

Gumnut Crochet

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with some research into any stitches or steps which are unfamiliar

Platypus



Materials Used

- 3 ply cotton x 50 gram – main colour
- 3 ply cotton yarn small quantity shirt
- Size 2.0 mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- 16 mm safety eyes
- Fiberfill
- Stitch marker

Size

- 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

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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.

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
- Dc – double crochet
- Dc dec – double crochet decrease

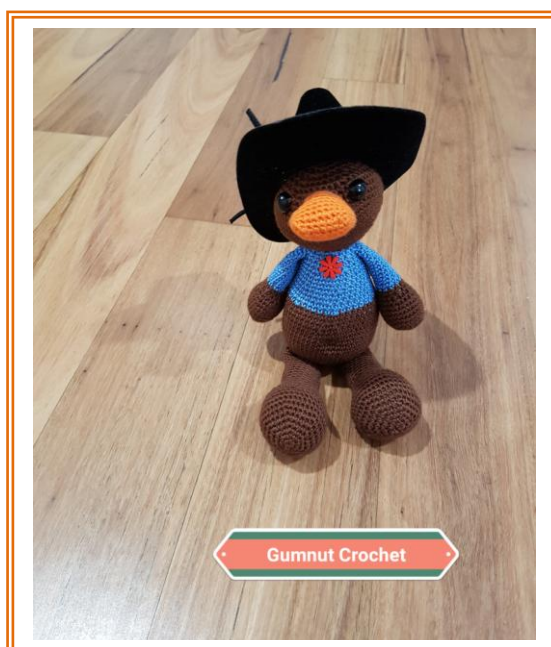
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Body and Head – worked in one piece in main colour

- R1. Ch 2, 6 sc in second chain from hook 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 sc) – 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) – 36 sc
- R7. (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
- R10-17. Sc in each sc - 54 sc
- R18. (Sc in next 7 sc, sc 2 tog) – 48 sc
- R19. Sc in each sc – 48 sc
- R20. (Sc in next 6 sc, sc 2 tog) – 42 sc
- R21. Sc in each sc, sl st to close round for colour change – 42 sc
- R22. In shirt colour, ch 1, sc in same ch space (counts as first sc in row) (sc in each of next 5 sc, sc 2 tog) – 36 sc
- R23-25. Sc in each sc – 36 sc
- R26. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, sc 2 tog) – 30 sc
- R27-29. Sc in each sc – 30 sc
- R30. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog) – 24 sc
- R31. Sc in each sc – 24 sc
- R32. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, sc 2 tog) – 18 sc



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- R33. Sc in each sc – 18 sc
- R34. (Sc in each of next 1 sc, sc 2 tog), sl st to close round for colour change – 12 sc

Fill without stretching stitches

Head – in head colour

- R35. Ch 1, sc in same ch space, 2c in each sc -12 sc
- R36. (Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 18 sc
- R37. (Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 24 sc
- R38. (Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 30 sc
- R39. (Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 36 sc
- R40. (Sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 42 sc
- R41. (Sc in each of next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 48 sc
- R42. (Sc in each of next 7 sc, 2 sc in next sc) - 54 sc
- R43. (Sc in each of next 8 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 60 sc
- R44. (Sc in each of next 9 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 66 sc
- R45-49. Sc in each sc - 66 sc
- R50. (Sc in each of next 9 sc, sc 2 tog) – 60 sc
- R51. (Sc in each of next 8 sc, sc 2 tog) – 54 sc
- R52. (Sc in each of next 7 sc, sc 2 tog) – 48 sc
- R53. (Sc in each of next 6 sc, sc 2 tog) - 42 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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R54. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 36 sc

R55. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc) - 30 sc

R56-57. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 24 sc

Fasten off, fill without stretching stitches, 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. 2sc in next 2, sc 5, 2sc x 3, sc 7, 2sc in next – 24 sc

R3-7. Sc in each sc – 24 sc

R8. Sc 2 tog x 3 sc 6, sc 2 tog x 3, sc 6 – 18 sc

R9-12. Sc in each sc – 18 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. (2 sc in next sc) x 2, sc in each of next 8 sc, (2 sc in next sc) x 3, sc in each of next 10 sc, 2 sc in last sc – 30 sc

R3-8. Sc in each sc – 30 sc

R9. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, sc 2 tog) – 24 sc

10-18. (Sc in each sc – 24 sc

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Fasten off, leaving long tail, lightly fill. 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

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

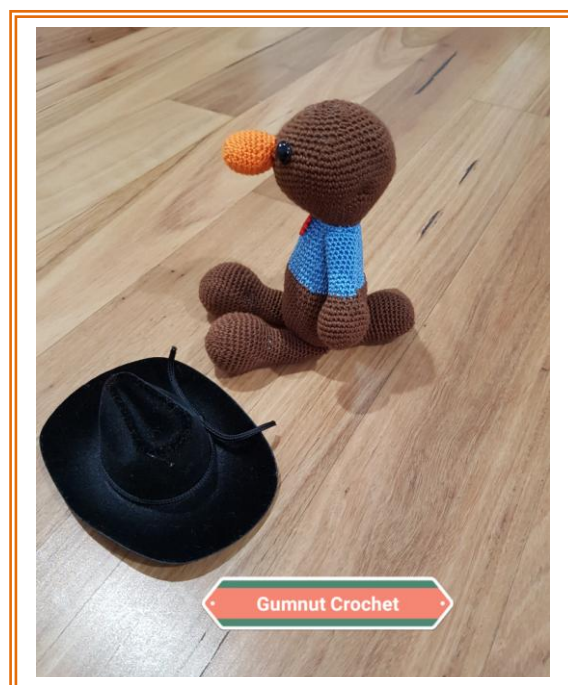
R1. Chain 9, sc in second chain from hook, sc in next 6 chain, 2sc in next ch, turn, sc in the next 7 chain, 2 sc in the next sc – 18 sc

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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Arms – make 2 in main 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 in next sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 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
- R6-8. Sc in each sc – 30 sc
- R9. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog) – 24 sc
- R10. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, sc 2 tog) – 18 sc
- R11. (Sc in next sc, sc 2 tog) – 12 sc
- R12-13. Sc in each sc, in last st R13, sl st to close round for colour change – 12 sc
- R14. In shirt colour, ch 1, sc in same ch space, sc in each sc – 12 sc
- R15-26. Sc in each sc – 12 sc

Fasten off leaving long tail, fill bottom of arm lightly, leave top of arm unfilled, whip stitch edges together, sew to body, weave in ends.

Feet and Legs – make 2 in main 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 in next sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 18 sc
- R4. (Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 24 sc

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

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

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

R8-10. Sc in each sc – 42 sc

R11. (Sc in next 5 sc, sc 2 tog) - 36 sc

R12. (Sc in next 4 sc, sc 2 tog) – 30 sc

R13. (Sc in next 3 sc, sc 2 tog) – 24 sc

R14. (Sc in next 2 sc, sc 2 tog) – 18 sc

R15-32. Sc in each sc – 19 sc

Fasten off, fill without stretching stitches, whip stitch edges together, sew to body, weave in ends