

Gumnut Crochet

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Koala – Nutsy with removable dress. This version of Nutsy is the original. She was in grey, but this one is made in brown. Any of the clothes patterns on the blog page will also fit Nutsy.



Materials Used

- 4 ply cotton yarn x 100 gram – brown
- 4 ply cotton yarn small quantity black, pink and purple
- Size 3.25 mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- 15 mm safety eyes x 2
- Fiberfill
- Stitch marker x 2
- 2 x small buttons

Size

- 34 cms with 3.25 mm hook
- 28 cms with 3.00 mm hook
- Make sure that the Koala and any clothes are made with the same hook size

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.
- Make sure the Koala and any clothes are made with the same yarn and hook 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
- Rd11-21. 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. 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, taking care to fill top of leg firmly

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

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 Brown

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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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

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.

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Dress – in purple - worked from neck down

- R1. Ch 26, turn,
- R2. Hdc into third chain from hook, hdc 23, ch 2, turn– 24 hdc
- R3. (Hdc in each of next 3 hdc, hdc inc), ch 2, turn – 30 hdc
- R4. (Hdc in each of next 4 hdc, hdc inc), ch 2, turn – 36 hdc
- R5. Hdc in each hdc, ch 2, turn - 36 hdc
- R6. (hdc in each of next 3 hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc), ch 2– 45 hdc
- R7. (hdc in each of next 4 hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc), sl st to join to round, ch 2 – 54 hdc
- R8. (hdc in each of next 5 hdc, hdc 2 in next hdc), sl st, ch 2 – 63 hdc
- R9. (hdc in each of next 6 hdc, hdc 2 in next hdc), sl st, ch 2– 72 hdc
- R10-14. hdc in each of next hdc - 72 hdc

Fasten off, weave in ends

Forming armholes and neck edge – in pink

- R6. Sl st into first st from round 1, ch 1, sc in each of next 4 hdc, ch 8, skip 4 hdc, sc in each of next 7 hdc, ch 8, skip 4 hdc, sc in each of next 4 hdc, ch 1, turn – 32 sc
- R7. Sc in each of next 12 sc, hdc in next 2 sc, dc in next 4 sc, hdc in next 2 sc, sc in next 12 sc – (32)

Fasten off, weave in ends

Back edge opening – in purple

- R1. On right neck edge pick up 1 sc, chain 4 (for first buttonhole), sc back into base sc, pick up 6sc, chain 4 (for second buttonhole). Continuing to pick up st evenly down right side and up left neck edge (2 buttonholes on right hand side)

Fasten off, sew in ends – sew on buttons