fasten off.

Ears

With color G, ch 7.

Row 1: Beginning in second ch from hook, work sc in each ch, turn work—6 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, work 1 sc in each sc across row, turn work.

Row 3: Ch 1, work 2 sc in first sc, work 1 sc in each of next 4 sc, work 2 sc in last sc, turn work—8 sc.

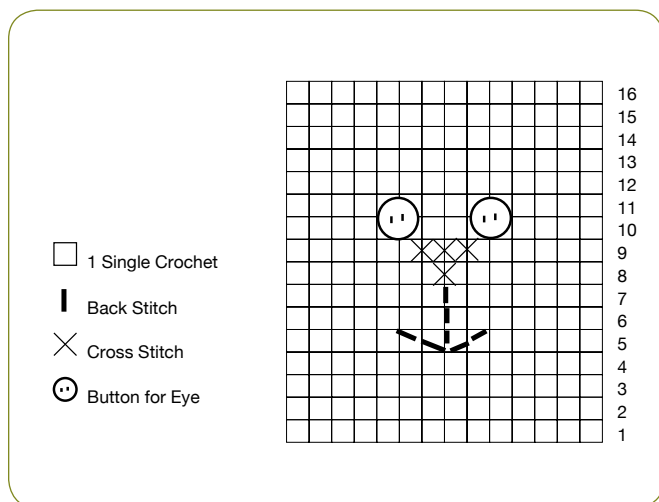
Repeating Row 2, work 3 rows in sc over 8 stitches.

Rows 7–12: Ch 1, decrease 1 stitch (work decreases using the same method as in tail), work 1 sc in each sc across row, turn work (2 sc remain after Row 12 is finished). Fasten off.

Finishing

Follow finishing instructions for Cat, except use B for face embroidery and whipstitch seaming. Place ears on top of head, aligning edge of ear with side of head; there will be a small space centered between the ears.

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SIR STEPHEN, THE BUNNY

design by Donna Childs

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ANTIQUE TOYS WERE THE INSPIRATION FOR THIS CUDDLY STUFFED RABBIT. Each body part is crocheted separately in basic stitches. Vintage buttons both embellish and are used to join the arms and legs so the doll can be posed. Organic cotton yarn makes this a perfect gift for a recipient of any age.



Pamela Bethel

Finished Size: Finished Size About 16" tall with legs extended.

Yarn: Blue Sky Alpacas Organic Cotton (100% cotton; 150 yd [137 m]/3½ oz [100 g]; ~~(S)~~): #83 sage (MC), 2 skeins; #80 bone (A) and #82 nut (B), 1 skein each.

Hook: Sizes G/6 (4 mm) and I/9 (5.5 mm). Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

Notions: Fiberfill; yarn needle; two ½" shank buttons; four 7/8" 2-hole buttons; three ½" buttons; DMC pearl cotton size #5, color #223; 1 yd of ¾" wide ribbon.

Gauge: Rabbit: 15 sts and 7 rows = 4" in dc with smaller hook. Vest: 12 sts and 9 rows = 4" in dc/sc patt with larger hook.

Skill Level: Easy

Notes

If the toy is intended for a child three years old or younger, embroider features and sew pieces tog securely; do not use buttons or other embellishments that might pose a choking hazard.

Head, body, arms, and legs are worked separately in rnds without turning. When fastening off each piece, leave a long tail for sewing.

Head

With smaller hook and MC, ch 4, sl st in first ch to form ring.
Rnd 1: Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), 11 dc in ring,



sl st in top of beg ch-3 to join—12 sts.

Rnd 2: Ch 3, 2 dc in each st around, dc in base of beg ch-3, sl st in top of beg ch-3 to join—24 sts.

Rnd 3: Ch 3, *dc in next st, 2 dc in next st; rep from * around, ending with dc in base of beg ch-3, sl st in top of beg ch-3 to join—36 sts.

Rnd 4: Ch 3, *dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next st; rep from * around, ending with dc in base of beg ch-3, sl st in top of beg ch-3 to join—48 sts.

Rnd 5: Ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in top of beg ch-3 to join.

Rnd 6: Ch 3, dc in first 20 sts, 2 dc in next 6 sts for nose, dc in last 21 sts, sl st in top of beg ch-3 to join—54 sts.

Rnd 7: Ch 3, dc in first 20 sts, [dc2tog (see Glossary) over next 2 sts] 6 times, dc in last 21 sts, sl st in top of beg ch-3 to join—48 sts.

Rnd 8: Ch 3, dc in next st, dc2tog over next 2 sts, *dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog over next 2 sts; rep from * around, sl st in top of beg ch-3 to join—36 sts.

Rnd 9: Ch 3, *dc2tog over next 2 sts, dc in next st; rep from * to last 2 sts, dc2tog over last 2 sts, sl st in top of beg ch-3 to

join—24 sts.

Rnd 10: Ch 3, *dc2tog over next 2 sts; rep from * to last st, yo, insert hook in next st, yo and pull up a lp, yo and draw through 2 lps on hook (2 lps rem on hook), insert hook in top of beg ch-3, yo and draw through ch and both lps on hook—12 sts. Fasten off and set aside (see Notes).

Body

With smaller hook and MC, ch 4, sl st in first ch to form ring.

Rnds 1–4: Rep Rnds 1–4 as for head—48 sts.

Rnds 5–12: Ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in top of beg ch-3 to join.

Rnd 13: Ch 3, dc in next st, dc2tog over next 2 sts, *dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog over next 2 sts; rep from * around, sl st in top of beg ch-3 to join—36 sts.

Rnd 14: Rep Rnd 5.

Rnd 15: Ch 3, dc2tog over next 2 sts, *dc in next st, dc2tog over next 2 sts; rep from * around, sl st in top of beg ch-3 to join—24 sts.

Rnd 16: Ch 3, *dc2tog over next 2 sts; rep from * to last st, yo, insert hook in next st, yo and pull up a lp, yo and draw through 2 lps on hook (2 lps rem on hook), insert hook in top of beg ch-3, yo and draw through ch and both lps on hook—12 sts. Fasten off and set aside.

Arms (make 2)

With smaller hook and A, ch 4, sl st in first ch to form ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 3, 11 dc in ring, sl st in top of beg ch-3 to join—12 sts.

Rnd 2: Ch 3, 2 dc in next st and in each st around, dc in base of beg ch-3; changing to MC, sl st in top of beg ch-3 to join—24 sts.

Rnds 3–7: With MC, ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in top of beg ch-3 to join.

Rnd 8: Ch 3, dc2tog over next 2 sts, dc in next 8 sts, [dc2tog over next 2 sts] 2 times, dc in next 8 sts, yo, insert hook in next st, yo and pull up a lp, yo and draw through 2 lps on hook (2 lps rem on hook), insert hook in top of beg ch-3, yo and draw through ch and both lps on hook, sl st in top of beg ch-3 to join—20 sts.

Rnd 9: Ch 3, dc2tog over next 2 sts, dc in next 6 sts, [dc2tog over next 2 sts] 2 times, dc in next 5 sts, yo, insert hook in next st, yo and pull up a lp, yo and draw through 2 lps on hook (2 lps rem on hook), insert hook in top of beg ch-3, yo and draw through ch and both lps on hook—16 sts. Fasten off. Stuff and use yarn needle and tail to sew closed. Set aside.

Legs (make 2)

With smaller hook and MC, ch 4, sl st in first ch to form ring.
Rnds 1–7: Rep Rnds 1–7 as for arms—24 sts.
Rnd 8: Ch 3, dc in next 8 sts, 3 dc in next 6 sts, dc in last 9 sts, sl st in top of beg ch-3 to join—36 sts.
Rnd 9: Ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in top of beg ch-3 to join. Fasten off. Stuff but do not sew closed. Set aside.

Soles (make 2)

With smaller hook and A, ch 4, sl st in first ch to form ring.
Rnd 1: Ch 3, 11 dc in ring, sl st in top of beg ch-3 to join—12 sts.
Rnd 2: Ch 3, 2 dc in each st around, dc in base of beg ch-3, sl st in top of beg ch-3 to join—24 sts.
Row 3: Ch 3, dc in next 7 sts, turn leaving rem sts unworked—8 sts rem.
Row 4: Ch 3, dc2tog over next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog over next 2 sts, dc in last st—6 sts. Fasten off.
 Using yarn needle and tail from sole, sew a sole on bottom of each leg to close.

Ears (make 2)

With smaller hook and MC, ch 18.
Row 1: (RS) Sc in bottom ridge lp of 2nd ch from hook and in bottom ridge lp of each ch across, turn—17 sts.
Row 2: (WS) Ch 1, sc in first 17 sts, 3 sc in side of last sc of Row 1, turn work 180°, sc in both lps of each ch of foundation ch, turn—37 sts.
Row 3: Ch 1, sc in first 18 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in last 18 sts, turn—39 sts.
Row 4: Ch 1, sc in first 19 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in last 19 sts, turn—41 sts.
Row 5: Ch 1, sc in first 20 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in last 20 sts—43 sts.
 Fasten off. Fold ear in half lengthwise with RS tog and whipstitch (see Glossary) from straight short end of ear along long edge for 2".

Vest

With larger hook and B, ch 46.
Row 1: (WS) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn—45 sts.
Row 2: (RS) Ch 3 (counts as dc), sk first st, dc in each st across, turn.
Row 3: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.
Rows 4–5: Rep Rows 2–3.



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Right front:

Row 6: Ch 3, dc2tog over next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog over next 2 sts, dc in next st, turn leaving rem sts unworked—6 sts.
Row 7: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.
Row 8: Ch 3, [dc2tog over next 2 sts] 2 times, dc in last st, turn—4 sts.
Row 9: Rep Row 7—4 sts.
Row 10: Ch 3, dc2tog over next 2 sts, dc in last st—3 sts. Fasten off.

Back:

Row 1: With RS facing, sk 8 sts of Row 5 and join yarn with sl st in 9th st, ch 3, dc2tog over next 2 sts, dc in next 7 sts, dc2tog over next 2 sts, dc in next st, turn—11 sts.
Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn—11 sts.
Row 3: Ch 3, dc2tog over next 3 sts, dc in next 5 sts, dc2tog over next 2 sts, dc in last st, turn—9 sts.
Row 4: Rep Row 2.
Row 5: Ch 3, dc in each st across. Fasten off.

Left front:

Row 1: With RS facing, sk 8 sts of Row 5 of vest base and join yarn with sl st in 9th st, ch 3, dc2tog over next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog over next 2 sts, dc in last st, turn—6 sts.
Rep Rows 7–10 of right front. Fasten off. With yarn needle and B, sew shoulders. Join B with sl st at left underarm, sc evenly around armhole. Rep for right armhole. Sc evenly around outside edge of vest. Sew three ½" buttons on right front.

Finishing

Stuff body and head. Using pearl cotton, pass yarn needle from left side of body near neck edge through to right side and through first arm, through 1 hole of 2-hole button, back through other hole of button, back through arm, back through right side of body, and back through left side of body. Cont through left arm and first hole, then

2nd hole of 2-hole button and back through left arm. You will have the 2 ends of the cord between the left arm and left side of body. Pull tightly to shape body and tie a secure knot. Attach the legs in the same way. On head, sew shank buttons on either side of nose with pearl cotton, pulling the ends tog from inside of head to shape the face. Embroider nose and mouth with pearl cotton. Sew ears to either side of head, tilting them back at an angle. Sew head to body, adding a little more stuffing as you go so the head stands firmly. Weave in loose ends. Put the vest on the bunny and tie ribbon in a bow around his neck.

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FROG CHARMING

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IN THE STORY OF THE FROG PRINCE, a spoiled princess loses her favorite ball down a well. It is retrieved by a frog prince in exchange for becoming the princess's playmate—to eat with her, play with her, and sleep on her pillow at night. One morning the princess awakens to discover that the frog has been transformed into a handsome prince. Now you can make a frog prince for your own princess.



Joe Coca

Finished Size: About 21" tall with legs extended.

Yarn: Blue Sky Alpacas Dyed Cotton (100% organically grown cotton; 150 yd [137 m]/ 3½ oz [100 g]; **4**): #602 honeydew (A), 2 skeins; #613 ink (B), #614 drift (C), #636 jasper (D), and #638 dandelion (E), 1 skein each.

Hook: Size G/6 (4 mm). Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

Notions: Yarn needle; sewing needle and matching thread; corn-based or polyester stuffing.

Gauge: 15 sts and 7 rows = 4" in dc.

Skill Level: Intermediate.

Notes

Beg stuffing body, legs, and head just after beg dec.
Unless otherwise noted, pieces are worked in a spiral without joining rnds.

Body

With A, ch 4, sl st in first ch to form ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 3 (counts as dc), 13 dc in ring, do not join, place marker (pm) in first st to mark beg of rnd—14 dc.

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each dc around—28 dc.

Rnd 3: *Dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc; rep from * around—42 dc.

Rnd 4: *Dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc; rep from * around—56 dc.

Rnds 5–10: Dc in each dc around.

Rnd 11: *Dc in next 2 dc, dc2tog (see Glossary); rep from * around—42 dc.

Rnd 12: Dc in each st around.

Rnd 13: *Dc in next dc, dc2tog; rep from * around—28 dc.

Rnd 14: Dc2tog to m—14 dc.

Rnd 15: Dc2tog to m, hdc in next st, sc in next st—7 st. Fasten off.

Head

Work as for body through Rnd 4.

Rnd 5: *Dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next dc; rep from * around—70 dc.

Shape mouth:

Rnd 6: Pm in 24th st, *2 dc in next dc, dc in next 2 dc; rep from * to m, move m up, dc to end—78 dc.

Rnd 7: *Dc2tog, dc in next 2 dc; rep from * to m, dc to end—70 dc.

Rnd 8: *Dc in next 3 dc, dc2tog; rep from * around—56 dc.

Rnd 9: *Dc in next 2 dc, dc2tog; rep from * around—42 dc. Stuff head.

Rnd 10: *Dc in next dc, dc2tog; rep from * around—28 dc.

Rnd 11: Dc2tog around—14 dc. Fasten off.

Eye (make 2)

Note: Eyes are worked in joined rnds. With B, ch 4, sl st in first ch to form ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 2 (counts as dc), 7 dc in ring, sl st in beg ch-2 changing to C in last st—8 dc.

Rnd 2: Ch 2, dc in first dc, 2 dc in each dc around, sl st in beg ch-2 to join—16 dc.

Rnd 3: Ch 2, dc in first dc, dc2tog around, sl st in beg ch-2 to join—8 dc. Stuff eye.

Rnd 4: Ch 2, dc2tog around, sl st in beg ch-2 to join—4 dc. Fasten off.

Arm (make 2)

Hand: With A, ch 10.

Rnd 1: Dc in 4th ch from hook (3 skipped chs do not count as dc), dc in next 5 ch, 4 dc in last ch, working across back of chain, dc in next 5 back ridge lps, 3 dc in last ch, pm in first dc to mark beg of rnd—18 dc.

Rnd 2: Dc in next 7 dc, dc2tog, dc in next 7 dc, dc2tog—16 dc.

Rnd 3: Dc2tog, dc in next 4 dc, dc2tog 2 times, dc in next 4 dc, dc2tog—12 dc.



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Arm: Dc in each dc until arm measures 7". Stuff arm. **Next rnd:** Dc2tog around. **Next rnd:** Dc2tog to last dc, dc in last dc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Leg (make 2)

With A, ch 4, sl st in first ch to form ring.

Rnd 1: (RS) Ch 3 (counts as dc), 11 dc in ring, do not join, pm in first dc—12 dc.

Work even in dc until leg measures 6½", do not fasten off.

Foot:

Rnd 1: *2 dc in next dc, dc in next dc; rep from * around—18 dc.

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each of next 7 dc, dc in next 11 dc—25 dc. Stuff leg.

Rnd 3: Dc2tog, 4 dc in next dc, *dc4tog (see Glossary), 4 dc in next dc; rep from *, dc2tog, dc in next 10 dc—26 dc.

Rnd 4: Dc2tog around—13 dc.

Rnd 5: Dc2tog to last dc, dc in last dc. Fasten off.

Crown

With E, ch 36, sl st in first ch to form ring.

Rnds 1–2: Ch 2 (counts as dc), dc in each ch around—36 dc.

First point:

Row 1: Ch 2 (counts as first dc), dc in next 4 dc, dc2tog, turn—6 dc.

Row 2: Ch 2 (does not count as st throughout), dc in next 2 dc, dc2tog—3 dc.

Row 3: Ch 2, dc2tog. Fasten off.

Next point: *With RS facing, sk next 2 dc, join in next dc.

Row 1: Ch 2 (counts as first dc), dc in next 4 dc, dc2tog—6 dc.

Row 2: Ch 2 (does not count as st throughout), dc in next 2 dc, dc2tog—3 dc.

Row 3: Ch 2, dc2tog. Fasten off.

Rep from * 2 times.

Bowtie

With D, ch 8, sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across, turn.

Rows 1–12: Ch 1, sc across—7 sc.

Middle wrap: Ch 4, sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across—3 sc. Rep last row 6 times.

Wrap middle wrap around bowtie and sl st ends tog. **Neck band:**

With D, ch 4. **Next row:** Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across—3 sc. Rep last row to length needed to wrap around frog's neck. Sew bowtie to neckband.

Ball

With D, ch 4, sl st in first ch to form ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 2 (counts as dc), 7 dc in ring, pm in first dc to mark beg of rnd—8 dc.

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each dc around—16 dc.

Rnd 3: *Dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc; rep from * around—24 dc.

Rnd 4: *Dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc; rep from * around changing to E in last dc—32 dc.

Rnds 5–6: Dc around changing to D in last st of Rnd 6.

Rnd 7: *Dc in next 2 dc, dc2tog; rep from * around—24 dc. Stuff ball.

Rnd 8: *Dc in next dc, dc2tog; rep from * around—16 dc.

Rnd 9: Dc2tog around—8 dc.

Rnd 10: Dc2tog around—4 dc. Fasten off.

Finishing

Using A, sew body to head. Using sewing thread, sew eyes to head and limbs to body. Using B and backstitch (see Glossary) embroider mouth. Position bowtie around neck and sew ends tog. Weave in loose ends.

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EWENICE McFLEECE SHEEP

design by Christine Vitron

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EWENICE McFLEECE IS A FINE EXAMPLE of single crochet, double crochet, and the innovative double crochet with thrum introduced in *Interweave Crochet's* Winter 2008 issue. Basically an inside-out thrummed mitten, Ewenice consists of just a few parts: a body, four legs, a head, and ears. She can be worked up and assembled in a few short hours. Ewenice's fleecy coat is cream-colored and she has black accents on her feet and ears but could easily change to other traditional sheepy hues or avant-garde color schemes.



Finished Size: 6" tall, 4" wide, and 9" from nose to back end.

Yarn: Plymouth Suri Merino (55% Suri Alpaca, 45% Extra Fine Merino; 109 yd [100 m]/1¾ oz [50 g]; **4**): #100 (white [A]), 2 balls; #500 (black [B]), about 20 yds; natural-colored wool roving, about 1 oz.

Hook: Size H (5 mm).

Notions: Yarn needle; polyester fiberfill stuffing; stitch marker (m).

Gauge: 20 sc and 20 rows = 4".

Skill Level: Easy.

Stitch Guide

Adjustable Ring: Place slipknot on hook. Leaving 4" tail, wrap tail around fingers to form ring. Work sts of first rnd into ring. At end of first rnd, pull tail to tighten ring.

Double Crochet with Thrum (dcwt): Yo, insert hook in sc, fold middle of thrum over throat of hook and yo, pull thrum and yarn through st, wrap tail of thrum clockwise around yarn and hold it tight so it does not untwist, yo and draw through

(lp, thrum, and lp), tug yarn, yo and draw through 2 lps. See <http://crochetme.com/media/p/108673.aspx> for an instructional video.

Body

With A, make adjustable ring (see Stitch Guide), 6 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join, pull yarn to tighten ring, turn—6 sc.

Rnd 1: Ch 2 (does not count as st here and throughout), (sc, dc) in each sc around, sl st in 2nd ch of tch to join—12 sts.

Rnd 2: Ch 2, *dcwt (see Stitch Guide) in next sc, sc in next dc; rep from * around, sl st in 2nd ch of tch to join—12 sts.

Rnd 3: Ch 2, (sc, dc) in each st around, sl st in 2nd ch of tch to join—24 sts.

Rnd 4: Ch 2, *dcwt in next sc, sc in next dc; rep from * around, sl st in 2nd ch of tch to join—24 sts.

Rnd 5: Ch 2, *sc in next dc, dcwt in next sc; rep from * around, sl st in 2nd ch of tch to join.

Rnds 6–14: Rep Rnds 4–5.

Note

Stuff body before beg dec and cont to stuff as you dec.

Rnd 15: Ch 2, *sc2tog (see Glossary), dc2tog (see Glossary), [sc in next dc, dc in next sc] 2 times; rep from * 2 times, sl st in 2nd ch of tch to join—18 sts.

Rnd 16: Ch 2, *dc2tog, sc2tog, dc in next sc, sc in next dc; rep from * 2 times, sl st in 2nd ch of tch to join—12 sts.

Rnd 17: Ch 2, *sc2tog, dc2tog, sc in next dc, dc in next sc; rep from * around, sl st in 2nd ch of tch to join—8 sts.

Fasten off, leaving long tail for seaming to head.

Leg (make 4)

With B, make adjustable ring (see Stitch Guide), 6 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join, pull yarn to tighten ring—6 sc.

Rnd 1: Ch 2 (does not count as st here and throughout), 2 sc in each sc around, place marker (pm) in last st—12 sc.

Note

Remainder of leg is made in a spiral instead of joining at the end of each rnd. Pm in last st of each rnd, moving m up each rnd.

Rnd 2: Sc in each sc around—12 sc.



Rnd 3: Rep Rnd 2. Join A in last st of rnd.

Rnds 4–13: Rep Rnd 2.

Fasten off, leaving long tail for seaming to body.

Head

With A, make adjustable ring (see Stitch Guide), 6 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join, pull yarn to tighten ring—6 sc.

Rnd 1: Ch 2 (does not count as st here and throughout), 2 sc in each sc around, place marker (pm) in last st—12 sc.

Note

Remainder of head is made in a spiral instead of joining at the end of each rnd. Pm in last st of each rnd, moving m up each rnd.

Rnd 2: *2 sc in first sc, sc in next sc; rep from * around—18 sc.

Rnds 3–4: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 5: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 4 sc; rep from * 1 time—22 sc.

Rnd 6: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 5 sc; rep from * 1 time—26 sc.

Rnds 7–11: Sc in each st around. **Note:** Stuff head before beginning dec.

Rnd 12: *Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sc; rep from * around—19 sc.

Rnd 13: *Sc2tog, sc in next sc; rep from * around, sc in last sc—13 sc.

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Rnd 14: Sc2tog around, sc in last sc—7 sc. Fasten off leaving 8" tail. Close opening by weaving tail through last 7 sts and pull to close hole. Weave in ends.

Ears (make 2)

With B, ch 3.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, turn—2 sc.

Row 2: Ch 2, sc in 2 sc, turn.

Rows 3–4: Rep Row 2. Fasten off.

Finishing

Using photo as a guide, stuff legs and attach to body. Attach head to body. With B and yarn needle, embroider nose and eyes to face. Attach ears to side of head.

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CROCHET A LAMB

design by Meg Grossman

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THE COMBINATION OF FINE YARN for the lamb's legs, underside, and face, with fuzzy yarn for the fleece, is particularly intriguing. The body of the lamb is an armature over which the crocheted fleece is sewn.



Joe Coca

Adapted from pattern in Weldon's Practical Needlework, Volume 7.

Finished Size: 10" from nose to beginning of tail, about 5¾" tall.

Yarn: Fingering – or baby-weight yarn, 1¾ oz [50 g]; (2): natural, Sportweight yarn with soft fuzzy texture; 1¾ oz [50 g]; (2): natural, Embroidery floss for mouth and nostrils, red.

Hook: D/3 (3.25 mm) for fingering yarn, size F/5 (3.75 mm) for sportweight yarn.

Notions: Yarn needle; embroidery needle; sewing thread to match yarn; cotton batting, 1 yard; interfacing, heavy-duty nonfusible, 1 yard; beads, black for eyes, 2; ribbon for neck.

Gauge: 11 sts = 2" with fingering yarn and size 3 hook; 3 sts = 1" with sportweight yarn and size 5 hook over dc.

Skill Level: Easy.

Notes

Fasten off: break yarn, draw end through lp on hook, tighten. Join—attach to start of rnd with a sl st. Work even—work into previous row or rnd without inc or dec.

Weave in yarn at the beg of the ears only; end yarn will be used to sew the ears to the head. Rem yarn ends will not show on the inside of the work.

Front Legs (make 2)

Rnd 1: With fingering yarn and size 3 hook, ch 4, join (see Notes); ch 2, 10 dc in ring; join.

Rnd 2: Ch 2, dc around, working 2 dc in every second st; join.

Rnd 3: Ch 2, dec for top of foot as follows: * dc in first st, dc2tog (see Glossary); rep from * around; join.

Rnds 4–9: Work even in dc.

Rnd 10: Ch 2, * dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next dc; rep from * around; join.

Rnd 11: Work even.

Rnd 12: Ch 2, * dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next dc; rep from * 2 times. Fasten off.

Back Legs (make 2)

Work as for front legs through Rnd 9.

Rnd 10: Ch 2, 2 dc in next dc; dc in next st; rep from * until 4 sts rem, dc in last 4 sts.

Rnd 11: Work even.

Rnd 12: Ch 2, dc in first 2 sts, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc, dc in last 8 sts; join, fasten off.

Body

Row 1: With fingering yarn and size 3 hook, ch 21, dc in 3rd ch from hook and in each rem ch across; turn.

Rows 2–16: Ch 2, work even in dc; turn.

Row 17: Sl st in first 5 sts, ch 2, work 9 dc; turn, leaving rem sts unworked.

Row 18: Ch 2, dc in each st across; fasten off.

Next row: Rotate body piece so Row 1 is at the top of the work. With right side facing, skip first 5 sts, join yarn in next st, ch 2, dc in next 9 sts; turn.

Following 2 rows: Work even. Fasten off.

Head

Rnd 1: Ch 2, 4 dc in 2nd ch from hook; join.

Rnd 2: Ch 2, 2 dc in each st a round; join.

Rnds 3–9: Ch 2, dc around, inc twice in each rnd; join. Fasten off at end of Rnd 9.

Ears (make 2)

Row 1: Ch 9, skip 3 ch, tr in 6 rem ch; turn.

Row 2: Ch 2, dc in next 4 sts, 5 dc in ch-3 tch of Row 1, 5 dc along other side of tr worked in foundation ch; turn.

Row 3: Ch 2, dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next st, 3 dc next st, 2 dc next st, 2 dc in next st, dc in rem sts. Break yarn, leaving long tail to sew the ear to the head; fasten off.

Fleece

Change to the sportweight yarn and size 5 hook for fleece and tail.

Rnd 1: Beg at the head and neck area, ch 15, join. Ch 3, 2 tr in each ch; join.

Rnds 2–3: Ch 3, work even in tr; join.

Rnds 4–6: Ch 2, work even in dc; join; fasten off.

Flap for the back: Join yarn and work tr back and forth over center 22 sts of last rnd of fleece for 9 rows or until fleece is as long

as the body. Fold the last row in half and sl st the edges together up to the fold. Fasten off.

Tail

Row 1: Ch 17, sk 3 ch, tr in rem 14 ch across. Turn.

Rows 2–4: Ch 3, tr in each st across; turn. Fasten off at the end of last row.

Finish the tail: Fold the strip lengthwise and sl st together. The tail should curve because tr edge is much looser than ch edge. Break yarn, leaving long tail to sew the tail to the body. Fasten off.

The Armature

Crumple pieces of the cotton batting to roughly the size of the body. Wrap them in another piece of batting and lash with yarn to hold in place. Shape and bind down one end for the head. Form the pairs of legs by rolling up a rectangle of interfacing and batting together, and wrapping tightly with yarn.

Put the legs in place on the body by threading them through the lashing on the body mass. Make sure the body is the right size by trying on all the crocheted parts.

Clip, trim, and lash tighter or looser until the shape is correct. Thread a double length of sewing thread into the embroidery needle and stitch the legs to the body.

Dressing the Lamb

Once all the crocheted parts are on the body, thread the tapestry needle with a length of the fingering yarn. Beginning where one of the legs meets the fleece and underside, join the pieces tog with a loose overcast stitch. Push any loose ends of yarn to the inside as you stitch past them.

To attach the ears and tail, thread the yarn ends into the tapestry needle and stitch down. Using the embroidery needle and sewing thread, anchor the ears in place to the cotton batting of the body. Sew on the beads for the eyes. Using the embroidery floss, stitch in the mouth and nostrils. Tie the ribbon around the lamb's neck. The little baby is ready to be adopted—if you can give it up!

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HUGO THE NOT SO HUNGRY HIPPO

design by Stacey Trock

Finished Size About 9" tall.

Yarn Blue Sky Alpacas Worsted Cotton (100% organic cotton; 150 yd [137 m]/1¼oz [50 g]): #626 stone (MC, tan), 2 skeins; #615 tulip (CC, white), 5 yd.

Hook Size Size H/8 (5.0mm).
Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

Notions Tapestry needle; two 12mm black plastic craft eyes; stuffing.

Gauge 6 rnds of sc = 3" diameter circle.

Skill level Easy.

Notes

All sts are worked through the back loop.



Stacey Trock

Head/Body (make 2)

With MC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 times in 2nd ch from hook—6 sts.

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st—12 sts.

Rnd 3: *2 sc in next st, sc in next st; rep from * 5 times—18 sts.

Rnd 4: *2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 2 sts; rep from * 5 times—24 sts.

Rnd 5: *2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 3 sts; rep from * 5 times—30 sts.

Rnd 6: *2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 4 sts; rep from * 5 times—36 sts.

Rnd 7: *2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 5 sts; rep from * 5 times—42 sts.

Rnd 8: *2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 6 sts; rep from * 5 times—48 sts.

Rnd 9: *2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 7 sts; rep from * 5 times—54 sts.

Rnd 10: *2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 8 sts; rep from * 5 times—60 sts.

Rnds 11–20: Sc in each st.

Rnd 21: *Sc2tog (see Glossary), sc in each of next 8 sts; rep from * 5 times—54 sts.

Rnd 22: *Sc2tog, sc in each of next 7 sts; rep from * 5 times—48 sts.

Rnd 23: *Sc2tog, sc in each of next 6 sts; rep from * 5 times—42 sts.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Legs (make 2)

With MC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 times in 2nd ch from hook—6 sts.

Rnd 2: Sc 2 in each st—12 sts.

Rnd 3: *Sc 2 in next st, sc in next st; rep from * 5 times—18 sts.

Rnd 4: *Sc 2 in next st, sc in each of next 2 sts; rep from * 5 times—24 sts.

Rnds 5–12: Sc in each st.

Fasten off, leaving long tail.

Arms (make 2)

With MC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 times in 2nd ch from hook—6 sts.

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st—12 sts.

Rnd 3: *2 sc in next st, sc in next st; rep from * 5 times—18 sts.

Rnds 4–11: Sc in each st.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Mouth halves (make 2)

With MC, ch 13.

Rnd 1: *Sc 2 times in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 10 sts, sc 2 times in next st, do not turn piece, rotate to work in bottom of foundation chain; rep from * once—28 sts.

Rnd 2: *Sc in next st, sc 2 times in next st, sc in next 10 sts, sc 2 times in next st, sc in next st; rep from * once—32 sts.

Rnd 3: *Sc in next 2 sts, sc 2 times in next st, sc in next 10 sts, sc 2 times in next st, sc in next 2 sts; rep from * once—36 sts.

Rnd 4: *Sc in next 3 sts, sc 2 times in next st, sc in next 10 sts, sc 2 times in next st, sc in next 3 sts; rep from * once—40 sts.

Rnds 5–7: Sc in each st—40 sts.

Rnd 8: *Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts; rep from * once—36 sts.

Rnd 9: *Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts; rep from * once—32 sts.

Rnd 10: *Sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog, sc in next st; rep from * once—28 sts.

Rnd 11: Sc in each st—28 sts.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Ears (make 2)

With MC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 times in 2nd ch from hook—6 sts.

Rnd 2: Sc in each st—6 sts.

Rnd 3: Sc 2 times in each st—12 sts.

Rnds 4–6: Sc in each st—12 sts.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Teeth (make 2)

With CC, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Sc 6 times in 2nd ch from hook—6 sts.

Rnd 2: *Sc 2 times in next st, sc in next st; rep from * 2 times—9 sts.

Rnds 3–4: Sc in each st—9 sts.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Assembly

This hippo has a fair number of pieces... but don't worry! We'll assemble his bottom half first, then the top half, then put it all together!

Assemble bottom half: Stuff legs, and attach to body. The bottom of the legs should be attached to Rnd 10 of the body. Stuff arms, and attach to body, one rnd above the top of the legs.

Assemble top half: Flatten ears in half, and then fold in half along the base, and attach to sides of head. The ears should be attached at Rnd 7 of the head. Stuff teeth, and attach to one half of the mouth. The teeth should be attached to Rnds 4–6 of the snout half. Stuff both mouth halves, and attach to head. The half with the teeth should be on the bottom, with the teeth pointing upwards. The mouth should be centered on the head. Fasten eyes to head.

Joining bottom and top: Stuff head and body. Using long tail from head, attach head to body, pulling tightly to form neck.

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pucker the goldfish

design by MK Lee




Joe Coca

Pucker the goldfish just wants peace on earth and thinks that if we kissed more, there would be fewer wars.

Finished Size: About 4" wide, 4" long, and 4" tall.

Yarn: Worsted Weight (#4 Medium).

Shown Here: Red Heart Kids (100% acrylic; 290 yd [265 m]/5 oz [141 g]; ): #2252 orange, 1 skein.

Hook: Size F/5 (3.75 mm). Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

Notions: Stitch markers (m); yarn needle; pair of 18 mm safety eyes; polyester fiberfill.

Gauge: Gauge is not critical for this project.

Skill Level: Easy.

Notes

Exact gauge is not necessary for this project. Gauge should be tight enough to make a fabric that will hold the stuffing in place and keep its shape.

Weave in loose ends as work progresses.

FISH

Shape mouth:

Rnd 1: Ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in first sc to join—6 sts.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in each sc around, sl st in first sc to join—12 sts.

Shape body:

Rnd 3: Working across WS of piece, sl st in back of first sc in Rnd 2, sl st in back of first sc of Rnd 1, ch 1, turn (the sc are now worked with the RS facing inside of fish), 2 sc in back of each sc of Rnd 1 around, do not join, work in continuous rnds—12 sts.

Rnd 4: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] 6 times—18 sts.

Rnd 5: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc] 6 times—24 sts.

Rnd 6: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc] 6 times—30 sts.

Rnd 7: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 4 sc] 6 times—36 sts.

Rnds 8–10: Sc around.

Rnd 11: [Sc2tog (see Glossary), sc in next 4 sts] 6 times—30 sts.

Rnd 12: [Sc2tog, sc in next sc] 3 times, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts] 3 times (for belly bulge)—30 sts.

Rnd 13: Sc around.

Rnd 14: [Sc2tog, sc in next 8 sc] 3 times—27 sts.

Rnd 15: [Sc2tog, sc in next 7 sc] 3 times—24 sts.

Rnd 16: [Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sc] 3 times—21 sts.

Attach safety eyes on either side of mouth with belly bulge at the bottom.

Rnd 17: [Sc2tog, sc in next 5 sc] 3 times—18 sts.

Rnd 18: [Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sc] 3 times—15 sts.

Stuff body. Cont to stuff piece until complete.

Rnd 19: [Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sc] 3 times—12 sts.

Rnd 20: [Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sc] 3 times—9 sts.

Rnd 21: [Sc2tog, sc in next sc] 3 times—6 sts.

Rnd 22: Sc2tog around—3 sts. Do not fasten off.

Shape tail:

Row 1: *Ch 10, working in bottom ridge lps, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next ch, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next 2 ch, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in last ch (first fin made); rep from * to form 2nd fin, sc in base of first fin, sl st in next sc of Rnd 22. Do not fasten off.

With a separate piece of scrap yarn and yarn needle, loosely baste a straight line across the center top of the fish to tail.

Shape top fins:

With yarn from Row 1 of tail, work surface sl st (see Glossary) along the basted line, taking care not to catch the basting sts, working 1 sl st over each of next 12 rows, turn.

Row 1: Ch 7, working in bottom ridge lps, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next ch, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, hdc in next ch, sk next sl st on top of body, sl st in next sl st on body, turn.

Row 2: Sc in last hdc of Row 1, sc in next st, turn.

Row 3: Ch 8, working in bottom ridge lps, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next ch, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next 3 ch, dc in next 2 sc, sk the next sl st on body, sl st in next sl st on body, turn.

Row 4: Sc in last dc of Row 3, sc in next st, turn.

Row 5: Ch 5, working in bottom ridge lps of ch-5, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next ch, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next sc, hdc in next sc, sk next sl st on body, sl st in next sl st on body. Fasten off.

SIDE FINS (MAKE 2)

Ch 12, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next ch, sc in next 2 ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next 4 ch, hdc in next ch, sc in last ch. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Pin both side fins to body. Set fish on a level surface to make sure the fins help keep fish upright. Sew fins in place. Weave in loose ends.

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chiyo the mouse

design by Mamta Motiyani



Joe Coca

My name is Chiyo. My mama says that I am born out of the pure spirit of a fairy mouse as I am so light. She says that I can fly like them. Psst! Psst! I am on a secret mission! To fly to my friends in the fairy land. So what if I don't have wings? Balloons don't have wings either, but they fly. Will you tell me how to fly, oh dear balloons?

Finished Size: About 4½" wide, 2¾" long, and 5" tall when seated, not including balloons.

Yarn: Worsted Weight (#4 Medium).

Shown Here: Lion Brand Vanna's Choice (100% acrylic; 170 yd [156 m]/3½ oz [100 g]; **(4)**): #860-153 black (MC), 1 ball; #860-100 white (CC1), 1 ball.

Lion Brand Cotton-Ease (50% cotton; 50% acrylic; 207 yd [188 m]/3½ oz [100 g]; **(4)**): #830-194 lime (CC2), 1 ball. TLC Cotton Plus (51% cotton; 49% acrylic; 153 yd [139 m]/3½ oz [100 g]; **(4)**): #E516- 3907 red (CC3), 1 ball.

Hook: Size G/6 (4 mm). Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

Notions: Stitch markers (m); yarn needle; two 6 mm safety eyes; polyester fiberfill; 2 mm thick stiff metal wire 22" long; metal pliers; two 8 mm acrylic blue teddy bear beads; small poly-pellets in a light muslin bag (optional).

Gauge: 16 sts and 16 rows = 4" in sc; 16 sts and 9 rows = 4" in dc.

Skill Level: Easy.

Notes

Exact gauge is not necessary for this project. Gauge should be tight enough to make a fabric that will hold the stuffing in place and keep its shape.

Most pieces are worked in spirals. Do not join rnds. Use st marker (m) to indicate beg of rnd, move m up as each rnd is completed.

Attach body to head only after completing balloon strings and dress.

HEAD

Rnd 1: Beg at nose, with MC, ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in first sc to join—6 sts. Fasten off MC.

Rnd 2: Join CC1 with sc in same st as join, sc in each sc around, do not join, beg working in a continuous spiral.

Rnd 3: 2 sc in each sc around—12 sts.

Rnd 4: Sc around.

Rnd 5: [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—18 sts.

Rnd 6: Sc around.

Rnd 7: [Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—24 sts.

Rnd 8: Sc around.

Rnd 9: [Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—30 sts.

Rnd 10: Sc around.

Rnd 11: [Sc in next 3 sc, sc2tog (see Glossary)] 6 times—24 sts.

Attach safety eyes bet Rnds 7 and 8. Beg stuffing head firmly. Cont to stuff until piece is complete.

Rnd 12: [Sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—18 sts.

Rnd 13: [Sc in next sc, sc2tog] 6 times—12 sts.

Rnd 14: [Sc2tog] 6 times, sl st in next sc—6 sts. Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Weave tail through sts of last rnd. Pull to close opening. Weave in end.



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EARS (MAKE 2)

Rnd 1: With CC1, ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook—6 sts.

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc around—12 sts.

Rnd 3: [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—18 sts.

Rnd 4: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc] 6 times, sl st in next sc—24 sts. Fasten off leaving a long tail.

ARMS AND LEGS (MAKE 4)

Rnd 1: With CC1, ch 2, 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook—5 sts.

Rnds 2–5: Sc around, sl st in next sc.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Stuff firmly.

BODY

Rnds 1–3: With MC and beg at base of body, work Rnds 1–3 of ear—18 sts.

Rnds 4–7: Sc around.

Rnd 8: [Sc in next sc, sc2tog] 6 times—12 sts.

Rnd 9: Sc around.

Add poly-pellets bag, if desired, to base of body. This will add weight and help it sit comfortably without support. Cont to stuff until piece is complete.

Rnd 10: [Sc2tog, sc in next sc] 4 times, sl st in next sc—8 sts.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Sew ears to sides of head. Sew arms and legs to body, using photograph as a guide.

BALLOON STRINGS

Wire is poked into body after it is completely filled with fiberfill. Fold metal wire with one end 2" longer than other end. Poke one end of wire from base of body to center of mouse's left hand. Sk 1 sc on base of body and poke other end of wire from base of body to center of mouse's left hand. With pliers, fold over ¼" of each end of wire. Tie long piece of MC to fold on one end. Wrap yarn around wire, keeping wraps close tog, until wire is completely covered. Cont wrapping yarn up other half of wire to fold, until completely covered. Tie yarn to fold at other end. Trim end of yarn.

DRESS

With CC3, ch 23, sl st in first ch to form ring, being careful not to twist ch.

Rnd 1: Ch 1, sc in each ch around, sl st in first sc to join—23 sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 2 (does not count as st throughout), dc in next 11 sc, dc2tog (see Glossary), dc in next 9 sc, sl st in beg ch-2 to join—21 sts.

Rnd 3: Ch 2, sk next dc, dc in next 9 dc, dc2tog, dc in next 9 dc, sl st in beg ch-2 to join—19 sts.

Rnd 4: Ch 2, sk next dc, dc in next 7 dc, hdc in next 2 dc, dc2tog, dc in next 5 dc, hdc in next 2 dc, sl st in beg ch-2—17 sts.

Dress straps:

Rnd 5: Sl st blo in next 7 dc, ch 4, sk next 2 sts, sl st blo in next 7 dc, ch 4, sk last st.

Rnd 6: [Sk next sl st, sc blo in next 5 sl sts, sk next sl st, sc in next ch-4 sp (for strap)] 2 times, sl st in first sc to join.

Fasten off. Sew 1 plastic teddy bear bead, at base of each strap, on front of dress. Put dress on body. With head facing up toward balloons, sew body to head.

TAIL

Join CC1 in center back of body. Ch 10, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in rem 8 ch—9 sl sts. Fasten off. Pull tail out through back of dress.

LARGE BALLOON

Rnds 1–3: With CC3, work Rnds 1–3 of ear—18 sts.

Rnd 4: [Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—24 sts.

Rnds 5–7: Sc around.

Rnd 8: [Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sc] 6 times—18 sts.

Rnds 9–10: Sc around.

Rnd 11: [Sc2tog, sc in next sc] 6 times—12 sts.

To stuff balloon, wind some fiberfill over fold of longer metal wire and push it with fiberfill inside balloon so that the balloon covers about 1½" of wire. Cont stuffing balloon. All rem rnds of balloon are worked holding wire and balloon in place.

Rnd 12: [Sc2tog] 6 times—6 sts.

Rnd 13: [Sc2tog] 2 times, sc in next 2 sc—4 sts.

Rnd 14: 2 sc in each sc around—8 sts.

Fasten off and weave in ends. Wind a 7" long piece of MC 3–4 times over 13th rnd of balloon. Tie with a knot and bow.

SMALL BALLOON

Rnds 1–3: With CC2, work Rnds 1–3 of ear—18 sts.

Rnds 4–6: Sc around.

Rnd 7: [Sc2tog, sc in next st] 6 times—12 sts.

Rnds 8–9: Sc around.

Stuff balloon as for large balloon.

Rnds 10–12: Work Rnds 12–14 of large balloon—8 sts.

Fasten off and weave in ends. Wind a 7" long piece of MC 3–4 times over Rnd 11 of balloon. Tie with a knot and bow.

FINISHING

With a length of CC1, sew left hand to side of head, to stabilize balloons.

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Little Joe

The real Little Joe is one of my best-est friends in the whole wide world. He's a big guy with a huge heart and a sheepish monster-y grin on his face. I made the yarn version of him 'cause everyone needs a Little Joe in their corner.

finished measurements

Little Joe stands about 6'2" (188 cm), but this version of him is more like 12" (30.5 cm).

yarn

Worsted (#4 Medium).

Shown here: Lion Brand Wool-Ease Solid (80% acrylic, 20% wool; 197 yd [180 m]/3 oz [85 g]): #107 Blue Heather (MC), 2 skeins; #188 Paprika (CC1), #171 Gold (CC2), #153 Black (CC3), and #099 Fisherman (CC4), 1 skein each.

hook

Size F/5 (3.75 mm). *Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.*

notions

Stitch markers (medium).

Yarn needle.

Fairfield Poly-Fil Premium Polyester Fiber, 12-oz bag.

Two $\frac{3}{8}$ " (9 cm) or $\frac{7}{16}$ " (11 mm) black buttons (La Mode #20639 used in sample).

Black sewing thread.

Sewing needle.

gauge

19 sts and 22 rows = 4" (10 cm) in sc st in the rnd.

note

✖ This pattern uses the term "rotate work." This is not the same as "turn work." While keeping the same side (the RS) facing you at all times, rotate work 180 degrees, like turning a steering wheel.

Construction Plan

Little Joe's head and body are each made separately and stitched together after stuffing. Horns and heart are made separately and stitched on later. Teeth, nose, and eyebrows are embroidered onto face using yarn needle and yarn. Body is made starting at the top with a foundation chain and worked in unjoined rnds, changing colors for pants, and stuffing with fiberfill as you go. Pants are made in joined rnds (to avoid color jogs), changing color for foot tops after working last rnd of pants. Foot tops are made in turned rows. Foot bottoms are made in turned rows and then stitched to foot tops after stuffing remainder of legs and feet. Head is made from top to bottom, starting with a foundation chain, and working in unjoined rnds.



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Head

With MC, ch 20.

RND 1: Starting with first ch from hook and working into the bottom of the chain, work 1 sc into each st across—20 sc sts. Place marker in last sc made. This will mark the last st of each rnd (move marker up as each rnd progresses). Rotate work 180 degrees so that you can work into the opposite side of foundation chain.

RND 2: 2 sc into first st, 1 sc into each of the next 18 sts, 2 sc into the next st, rotate work 180 degrees; make 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 18 sts, 2 sc into the last (marked) st—44 sts.

RND 3: 1 sc into each st—44 sts.

RND 4: 2 sc into next st, 1 sc into each of the next 20 sts, 2 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 1 sc into each of the next 20 sts, 2 sc into the next st—48 sts.

RNDS 5–19: 1 sc into each st around—48 sts.

RND 20: 1 sc into each of the next 2 sts, sc2tog twice, 1 sc into each of the next 20 sts, sc2tog twice, 1 sc into each of the next 18 sts—44 sts.

RND 21: 1 sc into each st—44 sts.

RND 22: 1 sc into each of the next 2 sts, sc2tog twice, 1 sc into each of the next 18 sts, sc2tog twice, 1 sc into each of the next 16 sts—40 sts. Fasten off with long yarn tail.

Body

Note: Remember to stuff body as work progresses.

With MC, ch 30.

RND 1: Starting with first ch from hook and working into the bottom of the chain, work 1 sc into each st across—30 sc sts. Place marker in last sc made. This will mark the last st of each rnd (move marker up as each rnd progresses). Rotate work 180 degrees so that you can work into the opposite side of foundation chain.

RND 2: 2 sc into first st, 1 sc into each of the next 28 sts, 2 sc into the next st, rotate work 180 degrees; make 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 28 sts, 2 sc into the last (marked) st—64 sts.

RND 3: 1 sc into each st—64 sts.

RND 4: 2 sc into next st, 1 sc into each of the next 30 sts, 2 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 1 sc into each of the next 30 sts, 2 sc into the next st—68 sts.

RND 5: 1 sc into each st around—68 sts.

RND 6: 2 sc into next st, 1 sc into each of the next 32 sts, 2 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 1 sc into each of the next 32 sts, 2 sc into the next st—72 sts.

RND 7: 1 sc into each st around—72 sts.

RND 8: 1 sc into the next st, 2 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 1 sc into each of the next 34 sts, 2 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 1 sc into each of the next 33 sts—76 sts. (Placement of increases are adjusted for the natural shifting of rnds that occur when working in a spiral.)

RND 9: 1 sc into each st around—76 sts.

RND 10: 1 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 2 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 1 sc into each of the next 36 sts, 2 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 1 sc into each of the next 34 sts—80 sts.

RND 11: 1 sc into each st around—80 sts.

RND 12: 1 sc into each of the next 4 sts, 2 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 1 sc into each of the next 38 sts, 2 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 1 sc into each of the next 34 sts—84 sts.

RND 13: 1 sc into each st around—84 sts.

RND 14: 1 sc into each of the next 5 sts, 2 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 1 sc into each of the next 40 sts, 2 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 1 sc into each of the next 35 sts—88 sts.

RNDS 15 & 16: 1 sc into each st around—88 sts.

RND 17: 1 sc into each of the next 7 sts, 2 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 1 sc into each of the next 42 sts, 2 sc into each of the next 2 sts, 1 sc into each of the next 35 sts—92 sts.

RNDS 18–19: 1 sc into each st around—92 sts.

RND 20 (DIVIDE FOR ARMS): 1 sc into each of the next 2 sts, sk next 16 sts, 1 sc into each of the next 30 sts, sk next 16 sts, 1 sc into each of the next 28 sts—60 sts around chest, 16 sts around each arm.

RNDS 21–30: 1 sc into each st. Change to CC1 on last yo of Rnd 30—60 sts. DO NOT FASTEN OFF.

Pants

RND 31: Work one uncounted rnd of slip sts in CC1, and then work behind this rnd of slip sts: Ch 1, 1 sc into each st of Rnd 30, sl st into first sc of rnd to join (work in joined rnds for each rnd of pants)—60 sts.

RND 32: Ch 1, 1 sc into same st as join, 1 sc into each of the next 59 sts, sl st to join while changing to CC2 on last yo—60 sts. Do not cut yarn; carry along WS as work progresses.

RND 33: With CC2, ch 1, 1 sc blo in same st as join, 1 sc blo into each of the next 59 sts, sl st to join—60 sts.



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RND 34: Ch 1, 1 sc into same st as join, 1 sc into each of the next 59 sts, sl st to join while changing to CC1 on last yo—60 sts.

RND 35: With CC1, repeat Rnd 33.

RND 36: Ch 1, 1 sc into same st as join, 1 sc into each of the next 59 sts, sl st to join while changing to CC2 on last yo—60 sts.

RND 37: With CC2, repeat Rnd 33.

RND 38: Repeat Rnd 34. Place marker in 23rd and 41st sts. Place a contrasting st marker in the 53rd st. DO NOT FASTEN OFF.



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Right Leg

RND 39: With CC1, ch 1, 1 sc blo in same st as join, 1 sc blo into each of the next 11 sts; starting with the third st marker (skipping all sts in between), 1 sc blo into each of the next 8 sts, sl st to join—20 sts around leg.

RND 40: Ch 1, 1 sc into the same st as join, 1 sc into each of the next 19 sts, sl st to join while changing to CC2 on last yo—20 sts.

RND 41: With CC2, ch 1, 1 sc blo into the same st as join, 1 sc blo into each of the next 19 sts, sl st to join—20 sts.

RND 42: Ch 1, 1 sc into the same st as join, 1 sc into each of the next 19 sts, sl st to join while changing to CC1 on last yo—20 sts.

RND 43: With CC1, ch 1, 1 sc blo into the same st as join, 1 sc blo into each of the next 19 sts—20 sts.

RND 44: Ch 1, 1 sc into the same st as join, 1 sc into each of the next 19 sts, sl st to join while changing to MC on last yo—20 sts.

With MC, work one uncounted rnd of sl sts. Remove hook from loop. Insert hook under first sl st from backside of work to front. Place working loop back on hook and pull through to back of work. Ch 1 with MC; pull on tail of CC1 to tighten last loop.

RND 45: Working behind the rnd of sl sts with MC into last rnd of sc sts, work 1 sc into each st. DO NOT JOIN but work in a spiral, using a st marker to indicate last st of rnd.

RND 46: [1 sc into each of the next 3 sts, 2 sc into the next st] 5 times—25 sts.

RND 47: 1 sc into each st—25 sts.

RND 48: [1 sc into next st, 2 sc into the following st, 1 sc into each of the next 3 sts] 5 times—30 sts.

RND 49: 1 sc into each st—30 sts.

RND 50: 1 sc into each of the next 17 sts; leave the remaining sts unworked. DO NOT FASTEN OFF.

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Right Foot Top

ROW 1: Ch 1, turn, 1 sc into each of the next 10 sts—10 sts.

ROW 2: Ch 1, turn, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 9 sts—11 sts.

ROWS 3–5: Ch 1, turn, 1 sc into each of the next 11 sts—11 sts.

ROW 6: Ch 1, turn, 1 sc into the next st, [9 dc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 3 sts] twice, 9 dc into the next st, 1 sc into the next st, place marker in first sc of row—35 sts.

ROW 7: Rotate work 90 degrees (clockwise) to work into the ends of previous Top of Foot rows. Work 5 sc along side of Foot Top, 1 sc into each of the next 20 sts (around the back of the heel), 5 sc along other side of Foot Top (into the edges of rows). Rotate work 90 degrees (clockwise) to work across toe edge.

NEXT ROW: 1 sc into next (marked) st, [dc9tog, 1 sc into each of the next 3 sts] 2 times, dc9tog, 1 sc into next st, sl st to fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Left Leg

RND 1: Pull up loop of CC1 through the back loop of the st marked with the contrasting st marker. Ch 1, 1 sc blo into the same st, 1 sc blo into the next st, 1 sc blo in next marked st (sk all sts between), 1 sc blo in each of the next 17 sts, sl st to join—20 sts.

Repeat Rnds 40–49 for Right Leg.

NEXT RND: 1 sc into each of the next 18 sts; leave the remaining sts unworked. DO NOT FASTEN OFF.

Left Foot Top

ROW 1: Ch 1, turn, 1 sc into each of the next 10 sts—10 sts.

ROW 2: Ch 1, turn 1 sc into each of the next 9 sts, 2 sc into the next st—11 sts.

Follow remainder of instructions for Right Foot top starting at Row 3.

Soles of Feet (make 2)

With MC, ch 6.

ROW 1: Starting with 2nd ch from hook and working into the bottom of the chain, work 1 sc into each st—5 sts.

ROWS 2–4: Ch 1, turn, 1 sc into each st—5 sts.

ROW 5: Ch 1, turn, 2 sc into next st, 1 sc into each of the next 3 sts, 2 sc into the next st—7 sts.

ROWS 6–8: Ch 1, turn, 1 sc into each st—7 sts.

ROW 9: Ch 1, turn, 2 sc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 5 sts, 2 sc into the next st—9 sts.

ROWS 10–11: Ch 1, turn, 1 sc into each st—9 sts.

ROW 12: Rotate work 90 degrees (clockwise) to work along ends of previous rows. Work 11 sc sts along side edge, rotate 90 degrees (clockwise); work 5 sts across heel edge, rotate work 90 degrees (clockwise); work 11 sc along other side of foot Sole. Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Right Arm

Note: *Stuff arm as work progresses.*

RND 1: Pull up loop of MC in a st near armpit. Work 1 sc into each st around arm—16 sts. Later you will use the beginning yarn tail to stitch the small hole at armpit closed; make sure the beginning yarn tail is on the outside of project as you work.

RNDS 2–12: 1 sc into each st—16 sts.

RND 13: [1 sc into each of the next 7 sts, 2 sc into next st] twice—18 sts.

RNDS 14 & 15: 1 sc into each st—18 sts.

RND 16: 1 sc into each st ending at the center back of Little Joe's arm. Place a marker in this st to indicate the new end of rnds. Work 1 sc into next st, 7 dc into next st, 1 sc into each of the next 7 sts, 7 dc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 8 sts—30 sts.

RND 17: 1 sc into the next st, dc7tog (to make finger), 1 sc into the next st, sc2tog, 1 sc into the next st, sc2tog, 1 sc into the next st, dc7tog, 1 sc into the next st, sc2tog, 1 sc into each of the next 3 sts, sc2tog—14 sts.

RND 18: 1 sc into each of the next 5 sts, 7 dc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 8 sts—20 sts.

RND 19: Sc2tog, 1 sc into the next st, sc2tog, dc7tog, sc2tog, 1 sc into the next st, sc2tog—7 sts. Sl st to fasten off, leaving a long tail.

Finish stuffing arm and hand firmly. Using yarn needle, thread the yarn tail through the front loop of each of the remaining 7 sts and pull tight to close hole. Weave in ends securely.



Left Arm

Repeat Rnds 1–15 as for Right Arm.

RND 16: 1 sc into each st ending at the center front of Little Joe's arm. Place a marker in this st to indicate the new end of rnds. Work 1 sc into next st, 7 dc into next st, 1 sc into each of the next 7 sts, 7 dc into the next st, 1 sc into each of the next 8 sts—30 sts.

Starting with Rnd 17, follow directions as for Right Arm.

Horns

Using CC2, make adjustable loop.

RND 1: 5 sc into loop, sl st to join while changing to CC1 with last yo of rnd, pull on beginning yarn tail (make sure beginning yarn tail is on the outside of work. Later you will use this yarn tail to shape the horn and stitch it to Little Joe's Head—5 sts.

RND 2: With CC1, ch 1, starting in same st as join work 1 sc blo into each of next 5 sts, sl st to join while changing to CC2 with last yo of rnd—5 sts. Do not cut yarn; carry along WS as work progresses.

RND 3: With CC2, ch 1, 2 sc blo in same st as join, 1 sc blo into each of next 4 sts, sl st to join while changing to CC1 with last yo of rnd—6 sts.

RND 4: With CC1, ch 1, starting in same st as join work 1 sc blo into each of next 6 sts, sl st to join while changing to CC2 with last yo of rnd—6 sts.

RND 5: With CC2, ch 1, work 2 sc blo in same st as join, 1 sc blo into each of next 5 sts, sl st to join while changing to CC1 with last yo of rnd—7 sts.

RND 6: With CC1, ch 1, starting in same st as join make 1 sc blo into each of next 7 sts, sl st to join while changing to CC2 with last yo of rnd—7 sts.

RND 7: With CC2, ch 1, work 2 sc blo in same st as join, 1 sc blo into each of next 6 sts, sl st to join while changing to CC1 with last yo of rnd—8 sts.

RND 8: With CC1, ch 1, starting in same st as join work 1 sc blo into each of next 8 sts, sl st to join while changing to CC2 with last yo of rnd—8 sts.

RND 9: With CC2, ch 1, work 2 sc blo in same st as join, 1 sc blo into each of next 7 sts, sl st to join while changing to CC1 with last yo of rnd—9 sts. Fasten off.

Use yarn needle and beginning yarn tail to curve horn as follows: Insert yarn tail into tip of horn and slide it down the inside of the horn, catching some sts as you slide it downward. If you pull on this yarn tail, you should see the horn curve. (The yarn tail shortens only one side of the horn, making it curve toward that side.) When you are happy with the amount of curve, tack the yarn tail in place to the bottom edge of horn. Use the yarn tails to stitch the horns to the top corners of Little Joe's Head, attaching them so that the horns curve inward, towards each other.

Heart

Using CC1, make adjustable loop.

RND 1: Work 6 sc into loop, sl st to join; pull on beginning yarn tail to tighten loop—6 sts.

RND 2: Ch 1, [1 sc, 1 hdc, 1 dc] into next st, [2 dc, 1 hdc] into next st, 2 sc into next st, ch 2, sl st into 2nd ch from hook, 2 sc into next st, [1 hdc, 2 dc] into next st, [1 dc, 1 hdc, 1 sc] into next st, sl st into first sc to join. Fasten off with long tail.

Finishing

Stitch buttons securely to Little Joe's face, placing them about 1" (2.5 cm) in from the sides of his face (about 10 rnds down from top of head). When you stitch these buttons on, you can stitch all the way through his head to make a dent where each

Attaching the Head

The slip stitching should be made where the surface of the back of the head touches the surface of the front of the body. In other words, there will be a rectangular path of slip stitching between the back of the head and the front of the body. Work slip stitching as follows: First, anchor your yarn by weaving it in and out of some sts near where the back of head meets the body. Slide threaded yarn needle into the back of the head for about ¼" (6 mm). *Poke the needle back out of the head and directly into the body. Repeat from * until needle is full of sts, and then pull needle through until yarn is taught. Repeat around back of head, snaking your needle back and forth between the head and body. Your stitching should be hidden if done correctly.

eye is attached. The backside of his head (which will dent too) will be hidden when you stitch the head to the body.

Stuff Little Joe's Head and sew seam. Pin head to the front of his body. The top of his head should stick up past the top edge of his body by about 1" (2.5 cm). Make sure the dents on the back of the head are hidden between the body and the head. Using MC and yarn needle, stitch the back of Little Joe's Head to his body (see Attaching the Head, above). Use a slip stitch (see page 157). Stitch twice around back of head to make head really secure.

Using MC, stitch hole between legs closed.

Using CC4, make a rectangle of satin sts across the front of Little Joe's face for teeth. Each satin st should be vertical, straddling three rows of his face. Teeth should cover about 8 sts in width. Use CC3 to make about 6 vertical sts, to divide white rectangle for individual teeth. Make a series of horizontal sts in CC3 to divide for upper and lower teeth. Stitching shown on sample is made a little crooked on purpose; it gives Little Joe a bit more character.

Using CC3, embroider eyebrows and nose.

Stitch heart to Little Joe's chest using yarn tails and yarn needle.

Weave in all ends securely.

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Abbreviations

| | |
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| beg | begin(s); beginning |
| bet | between |
| blo | back loop only |
| CC | contrasting color |
| ch(s) | chain |
| cm | centimeter(s) |
| cont | continue(s); continuing |
| dc | double crochet |
| dec(s)('d) | decrease(s); decreasing; decreased |
| est | established |
| fdc | foundation double crochet |
| flo | front loop only |
| fol | follows; following |
| fsc | foundation single crochet |
| g | gram(s) |
| hdc | half double crochet |
| inc(s)('d) | increase(s); increasing; increased |
| k | knit |
| lp(s) | loop(s) |
| MC | main color |
| m | marker |
| mm | millimeter(s) |
| patt(s) | pattern(s) |
| pm | place marker |
| p | purl |
| rem | remain(s); remaining |
| rep | repeat; repeating |
| rev sc | reverse single crochet |
| rnd(s) | round(s) |
| RS | right side |
| sc | single crochet |
| sk | skip |
| sl | slip |
| sl st | slip(ped) stitch |
| sp(s) | space(es) |
| st(s) | stitch(es) |
| tch | turning chain |
| tog | together |
| tr | treble crochet |
| WS | wrong side |
| yd | yard |
| yo | yarn over hook |
| * | repeat starting point |
| ** | repeat all instructions between asterisks |
| () | alternate measurements and/or instructions |
| [] | work bracketed instructions a specified number of times |

Crochet Gauge

To check gauge, chain 30 to 40 stitches using recommended hook size. Work in pattern stitch until piece measures at least 4" (10 cm) from foundation chain. Lay swatch on flat surface. Place a ruler over swatch and count number of stitches across and number of rows down (including fractions of stitches and rows) in 4" (10 cm). Repeat two or three times on different areas of swatch to confirm measurements. If you have more stitches and rows than called for in instructions, use a larger hook; if you have fewer, use a smaller hook. Repeat until gauge is correct.

Single Crochet (sc)

Insert hook into a stitch, yarn over hook and draw a loop through stitch, yarn over hook (Figure 1) and draw it through both loops on hook (Figure 2).

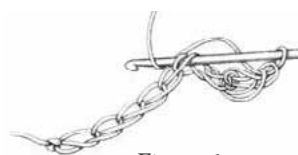


Figure 1



Figure 2

Single Crochet Two Together (sc2tog)

Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over, pull up loop (two loops on hook, Figure 1), insert hook in next stitch, yarn over, pull up loop (three loops on hook), yarn over and draw through all three loops on hook (Figure 2)—one stitch decreased (Figure 3).



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

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Slip Stitch Crochet (sl st)

Insert hook into stitch, yarn over hook and draw loop through stitch and loop on hook.



Double Crochet Two Together (dc2tog)

[Yarn over, insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up loop, yarn over, draw through two loops] two times, yarn over, draw through all loops on hook—one stitch decreased.

Double Crochet (dc)

*Yarn over, insert hook into a stitch, yarn over and pull a loop through stitch (three loops on hook; Figure 1), yarn over and draw it through two loops (Figure 2), yarn over and draw it through the remaining two loops (Figure 3). Repeat from *.

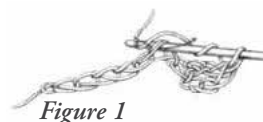


Figure 1



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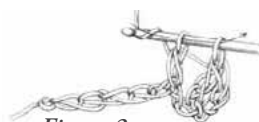


Figure 3

Treble Crochet (tr)

*Wrap yarn around hook two times, insert hook into a stitch, yarn over and pull a loop through (four loops on hook; Figure 1), yarn over and draw it through two loops (Figure 2), yarn over and draw it through the next two loops, yarn over and draw it through the remaining two loops (Figure 3). Repeat from *.



Figure 1

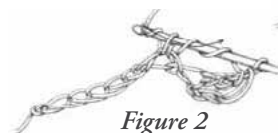


Figure 2



Figure 3

Double Crochet Four Together (dc4tog)

[Yarn over, insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up loop, yarn over, draw through 2 loops] 4 times (4 loops on hook), yarn over, draw through all loops on hook—2 stitches decreased.

Half Double Crochet (hdc)

*Yarn over, insert hook in stitch, yarn over and pull up loop (three loops on hook), yarn over (Figure 1) and draw through all loops on hook (Figure 2); repeat from *.



Figure 1

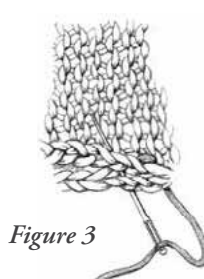
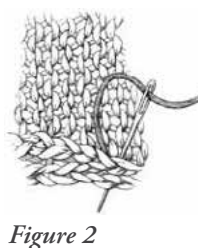
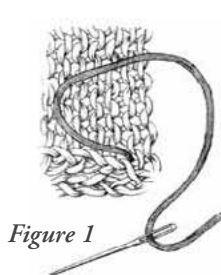


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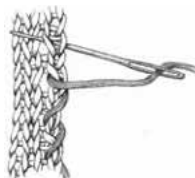
Backstitch Seam

Working from right to left, one stitch in from selvedge, bring threaded needle up through both pieces of knitted fabric (Figure 1), then back down through both layers a short distance (about a row) to the right of the starting point (Figure 2). *Bring needle up through both layers a row-length to the left of backstitch just made (Figure 3), then back down to the right, in same hole used before (Figure 4). Repeat from *, working backward one row for every two rows worked forward.



Whipstitch

With right side of work facing and working one stitch in from the edge, bring threaded needle out from back to front along edge of knitted piece.



Chain Stitch Embroidery

Holding yarn under background, insert hook through center of background, pull up loop, *insert hook into background a short distance away, pull 2nd loop up through the first loop on hook; repeat from *.