

# Gumnut Crochet

## Designs from Aus



- 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

### Easter Egg Bilby



### 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
- 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

### Materials Used

- 3 ply cotton x small quantity – main colour
- 3 ply cotton yarn small quantity contrast A for each body made and small quantity black and contrast B
- Size 1.5 mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- 7.5 mm safety eyes
- Fiberfill
- Stitch marker
- Builders wire, available from electrical section of hardware stores
- Primatape or other elastic tape used for bandages, available from chemists

### Size

- 9 cm in height, 14 cm with ears

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### Head

R1. In head colour, 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 next 2 sc, 2 sc in next) – 12 sc

R4. (Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next) – 16 sc

R5. (Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next) – 20 sc

R6. (Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next) – 24 sc

R7-8. Sc in each sc – 24 sc

*Insert 7.5 mm eyes, at R8, 6 sc apart*

R9. (Sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next) – 28 sc

R10-12. Sc in each sc – 28 sc

R13. (Sc in next 5 sc, sc 2 tog) – 24 sc

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

R15. (Sc in next sc, sc 2 tog) – 12 sc

*Fill head*

R16. (Sc 2 tog) – 6 sc

*Fasten off leave long tail, weave gap closed, sew to body. Embroider nose and mouth with black thread*

### Body – Contrast A

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

R2. (2 sc in each sc) - 12 sc

R3. (Sc in next 1 sc, 2 sc in next) – 18 sc

### Bilby

*The Bilby is a large bandicoot, measuring up to 55 cm in length. Bilby fur is very soft and is a blue grey colour. The belly is white and the tail is black. It is a marsupial which uses burrows for its habitat. It is an omnivore.*

*It's large ears, help to keep it cool and have given it the nickname long eared rabbit.*

*One species of Bilby has been extinct since the 1950's with the second species being critically endangered.*

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- R4. (Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next) – 24 sc
- R5. (Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next) – 30 sc
- R6. (Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next) – 36 sc
- R7-10. Sc in each sc – 36 sc
- R11. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, sc 2 tog) – 30 sc
- R12. Sc in each sc – 30 sc
- R13. (Sc in next 3 sc, sc 2 tog) – 24 sc
- R14. Sc in each sc – 24 sc
- R15. (Sc in next 2 sc, sc 2 tog) – 18 sc
- R16. Sc in each sc – 18 sc
- R17. (Sc in next sc, sc 2 tog) – 12 sc
- R18. Sc in each sc, sl st to close round – 12 sc

*Fill lightly. (Insert wire for tail, at approx R5, prior to filling and sewing up body)*

- R19. (Sc 2 tog) – 6 sc

*Fasten off, weave gap closed and secure in ends*

### **Tail x 1 in head colour**

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

- R2-27. Sc in each sc – 6 sc

*Fasten off, no need to fill. Insert 12 cm wire, taped at one end to insert into tail. Push the wire through the body and back out a couple of sc next to the inserted wire. Tape wire to itself and insert back into the tail. Pull tail up to conceal and sew to body.*

### **Arms x 2**

- R1. In head colour, 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



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R3-R5. Sc in each sc – 9 sc

R6. (Sc in next sc, sc 2 tog), sl st to close round for colour change, do not fasten off yarn – 6 sc

R7-12. Sc in each sc, sl st to close round – 6 sc

*Fasten off, leaving long tail. Insert 13 cm wire through body, where arms are to be positioned. Tape both ends of the wire after it has been inserted into the body and push the arms on. Sew arms to body. Weave in ends.*

### **Legs x 2 in head colour**

R1. In head yarn, 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

R3-8. Sc in each sc – 9 sc

*Fasten off, leaving long tail. No need to fill. Whip stitch edges together, sew to body, so that piece sits by itself.*

### **Ears x 2 in head colour**

R1. In head yarn, 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

R3-18. Sc in each sc – 9 sc

*Fasten off, leaving long tail, do not fill, whip stitch edges together, sew to head*

### **Hat x 1 in contrast colour A**

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

R2. Sc in each sc – 6 sc

R3. (Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next) - 9 sc

R3-5. Sc in each sc – 9 sc

*Change colour to contrast B if desired*

R6. (sl st ch 2 in each sc)

*Fasten off, fill lightly, sew to head*

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### Flower x 1 in contrast B

- R1. Ch 2, 6 sc in second chain from hook, or magic circle 6 – 6 sc
- R2. (4 ch sl st in each sc) – 6 petals

Fasten off weave in ends

### Basket x 1 in contrast B

- R1. Ch 2, 6 sc in second chain from hook, or magic circle 6 – 6 sc
- R2. (2 sc in each sc) - 12 sc
- R3. (Sc in next 1 sc, 2 sc in next) – 18 sc
- R4. (Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next) – 24 sc
- R5. (Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next) – 30 sc

### Handle x 1 in contrast B

Ch 15, sl st to opposite side of bag where handle is to be joined,

Fasten off, weave in ends