

Gumnut Crochet

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Koala – Nutsy with fitted dress. The original Nutsy is grey. This one is done in brown.



Materials Used

- 4 ply cotton yarn x 50 gram – brown and purple
- 4 ply cotton yarn small quantity black and pink
- Size 3.25 mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- 15 mm safety eyes x 2
- Fiberfill
- Stitch marker x 2

Size

- 34 cms with 3.25 mm hook
- 30 ms with 3.00 mm hook

Skill Level

- Beginner to 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.

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. 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
- Rd11-20. 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, change to purple

- Rd21. In back loops, 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. 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

Variation: To do Nutsy's tummy in brown, complete Rd21 to Rd33 in brown. Change to purple in Rd34 and continue as per pattern for remainder of the piece

Body – in purple yarn

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



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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

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. In back loops only, sc in each sc – 24 sc (front loops are where the dress will be joined later on)

R44. Sc in each sc – 24 sc

R45. (sc in each of next 6, sc 2 tog) – 21 sc

R46. sc in each sc - 21 sc

R47. (sc in each of next 5 sc, sc 2 tog) – 18 sc

Fasten off, change to main colour

Neck

R48. In back loops, sc in each sc – 18 sc (Front loops is where scarf will be joined later)

Sew gap between legs. Fill without stretching stitches, taking care to fill top of leg firmly

Head – In brown

R49. (sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 24 sc

R50. (sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 30 sc

R51. (sc in each of next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 36 sc

R52. (sc in each of next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 42 sc

Nutsy – in the book, she is the daughter of Nutsy's dad, so is Blinky Bill's step sister.

Nutsy is sweet, intelligent, logical, reasonable and advises Blinky Bill on everything he does.

During the book, she learns to be more assertive and be less conservative.

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R53. (sc in each of next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 48 sc

R54. (sc in each of next 7 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 54

R55– R61. sc in each sc - 54 sc

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

R62. (sc in each of next 7 sc, sc 2 tog) – 48 sc

R63. (sc in each of next 6 sc, sc 2 tog) – 42 sc

R64. (sc in each of next 5 sc, sc 2 tog) – 36 sc

R65. (sc in each of next 4 sc, sc 2 tog) – 30 sc

Fill neck firmly

R66. (sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog) – 24 sc

R67. (sc in each of next 2 sc, sc 2 tog) – 18 sc

R68. (sc in next 1 sc, sc 2 tog) – 12 sc

R69. (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

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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 Brown

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

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 Brown

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

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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

R12-18. Sc in each sc – 8 sc

Fill without stretching stitches

R19. (sc 2 tog) x 2, sc in each of next 4 sc

Fasten off leaving tail to sew arm to body.

Dress – in purple - worked in rows from neck down

R1. Holding piece right side up, sl st into any back loop from R43, ch 2, hdc in each back loop, sl st to join round – 24 hdc

R2. Ch 2, (Hdc in each of next 3 hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc), sl st to join round – 30 hdc

R3. Ch 2, (Hdc in each of next 4 hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc), sl st to join round – 36 hdc

R4. Ch 2, (hdc in each of next 3 hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc), join into round, sl st to join round– 45 hdc

R5. Ch 2, (hdc in each of next 4 hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc), sl st to join round – 54 hdc

R6. Ch 2, (hdc in each of next 5 hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc), sl st to join round – 63 hdc

R7. Ch 2, (hdc in each of next 6 hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc), sl st to join round– 72 hdc

R8-13. Ch 2, hdc in each of next hdc, sl st to join round - 72 hdc

Fasten off, weave in ends

Forming Scarf – in pink

R1. Sl st into any front loop from R48, ch 2, hdc in same st, 2 hdc in each remaining loop – 36 hdc

Fasten off, weave in ends

Finishing legs – in purple

R1. St st into any front loop from R21, ch 1, sc in same st, 2 sc in each remaining loop – 30 sc

Fasten off, weave in ends