

# Gumnut Crochet

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**Koala - takes 4 hours to make, great for charity. Variegated yarn is great for beginners. Only 1 ball of yarn is needed, so useful if you dont have a stash of yarn and it is easier to make than changing colours for stripes. Best thing is that variegated yarn looks great.**



### Materials Used

- 4 ply cotton yarn x 50 gram – variegated yarn
- 4 ply cotton yarn small quantity – black
- Size 3.25 mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- Stitch marker x 1
- Polyfill
- 15mm safety eyes x 2

### Finished Size

- 24 cm if using 3.25 mm hook
- 20 cm if using 3.00 mm hook

### Skill Level

- Suitable for beginner
- 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

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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
- Sc 2 tog- sc decrease
- Sl st – slip stitch
- Sc dec – sc decrease
- Sc inc – sc increase

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### Legs– Make 2

- R1. Ch 2, 6 sc in second chain from hook, or magic circle 6 – 6 sc  
2. (2 sc in each sc) – 12 sc  
R3. (sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 18 sc  
R4. (sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 24 sc  
R5. Sc in each back loop – 24 sc  
R6-15. Sc in each sc - 24 sc

Fasten off, leaving a long tail on the first leg to sew up gap between legs. For second leg, do not fasten off, but join legs together as below

### Join legs

- R16. Sl st to any sc from R15 on second leg, sc in same st, sc 23 around second leg, join again to first leg, sc 24 around first leg – 48 sc  
R17-26. Sc in each sc – 48 sc  
R27. (sc in each of next 6 sc, sc dec) – 42 sc  
R28. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, sc dec) – 36 sc  
R29. (Sc in each of next 7 sc, sc dec) – 32 sc  
R30. (sc in each of next 6 sc, sc dec) – 28 sc  
R31. (sc in each of next 5 sc, sc dec) – 24 sc  
R32. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, sc dec) – 18 sc  
R33. Sc in each sc – 18 sc

### Head

- R34. Sc in each sc – 18 sc  
R35. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, sc inc) – 24 sc  
R36. (Sc in next 3 sc, sc inc) – 30 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.*

*Variation: If making for a child under the age of 3, embroider eyes rather than using safety eyes.*

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R37. (Sc in next 4 sc, sc inc) – 36 sc

R38. (Sc in next 5 sc, sc inc) – 42 sc

R39. (Sc in next 6 sc, sc inc) – 48 sc

R40. (Sc in next 7 sc, sc inc) – 54 sc

R41-46. Sc in each sc - 54 sc

*Insert eyes, 10 sc apart*

R47. (Sc in next 7 sc, sc dec) – 48 sc

R48. (Sc in each of next 6 sc, sc dec) – 42 sc

R49. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, sc dec) – 36 sc

R50. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, sc dec) – 30 sc

*Fill as work progresses, taking care to fill top of leg and neck firmly*

R51. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, sc dec) – 24 sc

R52. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, sc dec) – 18 sc

R53. (sc in next sc, sc dec) – 12 sc

R54. (sc 2 tog) – 6 sc

*Fasten off, weave in ends*

### **Muzzle - Black**

R1. Ch 6, sc in second chain from hook, sc in each of the next 3 sc, 3 sc in next sc, continuing on opposite side of foundation chain, sc in each of the next 4 sc, 3 sc in next sc – 14 sc

R2. 2sc in next sc, sc in each of next 4 sc, 2 sc in each of next 3 sc, sc in each of next 4 sc, 2 sc in last 2 sc – 20 sc

R3-5. Sc in each sc – 20 sc

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

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### Ears – Make 2

- 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
- R5-10. Sc in each sc – 24 sc
- R11. (sc 2 tog) x 2, sc in each sc around – 22 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 – Make 2

- 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
- R4-14. Sc in each sc - 18 sc
- R15. (Sc in next sc, sc dec) – 12 sc
- R16. Sc in each sc - 12 sc
- R17. (Sc in next 2 sc, sc dec) – 9 sc
- R18. Sc in each sc – 9 sc

*Fasten off, leaving a long tail to sew arm to body. Fill. Whip stitch edges together. Sew to body. Whip stitch arms, stuff lightly at top of arm. Sew to body.*

