

Gumnut Crochet

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Koala – Blinky Bill – Removable Clothes



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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Materials Used

- 4 ply cotton yarn x 100 gram – grey
- 4 ply cotton yarn small quantity black, yellow, red
- Size 3.25 mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- 15 mm safety eyes x 2
- Fiberfill
- Stitch marker x 2
- Yellow button for overalls, small button for backpack. Choose buttons with 4 holes

Size

- 34 cms with 3.25 mm yarn
- 30 cms with 3.00 mm yarn
- Make sure the clothes are made with the same hook as the Koala or they wont fit

Gauge

- Gauge is not critical to this project.
- Different yarn type and different ply will change size.

Stitches Used – US Terminology

- Sc – single crochet
- 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

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Feet and Legs - Make 2

- R1. In grey 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 each back loops only– 30 sc
- R6-7. Sc in each sc – 30 sc
- R8. Sc in each of next 8 sc, (sc2 tog) x 6, sc in each of next 10 sc – 24 sc
- R9. sc in each of next 7 sc, (sc 2 tog) x 4, sc in each of next 7, sc 2 tog, – 19 sc
- Rd10. Sc in each of next 5 sc (sc2 tog) x 4, sc in each of next 6 sc – 15 sc
- Rd11-21. sc each sc – 15 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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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. Legs are joined at the middle centre of each inside leg, with 3 chain between each inner leg

Body

R22. 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

R23. Sc in each sc – 36 sc

R24. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 42 sc

R25. (sc in each of next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 48 sc

R26-29. sc in each sc - 48 sc

R30. (Sc in each of next 6 sc, sc 2 tog) – 42 sc

R31-32. sc in each sc - 42 sc

R33. (sc in each of next 5, sc 2 tog) – 36 sc

R34-35. sc in each sc - 36 sc



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R36. (sc in each of next 4 sc, sc 2 tog) – 30 sc

R37-38. sc in each sc - 30 sc

R39. (sc in each of next 8 sc, sc 2 tog) – 27 sc

R40-41. sc in each sc - 27 sc

R42. (sc in each of next 7 sc, sc 2 tog) – 24 sc

R43. sc in each sc - 24 sc

R44. (sc in each of next 6, sc 2 tog) – 21 sc

R45. sc in each sc - 21 sc

R46. (sc in each of next 5 sc, sc 2 tog) – 18 sc

Sew gap between legs. Fill without stretching stitches

Neck

R47. Sc in each sc – 18 sc

Head

R48. (sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 24 sc

R49. (sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 30 sc

R50. (sc in each of next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc)– 36 sc

R51. (sc in each of next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 42 sc

R52. (sc in each of next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 48 sc

R53. (sc in each of next 7 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 54

R54 – R60. sc in each sc - 54 sc

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

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R61. (sc in each of next 7 sc, sc 2 tog) – 48 sc

R62. (sc in each of next 6 sc, sc 2 tog) – 42 sc

R63. (sc in each of next 5 sc, sc 2 tog) – 36 sc

R64. (sc in each of next 4 sc, sc 2 tog) – 30 sc

Fill neck firmly, fill as work progresses

R65. (sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog) – 24 sc

R66. (sc in each of next 2 sc, sc 2 tog) – 18 sc

R67. (sc in next 1 sc, sc 2 tog) – 12 sc

R68. (sc 2 tog) – 6 sc

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

Muzzle - Black

R1. 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

R3-5. 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 Grey

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

R4. (1 sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 24 sc

R5. (1 sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc next sc) – 30 sc

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

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 grey

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-R10. Sc in each sc - 12 sc

R11. (sc in next sc, sc 2 tog) – 8 sc

R12-19. Sc in each sc – 8 sc

Fill without stretching stitches

R20. (sc 2 tog) x 2, sc in each of next 4 sc

Blinky Bill is a koala and children's fictional character created by author and illustrator Dorothy Wall. The books were first published in 1933 and have never been out of print in Australia.

While telling the adventures of Blinky Bill, a naughty little boy in the form of a koala, the stories also present messages of conservation. Blinky Bill is known for his mischievousness and his love for his mother.

His friends include his step-sister Nutsy, his kangaroo friend Splodge, his platypus friend Flap, Marcia the marsupial mouse, and his mentor Mr Wombat. In the original stories he does things that child readers would like to do.

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Fasten off leaving tail to sew arm to body.

Overalls – in red

First Leg -

R1. Ch 25, join with slip stitch, being careful not to twist chain

R2-8. Ch 2, hdc in each hdc, sl st – 25 hdc

Fasten off, leaving long tail to sew up any gaps in joining legs. Fold up bottom row, to form cuff.

Second Leg

R1-8. Complete same as first leg but do not fasten off

Joining Legs

R9. Sl st to join to second leg, ch 2, hdc into ch 2 space, hdc 24 around second leg, hdc to join again to first leg, hdc 24 around second leg, sl st to join – 50 hdc

Working in rounds ie sl st to join round, ch 2

R10-12. Ch 2, hdc in each of next hdc, sl st – 50 hdc

R13. Ch 2, (Hdc in each of next 8 hdc, hdc dec), sl st – 45 hdc

R14. Ch 2, (Hdc in each of next 7 hdc, hdc dec), sl st – 40 hdc

R15. Ch2, (Hdc in each of next 6 hdc, hdc dec), sl st – 35 hdc

R16-17. Ch 2, hdc in each hdc, sl st – 35 hdc

Fasten off, weave in ends, roll down waist to form belt

Patch on shorts- make 1 in yellow yarn

R1. Ch 6, hdc in second chain from hook, hdc in remaining 4 ch – 5 hdc

R2-3. Ch 2, hdc in same ch space, hdc in remaining 4 ch – 5 hdc

Fasten off, leaving a long tail to sew patch to shorts, weave in ends

Forming Overall Strap – make 1 in red yarn

R1. Ch 32, hdc in second chain from hook, hdc in remaining chain – 30 hdc

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Fasten off, weave in ends, sew to overalls, diagonally across shoulder to back. Sew on button at front, using black thread and a diagonal stitch to form a X.

Backpack – in yellow – worked in continuous rounds

R1. Ch 14, sc in second chain from hook, sc in next 12 ch, 3 sc in next ch, working in back loops of foundation chain, sc in next 12 ch, 3 sc in next ch – 30 sc

R2-10. Sc in each sc – 30 sc

R11. Sc 2 tog, sc in next 11 sc, (sc 2 tog) x 2, sc in next 11 sc, sc 2 tog – 26 sc

R12. Sc 2 tog, sc in next 9 sc, (sc 2 tog) x 2, sc in next 9 sc, sc 2 tog – 22 sc

R13. Sc 2 tog, sc in each of next 7 sc, (sc 2 tog) x 2, sc in each of next 7 sc, sc 2 tog – 18 sc

Working flap

R14. Ch 1, turn, sc in next 7 sc, ch 1, turn

R15-17 Sc in each of next 7 sc, ch 1, turn

R18. Sc in next 3 sc, ch 2, skip 1 sc, sc in next 3 sc, ch 1, turn – (8) (buttonhole)

R19. Sc in each of next 8 sc – 8 sc

Fasten off, weave in ends

To make straps – make 2

R1. Working from rear of piece, sl/st into bottom corner of back pack, 15 chain, sl/st back into top corner next to the flap, where strap is to sit, taking care not to twist chain. Turn, ch 1, sc in each ch, sl/st back in original corner to secure.

R2. Repeat R1 for second strap on opposite side

Fasten off and weave in ends. Sew on button, with black thread and a diagonal stitch to form a X.