

Gumnut Crochet

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Red Back Spider



Materials Used

- 4 ply cotton x small quantity – red, black and white
- Size 3.00 mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- 15 mm safety eyes x 2
- Builders insulated wire available from hardware stores in the electrical section, elastoplast or other bandage tape, available from chemists.
- Fiberfill
- Stitch marker

Size

- 8 cm in height
- For toys, its best to use a smaller hook size than yarn normally suggests in order to keep the stitches close and reduce stuffing showing

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
- The legs in this piece are wired, so that it stands alone. A good wiring project for someone who hasn't completed any wiring before.

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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
- Fl – front loops
- Bl – back loops
- Ch – chain
- 2 sc in next sc – sc increase
- Sc 2 tog- sc decrease
- Sl st – slip stitch

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Body – in red yarn – Piece doesn't stand alone if the legs are not wired

- R1. Ch 2, 6 sc in chain or do magic circle with 6 sc – 6 sc
- R2. 2 sc in each sc – 12 sc
- R3. (Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next) – 18 sc
- R4. (Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 24 sc
- R5. (Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 30 sc
- R6. (Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc), sl st to close round for colour change, fasten off red – 36 sc
- R7. With black yarn, ch 2, sc in same ch space, this counts as first sc, (sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 42 sc
- R8. (Sc in next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 48 sc
- R9. (Sc in next 7 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 54 sc
- R10-16. Sc in each sc - 54 sc
- R17. (Sc in next 7 sc, sc 2 tog) – 48 sc
- R18. (Sc in next 6 sc, sc 2 tog) – 42 sc
- R19. (Sc in next 5 sc, sc 2 tog) – 36 sc
- R20. (Sc in next 4 sc, sc 2 tog) – 30 sc
- R21. (Sc in next 3 sc, sc 2 tog) – 24 sc
- R22. (Sc in next 2 sc, sc 2 tog) – 18 sc
- R23. (Sc in next 1 sc, sc 2 tog) – 12 sc

Fill without stretching stitches

- R24. (Sc 2 tog) – 6 sc

Redback Spider

The redback is a species of highly venomous spider originating in Australia. It typically lives near buildings, rock walls and human structures.

The redback is one of the few spiders that can be seriously harmful to humans. The last death from a redback was prior to 1956 when an antivenom was developed.

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Eyes x 2 – In white yarn

- R1. Ch 2, 6 sc in chain or do magic circle with 6 sc – 6 sc
- R2. 2 sc in each sc – 12 sc
- R3. Sc in each sc – 12 sc

Fasten off, leaving long tail, insert 9 mm safety eye into centre, fill lightly, sew to body

Legs and boots x 2 - in red yarn

- R1. Ch 5, sc second chain from hook, sc in each of 2 ch, 3 sc in next ch, turn working in foundation ch, sc in each of next 3 sc, 3 sc in last – 12 sc
- R2. Sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next, sc in next, 2 sc in next, sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next, sc in next sc, 2 sc in last – 16 sc
- R3. Sc in each sc using back loops – 16 sc
- R4. Sc in each sc – 16 sc
- R5. In back loops, sc in each of next 3 sc, (sc 2 tog) x 4, sc in each of next 5 sc - 12 sc
- R6. Sc in each of next 2 sc, (sc 2 tog) x 3, sc in each of next 4 sc – 9 sc
- R7. Sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog, sc in each of next 4 sc – 8 sc
- R8. Sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog, sc in each of next 3 sc – 7 sc



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R9. In front loops, 2 sc in each sc – 14 sc

Fasten off, weave in ends, fill boot lightly, insert prepared wire, crochet leg around wire. To prepare wire, cut 4 pieces approx. 23 cm in length. These are inserted through the base of the spider as per the photo. Tape each end together in a loop to fit into the shoe.

R10. Fold down front loops from previous row, In black yarn, and in back loops only, sl st into any back loop, sc in each sc – 7 sc

R11. (Sc in next sc, sc 2 tog) x 2, sc in last sc – 5 sc

R12-17. Sc in each sc – 5 sc

Fasten off, fill lightly. Tape the top of the wire, where the leg joins the body, to prevent wire moving. Sew leg to body.

Finishing Shoe

R1. With red yarn, sl st into any front loop from R3, ch 1, sc in each front loop, fasten off, weave in ends

R2. In black yarn, embroider shoe laces on each shoe.

