

# Gumnut Crochet

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### Ballerina Koala – Crocodile Stitch Skirt



**Not suitable as a toy for a child under the age of 3**

#### Materials Used

- 4 ply cotton yarn x 50 gram for head and legs
- 4 ply cotton yarn x 50 gram for boots, dress
- Size 3.25 mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- 15 mm safety eyes
- Fiberfill
- Stitch marker x 2

**Size - 27 cms**

#### Skill Level

- Intermediate
- A beginner who has access to google and u-tube, should be able to complete this project

with some research into any stitches or steps which are unfamiliar

- Joining the legs is the most difficult part of this koala. A variation which enables the legs to be sewn on, rather than crocheted together is included.

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- You may use this pattern to sell any items you complete. Please refer to Gumnut Crochet as the designer.

#### Gauge

- Gauge is not critical to this project.
- Different yarn type and different ply will change size.
- 8 ply cotton makes size about 35 cm in height

#### Stitches Used – US Terminology

- Sc – single crochet
- Fl – front loops
- Bl – back loops
- Ch – chain
- 2 sc in next sc – sc increase
- 2 hdc in next – hdc increase
- Sc 2 tog- sc decrease
- Sl st – slip stitch
- Hdc – half double crochet
- Sc dec – sc decrease
- Sc inc – sc increase
- Dc – double crochet

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### Sandals and Legs – Make 2

- R1. In shoe colour - Ch 8, sc in second chain from hook, sc in each of the next 5 sc, 3 sc in next sc, continuing on opposite side of foundation chain, sc in each of the next 6 sc, 3 sc in next sc – 18 sc
- R2. 2sc in next sc, sc in each of next 6 sc, 2 sc in each of next 3 sc, sc in each of next 6 sc, 2 sc in last 2 sc – 24 sc
- R3. 2sc in next sc, sc in each of next 7 sc, (2 sc in each of next sc, sc in next sc) x 2, 2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 8 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc – 30 sc
- R4. Sc in each sc – 30 sc
- R5. Sc in back loops – 30 sc
- R6. sc in each sc – 30 sc
- R7 – R8 sc in each sc – 30 sc
- R9. Sc in each of next 8 sc, (sc2 tog) x 6, sc in each of next 10 sc – 24 sc
- Leg – Change to leg colour**
- R10. sc in each of next 7 sc, (sc 2 tog) x 4, sc in each of next 7, sc 2 tog, – 19 sc
- Rd11. Sc in each of next 5 sc (sc2 tog) x 4, sc in each of next 6 sc – 15 sc
- Rd12-20. Sc in each sc – 15 sc



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*Fasten off, leaving a long tail on one leg to use to sew the gap between the legs together once joined, Fill lightly, place markers at centre middle of both legs, to mark where the legs will be joined.*

*Join legs. Legs are joined at the middle centre of each inside leg with 3 chain between each inner leg*

### Body In Tunic Colour

R21. Slip stitch into centre inside side of first leg, chain 3 join to the second leg at inside centre, sc in each of next 14 sc around second leg, ch 3, sc in each of next 13 sc around first leg – 36 sc

*Check that legs are aligned, before proceeding. If you would prefer to sew the legs to the body, finish the legs to R21 and then follow these rows before commencing R23. Skip R22 completely for this version:*

- *Ch2, 6 sc in second chain from hook, or magic circle 6 sc – 6sc*
- *2 sc in each sc – 12 sc*
- *(Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 18 sc*
- *(sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 24 sc*
- *(sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 30 sc*
- *(sc in each of next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 36 sc*

R22. Sc in each sc – 36 sc

R23. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 42 sc

R24. (sc in each of next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 48 sc

R25-26. sc in each sc - 48 sc

R27. Sc in back loops only – 48 sc

R28. Sc in each sc – 48 sc

R29. (Sc in each of next 6 sc, sc 2 tog) – 42 sc

R30-31. sc in each sc - 42 sc

*The koala is a small bear-like, tree-dwelling, herbivorous marsupial which lives on the east coast of Australia. Its thick grey fur protects it from the heat and from rain.*

*Koalas live in societies, and are fussy eaters. They only eat a few varieties of gum leaves which makes them vulnerable when their habitat is destroyed. They are considered to be critically endangered.*

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R32. (sc in each of next 5, sc 2 tog) – 36 sc

R33-34. sc in each sc - 36 sc

R35. (sc in each of next 4 sc, sc 2 tog) – 30 sc

R36-37. sc in each sc - 30 sc

R38. (sc in each of next 8 sc, sc 2 tog) – 27 sc

R39-40. sc in each sc - 27 sc

R41. (sc in each of next 7 sc, sc 2 tog) – 24 sc

R42. sc in each sc - 24 sc

R43. (sc in each of next 6, sc 2 tog) – 21 sc

R44. sc in each sc - 21 sc

R45. (sc in each of next 5 sc, sc 2 tog) – 18 sc

*Sew gap between legs. Fill without stretching stitches*

*Change to head colour*

### Neck

R46. sc in back loops - 18 sc

### Head

R47. (sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 24 sc

R48. (sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 30 sc

R49. (sc in each of next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 36 sc

R50. (sc in each of next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 42 sc

R51. (sc in each of next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 48 sc

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R52. (sc in each of next 7 sc , 2 sc in next sc) – 54

R53– R59. sc in each sc - 54 sc

*Insert or embroider eyes 8 - 10 sc apart, in round 57*

R60. (sc in each of next 7 sc, sc 2 tog) – 48 sc

R61. (sc in each of next 6 sc, sc 2 tog) – 42 sc

R62. (sc in each of next 5 sc, sc 2 tog) – 36 sc

R63. (sc in each of next 4 sc, sc 2 tog) – 30 sc

*Fill neck firmly*

R64. (sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog) – 24 sc

R65. (sc in each of next 2 sc, sc 2 tog) – 18 sc

R66. (sc in next 1 sc, sc 2 tog) – 12 sc

R67. (sc 2 tog)– 6 sc

*Fill head, fasten off and thread through remaining sc to close gap.*

### **Shoe Edge – in shoe colour**

R1. Slip stitch into any front loop at sole of shoe, sc in each front loop – 15 sc

*Fasten off, weave in ends*

### **Shoe Band – in colour of choice**

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R1. Sl st into front loop at ankle, ch 35, weave around leg, sl st into other side of ankle, taking care not to twist chain.

*Fasten off, weave in ends.*

### **Muzzle - Black**

R1. Ch 8, sc in second chain from hook, sc in each of the next 6 sc, 3 sc in next sc, continuing on opposite side of foundation chain, sc in each of the next 6 sc, 3 sc in next sc – 18 sc

R2. 2sc in next sc, sc in each of next 6 sc, 2 sc in each of next 3 sc, sc in each of next 6 sc, 2 sc in last 2 sc – 24 sc

R3-5. Sc in each sc – 24 sc

*Fasten off, leaving long tail for sewing nose to head. Fill without stretching stitches. Sew to face, centred between eyes.*

### **Ears – Make 2 in Head Colour**

R1. Ch 2, 6 sc in second chain from hook, or magic circle 6 – 6 sc

R2. (2 sc in each sc) – 12 sc

R3. (sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 18 sc

R4. (sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 24 sc

R5. (sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc next sc) – 30 sc

R6-R11. (sc in each of next sc) – 30 sc

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R12. (sc 2 tog) x 2 sc in each sc around – 28 sc

*Fasten off, leaving long tail for sewing ear to head. Do not fill. Firstly whip stitch edges of ear together and then position from centre of head down. Put a slight curve in the ear when stitching.*

### Arms x 2 – in head colour

R1. Ch 2, sc 6 into second chain from hook, or magic circle 6, sl st to close – 6 sc

R2. (2 sc in each sc) – 12 sc

R3. (sc in next 1 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 18sc

R4-5. Sc in each sc - 18sc

R6. (1 sc, sc 2 tog) – 12 sc

R7-10. Sc in each sc – 12 sc

R11. (sc in next sc, sc 2 tog) – 8 sc

R12-18. Sc in each sc – 8 sc

*Fill without stretching stitches, change to body colour*

R19. Sc in each sc – 12 sc

R20. Sc in back loops only – 12 sc

*Fill,*

R21. (sc 2 tog) x 2, sc in each of next 4 sc

*Fasten off leaving tail to sew arm to body.*

### Sleeve edge – sleeve colour

R1. Slip stitch into any Front loop on sleeve edge - 2sc in each front loop – 16 sc

### Neck Edge – shirt colour

R1. Sl st into any front loop of neck edge, 2 sc in each sc

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### Head Scarf - in colour of choice

R1. Ch 49, sc into second chain from hook and sc in each ch, join with sl st to make round, being careful not to twist chain— 48 sc

R2-3. Sc in each sc – 48 sc

*To make gap for ears*

R4. Ch 8, skip 8 sc, sc in each of next 5 sc, ch 8, skip 8 sc, sc in next 27 sc – 48 sc

R5. Sc in each of next 48 sc - 48 sc

R6. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, sc 2 tog) - 42 sc

*Variation. Fasten off at end of R3 to make a headband*

### Skirt Frill

Rd 1. In skirt colour, Sl st into any front loop from R27, sc in each – 48 sc

Rd2. Dc into 3<sup>rd</sup> chain from hook, (ch 1, skip 2, 2 dc into next ch) you need to end with 2 dc into last ch – 16 sets

Rd 3. Turn work clockwise, so work is hanging down. Ch 3, into first dc space on work, 4 dc, ch 1. Turn work and do 5 dc into next dc space, opposite the dc just completed. This completes a scale.

Turn work again, so work is hanging down, skip next pair of dc, 5dc into next dc, ch 1, turn work, 5 dc into next dc. Repeat to end – 8 scales

*Fasten off, weave in ends*