

Gumnut Crochet

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- 16 cm in height if made with 3 mm hook

Platypus

Not suitable as a toy for a child under the age of 3 as made with safety eyes



Skill Level

- Suitable for beginners
- 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
- 8 ply cotton makes size about 23 cm in height

Materials Used

- 4 ply cotton x 50 gram – main colour
- 4 ply cotton – small quantity for bill
- 4 ply cotton – small quantities for hat and backpack
- Size 3.25 mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- 15 mm safety eyes
- Fiberfill
- Stitch marker
- Button x 3

Size

- 18 cm in height

Stitches Used – US Terminology

- Sc – single crochet
- Fl – front loops
- Bl – back loops
- 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
- 3sc inc – 3 sc in one stitch

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Head and Body worked in one piece

Body – worked in continuous rounds. With main colour

R1. Ch 2, 6 sc in chain or do magic circle with 6 sc – 6 sc

R2. 2sc in each sc – 12 sc

R3. (sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc) repeat – 18 sc

R4. (Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) repeat – 24 sc

R5. (sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc) repeat – 30 sc

R6. (sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc) repeat – 36 sc

R7. (sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc) repeat – 42 sc

R8-15. sc in each sc – 42 sc

R16. (Sc in next 5sc, 2 sc tog) repeat – 36 sc

R17-18. Sc in each sc – 36 sc

R19. (sc in next 4sc, 2 sc tog) repeat – 30 sc

R20-21. Sc in each sc – 30 sc

R22. (Sc in each of next 3sc, sc 2 tog) repeat – 24 sc

R23-27. Sc in each sc – 24 sc

R28. (sc in each of next 2 sc, sc 2 tog) repeat – 18 sc

R29-31. Sc in each sc – 18 sc



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Head

R32. (Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) repeat – 24 sc

R33. (sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc) repeat – 30 sc

R34-35. Sc in each sc – 30 sc

R36. (sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc) repeat – 36 sc

R37-38. Sc in each sc – 36 sc

R39. (sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc)

repeat – 42 sc

R40-41. sc in each sc – 42 sc

Insert eyes 10 sc apart

R42. (sc in next 5 sc, sc 2 tog)

repeat – 36 sc

R43. (sc in next 4 sc, sc 2 tog)

repeat – 30 sc

R44. (sc in next 3 sc, sc 2 tog) repeat – 24 sc

Fill firmly, without stretching stitches

R45. (sc in next 2sc, sc 2 tog) repeat – 18 sc

R46. (Sc in next 1sc, sc 2 tog) repeat – 12 sc

The platypus is an iconic semi-aquatic Australian animal living in rivers in eastern parts of Australia and Tasmania. It is a protected species but is not endangered.

It is among nature's most unlikely animals and is the only one of its kind in the world.

It has a duck bill and webbed feet, beaver tail, and otter body and fur. It uses its tail to store fat for food and not to propel its self through the water.

They are also unusual as the female lays eggs but feeds her offspring milk. Males are venomous. They have sharp stingers on the heels of their rear feet and can use them to deliver a strong toxic blow.

It is a solitary creature, the size of a small cat and lives for about 10 years.

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R47. (sc 2 tog) repeat – 6 sc

Fasten off, weave in ends

Platypus Bill – in contrast colour, worked in continuous rounds to form an oval pocket

R1. Chain 9, sc in second chain from hook, sc in next 6 chain, 2sc in next ch, turn, sc in the next 7 chain, 2 sc in the next sc – 18 sc

R2-6. Sc in each sc – 18 sc

R7. Sc in each of next 7 sc, (2 sc in next sc) x 2, sc in each of next 8 sc, (sc 2 in next sc) x 2 – 22 sc

R8-10. Sc in each sc – 22 sc

Fasten off, leaving long tail, lightly stuff, sew to head

Platypus Tail – In main colour, worked in continuous rounds, to form an oval pocket

R1. Chain 12, sc in second chain from hook, sc in the next 9 chain, 2 sc in the next ch, turn working back along foundation chain, sc in the next 10 chain, 2 sc in the next sc – 24 sc

R2-15. sc in each sc – 24 sc

R16. Sc in next sc, sc 2 tog, sc in next 10, sc 2 tog, sc in next 10 sc – 22 sc

R17-18. Sc in each sc – 22 sc

Fasten off, leaving long tail, lightly stuff. Whip stitch edges together, sew to body

Platypus Arms x 2 – in main colour, worked in continuous rounds to form an oval pocket

R1. Chain 7, sc in second chain from hook, sc in next 4 chain, 2sc in next ch, turn, working back along foundation chain, sc in the next 5 chain, 2 sc in the next sc – 14 sc

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R2-3. Sc in each sc – 14 sc

R4. Sc in next 6 sc, sc 2 tog, sc in next 4 sc, sc 2 tog – 12sc

R5-6. Sc in each sc – 12 sc

R7. Sc in next 5 sc, sc 2 tog sc in next 3 sc, sc 2 tog– 10 sc

R8-13. sc in each sc – 10 sc

Fasten off leaving long tail, stuff lightly. Whipstitch edges, sew to body

Platypus Legs x 2, in main colour, worked in continuous rounds to form an oval pocket



R1. Chain 9, sc in second chain from hook, sc in next 6 chain, 2sc in next ch, turn, sc in the next 7 chain, 2 sc in the next sc – 18 sc

R2-6. Sc in each sc – 18 sc

R7. Sc 2 tog, sc in next 7 sc, sc 2 tog, sc in next 7 sc, – 16sc

R8-12. Sc in each sc – 16sc

Fasten off leaving long tail, stuff lightly. Whipstitch edges, sew to body

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Australian Slouch Hat – in contrast colour

R1. Ch 2, 6 sc in second chain from hook, or magic circle 6 sc – 6 sc

R2. 2 sc in each sc – 12 sc

R3. (sc x 1, inc x 1) – 18 sc

R4. Back loops sc in each sc – 18 sc

R5. (Sc in next 2 sc, inc x 1) - 24 sc

R6. (Sc in next 3 sc, inc x 1) – 30 sc

R7. (Sc in next 4 sc, inc x 1) – 36 sc

R8. Back Loops sc in each sc - 36 sc

R9. (Sc in next 5 sc, inc x 1) – 42 sc

R10-11. Sc in each sc - 42 sc

R12. 2 sc in each sc – 84 sc

Fasten off and sew to head



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Back pack – in contrast colour, worked in continuous rounds

- R1. Ch 14, sc in second chain from hook, sc in next 11 ch, 3 sc in next ch, 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 – 7sc (buttonhole)
- R19. Sc in each of next 7 sc – 7 sc

Fasten off, weave in ends

To make straps – make 2

- R1. Sl/st into corner of back pack, 15 chain, sl/st into corner where strap is to sit, taking care not to twist chain. Sc in next 14 ch, sl/st back in original corner to secure.
- R2. Repeat R1 for second strap

Fasten off and weave in ends. Sew on button