

# Gumnut Crochet

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### Koala – Blinky Bill – Fitted Clothes and removable back pack



#### 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

#### 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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#### 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
- Rd11-14. 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.*

*Fasten off grey yarn, change to red yarn*

- R15. In back loops only, sc in each sc – 24 sc (where cuff will be joined)

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R16-21. Sc in each sc – 24 sc

*Fasten off, leaving a long tail on one leg to use to sew the gap between the legs together once joined. 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

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*Fasten off red, change to grey yarn*

R34. In back loops only, sc in each sc – 48 sc (where roll belt will be joined)

R35. sc in each sc - 36 sc

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



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R54 – R60. sc in each sc - 54 sc

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

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



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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

- 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

*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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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

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

### **To Finish Cuff – holding piece upside down**

R1. In red yarn, sl st into any front loop from R15, ch 1, sc in each front loop, sl st, ch 1 - 24 sc

R2. Sc in each sc, sl st – 24 sc

*Fasten off, weave in ends. Repeat for other leg.*

### **To Finish Belt – holding piece right side up**

R1. In red yarn, sl st into any front loop from R33, ch 2, hdc in each front loop- 48 hdc

*Fasten off, weave in ends.*

### **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 42, hdc in second chain from hook, hdc in remaining chain – 48 hdc

*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

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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.*