

Gumnut Crochet

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Crocodile



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Skill Level

- Intermediate

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- Please do not sell the pattern or infer it as your own.
- 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.
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Materials Used

- 3 ply cotton x 50 gram in 2 colours of choice
- 3 ply cotton x small quantity for hat
- Size 2.0.0 mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- 9 mm safety eyes
- Fiberfill
- Stitch marker
- 1.0 metre of builders wire (obtainable from electrical section of hardware stores)
- Small quantity of bandage tape (available from chemists. Comes in rolls. Is sticky on one side and fabric on the other)

Size

- 25 cm in height for 4 ply and 2.5 mm hook
- 16 cm in height for 3 ply and 2.0 mm hook

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

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If you are wiring the piece, start with the legs and arms, so that you can join them into the body as the body progresses. If not wiring, the legs and arms can be attached to the piece once the body is completed or attached into the body the same as the wired method. The piece does not stand on its own without wiring.

Feet and Legs x 2 – in body colour

Toes - Make 4 for each foot, do not fasten off fourth toe

R1. Ch 2, 4 sc in second chain from hook or magic circle 4 – 4 sc

R2. (Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 6 sc

R3-5 Sc in each sc - 6 sc

Joining Toes

R1. Sc 1st toe to second toe, 2 sc around second toe, sc to third toe, 2 sc around third toe, sc to 4th toe, 4 sc around fourth toe, sc back to third toe, sc 2 around third toe, sc back to second toe, 2 sc around second toe, sc back to first toe, sc 4 around first toe – 24 sc

R2-3. Sc in each sc - 24 sc

R4. (Sc in next 2 sc, sc 2 tog) – 18 sc

R5. (Sc in next sc, sc 2 tog) – 12 sc

R6. Sc in each sc – 12 sc

Cut 3 pieces of wire the length of the toes + length for ankle. Cut 1 piece length of toes, ankle and leg (15 cm should be enough and give room for taping to body wire. Tape around tops of each piece, where it will be pushed into the toes. Join all 4 pieces of wire at the ankle with tape. The ankle is the widest part of the foot, so it is the best place to position the tape. Insert wire into each toe. Fill around wire, in the foot. No need to fill toes, unless piece is not being wired, then fill toes lightly. Crochet around wire for the rest of the leg.

R7. (Sc in next 2, sc 2 tog) – 9 sc

R8-13. Sc in each sc - 9 sc

R14. (Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next) – 12 sc

R15. (Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next) – 18 sc

R16-23. Sc in each sc - 18 sc

Fasten off, fill lightly, weave in end, put aside

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Hands and Arms x 2 – in body colour

R1. In main colour, ch 6, sc in second chain from hook, sc in next 3 ch, sc 3 in next ch, working back into foundation chain, sc in next 4 ch, 3 sc in last ch - 14 sc

R2-5. Sc in each sc – 14 sc

R6. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, sc 2 tog) x 2 – 12 sc

Cut piece of wire, long enough to curve through hand fold together at wrist, back up arm and connect to middle body wire. Approximately 15 cm. Tape wire together at wrist. Fill hand lightly, crochet around wire.

R7. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, sc 2 tog) x 2 – 10 sc

R8. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog) x 2 – 8sc

R9-12. Sc in each sc – 8 sc

R13. (Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 12 sc

R14-18. Sc in each sc - 12 sc

R19. (Sc in next 2 sc, sc 2 tog) – 8 sc

R20-23. Sc in each sc – 8 sc

Fasten off, fill lightly, put aside.

Tail and Body worked in one piece

R1. In main colour, ch 2, 6 sc in second chain from hook, or magic circle 6 – 6 sc

R2-3. Sc in each sc - 6

R4. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 8 sc

R5-6. Sc in each sc – 8 sc

R7. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 10 sc

R8-9. Sc in each sc – 10 sc

R10. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 12 sc

R11-12. Sc in each sc – 12 sc

Crocodile: *The crocodile has always figured prominently in aboriginal culture in tropical Australia, appearing frequently in stories, songs, artwork and other parts of the culture of tribes in the region.*

Crocodile farming is also successful, with farms maintaining small breeding populations, and raising the hatchlings for several years, in large shallow lagoons or ponds, until they reach marketable size, usually around a meter in length.

There are three main income sources from crocodile farms. The leather is used in the fashion industry, mostly for handbags and shoes. The meat is sold to restaurants and grocery stores and the farms are open to visitors, for an entrance fee.

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R13. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 14 sc

R14-15. Sc in each sc – 14 sc

R16. (Sc in each of next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 16 sc

R17-18. Sc in each sc – 16 sc

R19. (Sc in each of next 7 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 18 sc

R20-21. Sc in each sc - 18 sc

R22. (Sc in next 8 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 20 sc

R23-24. Sc in each sc – 20 sc

R25. Sc in each of next 9 sc, 2 sc in next sc – 22 sc

R26-27. Sc in each sc – 22 sc

R28. (Sc in each of next 10 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 24 sc

R29-30. Sc in each sc – 24 sc

R31. (Sc in each of next 11 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 26 sc

R32-33. Sc in each sc - 26 sc

R34. (Sc in each of next 12 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 28 sc

R35-36. Sc in each sc – 28 sc

R37. (Sc in each of next 13 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 30 sc

R38-39. Sc in each sc – 30 sc

R40. (Sc in each of next 14 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 32 sc

R41. Sc in each sc – 32 sc

R42. Include the legs into the main piece of the body, by sc through all layers. Include the first leg, at the point the hook now is. Flatten the leg in half, with the foot facing forward, and place next to the body. Sc through both layers of the leg and the layer of the body, 9 sc into centre side of body, sc in each of the next 7 sc, sc second leg, through all layers to body, sc 7 to start of row.

Insert wire into body piece (approximately 50 cm long, taped at tail end), fill lightly. Join legs into body wire. Tape wire for legs and wire for body together.



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R43. Sc in each sc – 32 sc

Check legs are aligned before continuing.

R44. (Sc in each of next 15 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 34 sc

R45-46. Sc in each sc – 34 sc

R47. (Sc in each of next 16 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 36 sc

R48-49. Sc in each sc – 36 sc

R50. (Sc in each of next 17 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 38 sc

R51-52. Sc in each sc, in last st sl st to close round for colour change - 38 sc

Change to shirt colour

R53-56. Sc in each sc – 38 sc

R57. (Sc in each of next 17 sc, sc 2 tog) – 36 sc

R58. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, sc 2 tog) – 30 sc

R59-60. Sc in each sc – 30 sc

R61. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog) – 24 sc

R62. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, sc 2 tog) – 18 sc

R63. Insert arms with hands facing forward. 4 sc across all layers to body, sc in each of next 5 sc, join second arm with 4 sc, sc in last 5 sc – 18 sc

R64. Sc in each sc – 18 sc

Check arms are aligned before continuing. Join arms to body wire if using wire, tape securely. Fill without stretching stitches.

R65. (Sc in next sc, sc 2 tog) – 12 sc

R66. Sc in each sc, sl st to close round for colour change – 12 sc

Fasten off shirt colour. In main colour



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HEAD

R67. Sc in each sc – 12 sc

R68. (Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 18 sc

R69. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 24 sc

R70. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 30 sc

R71. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 36 sc

R72. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 42 sc

R73. (Sc in each of next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 48 sc

R74-80. Sc in each sc – 48 sc

R81. (Sc in each of next 6 sc, sc 2 tog) – 42 sc

R82. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, sc 2 tog) – 36 sc

R83. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, sc 2 tog) – 30 sc

R84. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog) – 24 sc

R85. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, sc 2 tog) – 18 sc

R86. (Sc in next sc, sc 2 tog) – 12 sc

R87. (Sc 2 tog) – 6 sc

Fasten off weave in ends

Eyes – Outer Eye – in Body Colour – Make 2

R1. Ch 6, sc in second chain from hook, 3 sc in next 3 ch, 3 sc in next, working in foundation chain, sc in next 4 ch, 3 sc in last – 14 sc

R2. Sc in each of next 5 sc, 3 sc in next sc, sc in next 6 sc, 3 sc in next, 1 sc in last – 18 sc



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- R3. Sc in each of next 5 sc (2 sc in next sc) x 3, sc in each of next 6 sc, (2 sc in next sc) x 3, 1 sc in last – 24 sc
- R4. Sc in each of next 6 sc, (2 sc in next, 1 sc in next) x 2, 2 sc in next, sc in each of next 7 sc, (2 sc in next, 1 sc in next) x 3 – 30 sc
- R5-6. Sc in each sc – 30 sc

Fasten off, leave long tail to sew to head

Inner eye - In white – Make 2

- R1. Ch 6, sc in second chain from hook, 3 sc in next 3 ch, 3 sc in next, working in foundation chain, sc in next 4 ch, 3 sc in last – 14 sc
- R2. Sc in each of next 5 sc, 3 sc in next sc, sc in next 6 sc, 3 sc in next, 1 sc in last – 18 sc
- R3. Sc in each of next 5 sc (2 sc in next sc) x 3, sc in each of next 6 sc, (2 sc in next sc) x 3, 1 sc in last – 24 sc
- R4. Sc in each of next 6 sc, (2 sc in next, 1 sc in next) x 2, 2 sc in next, sc in each of next 7 sc, (2 sc in next, 1 sc in next) x 3 – 30 sc
- R5-7. Sc in each sc – 30 sc

Place 9 mm safety eye in middle. If making for a child under the age of 3, embroider eye in black

Weave in ends. Sew inner eye to outer eye with matching sewing cotton. Sew to head.

Nose – in body colour

- R1. Chain 12, sc in second chain from hook, sc in next 9 chain, 2 sc in next ch, turn, working in foundation loops, sc in the next 10 chain, 2 sc in the last ch – 24 sc
- R2-19. Sc in each sc – 24 sc

Fasten off, leaving long tail, lightly stuff, weave in ends, sew to head

Spines – make 4 in light green

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

Variation: Make eyes the same as for the Frill Neck Lizard – Pattern available on blog page. See picture on page 6 for difference. These eyes are bigger. Frill Neck Lizard eyes are smaller.

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R2. Sc in each sc – 6 sc

R3. (Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next) – 8 sc

R4. Sc in each sc – 8 sc

Fasten off, leaving long tail, fill lightly, sew to centre back

Hat – Akubra in contrast yarn

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

R2. (2 sc in each sc)– 12 sc

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

R4. Sc in each sc – 18 sc

R5. (Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 24 sc

R6. (Sc in next 3 sc, sc in next sc) 30 sc

R7. Sc in back loops only – 30 sc

R8-11. Sc in each sc – 30 sc

R10. Sc in each of front loop only – 30 sc

R11. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 36 sc

R12. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 42 sc

R13. (Sc in each of next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc) - 48 sc

R14-15. Sc in each sc – 48 sc

Fasten off, weave in ends.

In contrast yarn, embroider ridges on nose and nostrils.

Fasten off, weave in ends

