

Gumnut Crochet

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Easter Bandicoot Pair



Size

- 42 cm in height with 2.00mm hook
- 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

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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.

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
- Tr - treble
- Sc inc – sc increase
- Dc – double crochet

Materials Used

- 4 ply cotton x 50 gram – main colour (grey and pink)
- 4 ply cotton yarn small quantity green, white, yellow, pink
- Size 2.5 mm crochet hook
- 15 mm safety eyes
- 2 pieces of thick cardboard or plywood, 7 cm in diameter
- 2 pieces of plastic poly or reticulated pipe 40 cm long and 20 mm in diameter
- Builders wire – available from electrical section of hardware stores
- Tape to secure wire – elastoplast or similar available from chemists
- Fiberfill
- Stitch marker x 2
- False eyelashes if desired

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Tail – make 1 in contrast colour – both boy and girl same

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

R2-51. Sc in each sc – 6 sc

Fasten off, leaving long tail, insert 24 cm wire taped at both ends. Put aside until body completed. When body completed, insert wire through body and clothes where tail is to be positioned. Pick up 2 stitches with wire and fold back down tail. Tape to secure inside tail. Sew tail to body.

Arms x 2 – in light grey

R1. Ch 2, sc 6 into second chain from hook, or magic circle 6, sl st to close – 6 sc

R2. (Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next) – 9 sc

R3. (Sc in next 2sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 12sc

R4-9. Sc in each sc - 12sc

R10. (1 sc, sc 2 tog) – 8 sc

For girl, continue with grey yarn, for boy commence stripe pattern for rest of sleeve. 1 row green, 2 rows white. Start with a green round, finish with a white round. Sl st to close each round

R11-34 Sc in each sc – 8 sc

Prepare and insert 32 cm wire, taped at both ends. Put aside, until ready to join to body.

Legs and Shoes – Make 2 – in green yarn for girl, yellow yarn for boy. No need to fasten off second leg

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

R2. 2 sc in each sc – 12 sc

R3. (Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next) -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. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 36 sc

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- R7. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 42 sc
- R8. (Sc in each of next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 48 sc
- R9. (Sc in each of next 7 sc, 2 sc in next sc), sl st to close round for colour change – 54 sc
- R10. In yellow for girl, green for boy, sc in back loops – 54 sc
- R11. (Sc in each of next 7 sc, sc 2 tog) – 48 sc
- R12. (Sc in each of next 6 sc, sc 2 tog) – 42 sc
- R13. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, sc 2 tog) – 36 sc
- R14. Sc in each of next sc – 36 sc

Cut 2 pieces of card the same size as the piece, to fit inside each shoe

- R15. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, sc 2 tog) – 30 sc
- R16. Sc in each of next sc – 30 sc
- R17. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog) – 24 sc
- R18. Sc in each sc – 24 sc
- R19. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, sc 2 tog) – 18 sc
- R20. Sc in each sc – 18 sc
- R21. (Sc in next 4 sc, sc 2 tog) – 15 sc
- R22. Sc in each sc, sl st to close round for colour change, fasten off yarn – 15 sc

Fill shoe firmly. Insert leg pipe to check it fits and there is not too much fill. Crochet around pipe or remove pipe and crochet leg. Check a few times as work progresses that pipe still inserts into leg easily. No need to fill leg.

R23-83. Change to leg colour, sc in each sc - 15 sc (60 rows)

Embroider shoe laces for boy

Fasten off, (no need to fasten off second leg) leaving a long tail on one leg to use to sew the gap between the legs together once joined. Legs are joined at the middle centre of each inside leg, with 12 chain between each inner leg

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Body

- R84. Chain 12 sc to second leg, sc in each of next 14 sc around second leg, ch 12, sc back to first leg, sc in each of next 13 sc around first leg – 54 sc
- R85. Sc in each – 54 sc
- R86-89. Sc in each sc – 54 sc
- R90. (Sc in next 7 sc, sc 2 tog) – 48 sc
- R91-94. Sc in each sc - 48 sc
- R95. (Sc in each of next 6 sc, sc 2 tog), fasten off leg colour– 42 sc
- R96. In dark pink, for girl, or yellow for boy, sc in back loops only - 42 sc
- R97. Sc in each back loop only - 42 sc
- R98. Sc in each sc, sl st to close round for colour change, fasten off yarn – 42 sc
- R99. In green, ch 1, (sc in each of next 5, sc 2 tog), sl st to close round – 36 sc
- R100-101. In white, ch 1, sc in each sc, sl st to close round - 36 sc
- R102. In green, ch 1, (sc in each of next 4 sc, sc 2 tog), sl st to close round – 30 sc
- R103-104. In white sc in each sc, sl st to close round - 30 sc
- R105. In green, (sc in each of next 8 sc, sc 2 tog), sl st to close round – 27 sc
- R106-107. In white sc in each sc, sl st to close round - 27 sc
- R108. Place markers where arms are to be inserted. 4 sc for each arm, 9 sc between each arm.
- In green yarn, sc across body to arm, pick up 4 sc from top of arm, skip 4 sc from body underneath arm, sc in each of next 9 sc across body, pick up 4 sc from top of arm, skip 4 sc from body underneath arm, sc rest, sl st to close round
- R109. In white, (sc in each of next 7 sc, sc 2 tog), sl st to close round – 24 sc
- R110. Sc in each sc, sl st to close round, fasten off white, sl st to close round - 24 sc
- R111. In green, (sc in each of next 6, sc 2 tog) – 21 sc
- R112. In front loops, sc in each sc, fasten off green

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R113. In light grey and in back loops, sc in each sc - 21 sc

R114. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, sc 2 tog) – 18 sc

Sew gap between legs. Fill without stretching stitches

Neck

R115. Sc in each sc – 18 sc

Head - make 1 in main colour. Starting at nose edge

R1. In black, ch 5, sc in second chain from hook, sc in each of next 2 ch, 3 sc in next ch, sc in each of next 2 sc, 3 sc in next ch – 11 sc

R2. Sc in each of next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 5 sc, 2 sc in last – 13 sc

R3. Sc in each of next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 6 sc, 2 sc in last – 15 sc

R4. Sc in each of next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 7 sc, 2 sc in last – 17 sc

R5. Sc in each of next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 8 sc, 2 sc in next, sc in last – 19 sc

R6. Sc in each of next 7 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 10 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sl st to close round for colour change – 21 sc

R7. In head colour, (sc in each of next 6 sc, 2 sc in next) – 24 sc

R8. (Sc in each of next 7 sc, 2 sc in next) – 27 sc

R9. (Sc in each of next 8 sc, 2 sc in next) – 30 sc

R10. (Sc in each of next 9 sc, 2 sc in next) – 33 sc

R11. (Sc in each of next 10 sc, 2 sc in next) – 36 sc

R12. (Sc in each of next 8 sc, 2 sc in next) – 40 sc

R13. (Sc in each of next 9 sc, 2 sc in next) – 44 sc

R14. (Sc in each of next 10 sc, 2 sc in next) – 48 sc

R15. Sc in each sc – 48 sc

R16. (Sc in each of next 7 sc, 2 sc in next) – 54 sc



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R17. Sc in each sc – 54 sc

R18. (Sc in each of next 8 sc, 2 sc in next) – 60 sc

R19. Sc in each sc – 60 sc

Insert 15 mm eyes, 30 sc apart

R20. (Sc in each of next 9 sc, 2 sc in next) – 66 sc

R21-25. Sc in each sc – 66 sc

R26. Ch 10, skip 10, (this is where head will be connected to body), sc in rest of row – 66 sc

R27. Sc in each sc – 66 sc

R33. (Sc in each of next 9 sc, sc 2 tog) – 60 sc

R34. (Sc in each of next 8 sc, sc 2 tog) – 54 sc

R35. (Sc in each of next 7 sc, sc 2 tog) – 48 sc

R36. (Sc in each of next 6 sc, sc 2 tog) – 42 sc

R37. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, sc 2 tog) – 36 sc

R38. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, sc 2 tog) – 30 sc

R39. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog) – 24 sc

R40. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, sc 2 tog) – 18 sc

Fill head

R41. (Sc in each of next sc, sc 2 tog) – 12 sc

R42. (Sc 2 tog) – 6 sc

Fasten off leaving long tail, thread through remaining sc to close gap.

Fill head, position onto neck, sew into place. Embroider nose and eyebrows. Sew on buttons for cheeks

Eyelids x 2 in body yarn

R1. Ch 9, starting in second chain from hook, sc in each ch – 8 sc

R2. Turn, ch 1, sc in each sc – 8 sc

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Bandicoots

Often confused with rodents, bandicoots are small, omnivorous marsupials. They are about the size of a rabbit, and have a pointy snout, humped back, thin tail and large hind feet. There are around 20 species of bandicoots, all of which are critically endangered.

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Fasten off, sew to head above eyes

Skirt – For Girl – in light pink yarn

- R1. Sl st into any front loop from R97, hdc in each front loop - 42 hdc
- R2. (Hdc in next hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc) – 64 hdc
- R3-4. Hdc in each hdc – 64 hdc
- R5. Hdc in each back loop only – 64 hdc
- R7-8. Hdc in each hdc – 64 hdc
- R9. Hdc in each back loop only – 64 hdc
- R10-12. Hdc in each hdc – 64 hdc

Fasten off, weave in ends

Shell Edging – Special Stitch - v st – (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in same st – in light pink

- R1. In any front loop from R5, R9 and R12, sl st, ch 1, skip 2, (9 dc in one loop, skip 3, v st in next loop), skip 3), to end, sc last, sl st to close
- R2. Sl st to first dc, (v st st in each v st and dc, ch 1, in each dc) from previous row

Fasten off, weave in ends

Pants – for boy

- R1. In yellow, sl st into any front loop from R97, ch 2, hdc in each front loop, sl st to close round – 42 hdc
- R2-11. Ch 2, hdc in each hdc, sl st to close round – 42 hdc
- R13. Use markers to mark centre back and front where pants will be divided to make 2 legs, sl st to join back and front, ch 2, hdc in each hdc – 21 hdc
- R14-23. Ch 2, hdc in each hdc, sl st to close round – 21 hdc (make longer if desired)
- R24. Fasten off yellow, in green ch 1, (skip 1 hdc, sc in next hdc) – (42)

Repeat R13-24 for second leg

Fasten off, weave in ends

Finishing shoe edge

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R1. In same colour yarn as shoe, ch 18, sc in second chain from hook, sc in each sc – 17 sc

Fasten off, sew to shoe at base of leg

Collar – for girl

R1. To make a collar, sl st into centre front loop of R113. Sc in this sc, 5 dc in next sc, sc in next 18 sc, 5 dc in last sc – (21)

Fasten off, weave in ends

Collar – for boy

R1. Sl st into any front loop from R113, sc in each sc – 21 sc

Fasten off, weave in ends, sew bow to centre

Ears x 2 in skin colour

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

R2. (Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next) – 9 sc

R3. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next) – 12 sc

R4. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next) - 15 sc

R5. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, 2 sc in next) – 18 sc

R6. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, 2 sc in next) – 21 sc

R7. (Sc in each of next 6 sc, 2 sc in next) - 24 sc

R8. (Sc in each of next 7 sc, 2 sc in next) – 27 sc

R9. (Sc in each of next 8 sc, 2 sc in next) – 30 sc

R10. (Sc in each of next 9 sc, 2 sc in next) – 33 sc

R11-22. Sc in each sc – 33 sc

R23. (Sc in each of next 9 sc, sc 2 tog) – 30 sc

R24-26. Sc in each sc – 30 sc

R27. (Sc in each of next 8 sc, sc 2 tog) – 27 sc



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R28-30. Sc in each sc – 27 sc

R31. (Sc in each of next 7 sc, sc 2 tog) – 24 sc

R32-34. Sc in each sc – 24 sc

R35. (Sc in each of next 6 sc, sc 2 tog) – 21 sc

R36-41. Sc in each sc - 21 sc

Fasten off, leaving long tail, whip stitch edges together, sew curve at base, sew to head.

Bow – make 4 in green for girls shoes, 1 in green for boys tie, 1 in yellow for girls head

R1. Ch 5, 4 tr into 4th ch from hook, ch 4, sl st into same, ch 4, 4 tr into 4th ch from hook, ch 4, sl into same sc

Fasten off leaving long tail, wrap tail around centre of bow a few times to secure, sew to piece

