

Gumnut Crochet

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Platypus



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

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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
- 2 hdc in next – hdc increase
- Sc 2 tog- sc decrease
- Sl st – slip stitch
- Hdc – half double crochet

Materials Used

- 4 ply cotton yarn small quantity for bill, main body and shirt (light blue, dark blue, yellow)
- Size 2.5 mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- 12 mm safety eyes x 2
- Fiberfill
- Stitch marker

Size

- 12 cm high with 3.25 mm hook
- 10 cm high with 2.50 mm hook
- For toys it is best to use a smaller hook than yarn normally requires, in order to reduce filling showing through stitches

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Platypus – Head and Body worked in one piece, starting with body

- R1. In body yarn, ch 2, 6 sc in second chain from hook, or magic circle 6 sc – 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 of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 24 sc
- R5. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 30 sc
- R6-7. Sc in each sc, in last stitch sl st to close round for colour change, fasten off colour – 30 sc
- R8-10. In shirt coloured yarn, ch 1, sc in same ch space, sc in each sc – 30 sc
- R11. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog) – 24 sc
- R12. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, sc 2 tog) – 18 sc
- R13. (Sc in next sc, sc 2 tog) – 12 sc
- R14. Sc in each sc – 12 sc
- R15. In front loops, 2 sc in each sc, fasten off shirt colour – 24 sc
- R16. In main colour and back loops from R15, sc in each sc – 12 sc
- R17. (Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 18 sc
- R18. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 24 sc
- R19. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 30 sc



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R20. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 36 sc

R21-25. Sc in each sc – 36 sc

Insert eyes, 6 sc apart

R26. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, sc 2 tog) – 30 sc

R27. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog) – 24 sc

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

R29. (Sc in next sc, sc 2 tog) – 12 sc

R30. (Sc 2 tog) – 6 sc

Fasten off, fill without stretching stitches, weave in ends.

Platypus Bill x 1 in contrast colour

R1. Ch 8, sc in second chain from hook, sc in the next 5 chain, 2 sc in the next ch, turn, sc in the next 6 chain, 2 sc in the next sc – 16 sc

R2–R8. Sc in each sc – 16 sc

R9. Hdc in each of next 8 sc, sl st to close round - 8 hdc

Fasten off, leaving long tail, lightly fill. With matching cotton thread, sew to head with hdc at face or top edge.

Platypus Tail x 1 in main colour

R1. Ch 8, sc in second chain from hook, sc in the next 5 chain, 3 sc in the next ch, turn sc in the next 6 chain, 3 sc in the next sc – 18 sc

R2–R5. Sc in each sc – 18 sc

***Platypus:** 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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R6. Sc 2 tog next sc, sc in each of next 7 sc, sc 2 tog next sc, sc in each of next 7 sc – 16 sc

R7–R14. Sc in each sc – 16 sc

Fasten off, leaving long tail, lightly fill, whip stitch edges together, sew to body

Legs x 2 in main colour – with or without toes

R1. Ch 7, sc in second chain from hook, sc in next 4 chain, 2 sc in next ch, turn, sc in the next 5 chain, 2 sc in the next sc – 14 sc

R2–4. Sc in each sc – 14 sc

R5. Sc 2 tog, sc in each of next 5 sc, sc 2 tog, sc in each of next 5 sc – 12 sc

R6. Sc in each sc – 12 sc

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

R8. Sc in each sc – 10 sc

Fasten off, leaving long tail

OPTIONAL - To make toes (in main colour and using foundation chain from R1, pick up stitches as below)

R1. Sl st into space where second stitch would be from R1, ch 2, (4 hdc in same st, sc into same st, sc into next st) x 3

Fasten off, lightly fill leg, whip stitch edges together, sew to body. Platypus should sit by itself.

Arms x 2 in main colour – with or without fingers

R1. Ch 7, sc in second chain from hook, sc in next 4 chain, 2 sc in next ch, turn, sc in the next 5 chain, 2 sc in the next sc – 14 sc

R2–4. Sc in each sc, in last st R4, sl st to close round for colour change, fasten off colour – 14 sc

R5. In shirt colour, (ch 1, sc 2 tog) in same ch space, sc in each of next 5 sc, sc 2 tog, sc in each of next 5 sc – 12 sc

R6. Sc in each sc – 12 sc

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

R8. Sc in each sc – 10 sc

Fasten off, leaving long tail

OPTIONAL - To make fingers (in main colour and using foundation chain from R1, pick up stitches as below)

R1. Sl st into space where second stitch would be from R1, ch 2, (4 hdc in same st, sc into same st, sc into next st)
x 3

Fasten off, lightly fill arm, whip stitch edges together, sew to body