

# Gumnut Crochet

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### Bandicoot



- 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

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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
- Hdc – half double crochet
- Dc – double crochet

### Materials Used

- 4 ply cotton x 100 gram – main colour (red or orange)
- 4 ply x 50 gram contrast colour (red, orange, yellow, tan)
- 4 ply cotton yarn small quantity black and white yarn
- Size 2.5 mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- 12 mm safety eyes
- Fiberfill
- Stitch marker x 2
- If you are wiring – 1.5 metres of electrical wire – 3mm round, available from hardware store
- 1 metre of tape – Elastoplast roll or similar bandage tape, available from chemist

### Size

- 29 cm in height with 2.50 mm hook

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### **Tail – make 1 in contrast colour**

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*

### **Hand and Arm x 2 in main colour**

*Thumb – make 2 – 1 for each hand*

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

R2. (Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next) – 8 sc

R3-7. Sc in each sc – 8 sc

*Fingers – make 3 for each hand – do not fasten off third finger*

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

R2. 2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 5 sc – 7sc

R3-8. Sc in each sc – 7 sc

### **Joining fingers – right hand (thumb next to fingers)**

R1. Do not fasten off third finger – 4 sc across this third finger (now first finger), 4 sc across the next or second finger, 7 sc across the next or third finger, 3 sc across the second finger, 3 sc across the first finger – 21 sc

R2. Sc in each of next 21 sc, then sc in each of next 5 sc. This is the new starting point. Place a marker here

R3. Sc in each of next 4 sc, join the thumb with 4 sc across the thumb, skip 4 sc on hand, sc in next 13 sc - 21 sc

R4. Sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog, sc in each of next 2, sc 2 tog – thumb, sc in each of next 5 sc, sc 2 tog, sc in next, sc 2 tog, sc in each of last 2 sc – 17 sc

*Insert prepared frame – 3 pieces 6.5 cm long for thumb and 2 fingers and one piece 40 cm long for middle finger taped at finger end. Tape all pieces together at wrist and fill hand and fingers lightly. Continue working around wire.*

R5. Sc along each of next 5 sc, (sc 2 tog) x 2, sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog, sc in next, sc 2 tog, sc in each of next 2 sc – 13 sc

R6. Sc in each of next 2 sc, (sc 2 tog) x 2, sc in each of next 2 sc (sc 2 tog) x 2, sc in last – 9 sc

R7. (Sc in next, sc 2 tog) – 6 sc

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*Fill hand, no need to fill fingers*

R8-17. Sc in each sc – 6 sc

*Fasten off leaving long tail, no need to fill arm. Put aside until ready to join to body. Make sure that you turn the arm so that the thumbs are positioned upright on both arms, prior to joining to body.*

### **Joining Fingers - Left Hand (thumb inside)**

- R1. Sc 4 sc across third finger (now first finger), sc 4 across second finger, 7 sc across the third finger, 3 sc across second finger and 3 sc across first finger – 21 sc
- R2. Sc in each of next 21 sc, sc a further 5 sc. Place marker here, this becomes the new starting point
- R3. Sc in each of next 13 sc, 4 sc across the thumb, skip 4 on hand, sc in each of next 4 sc – 21 sc
- R4. Sc in each of next 2 sc, sc 2 tog, sc in next sc, sc 2 tog, sc in each of next 5 sc, sc 2 tog, sc in each of next 2 sc, sc 2 tog, sc in each of next 3 sc – 17 sc

*Insert prepared frame – 3 pieces 9 cm long for thumb and 2 fingers and one piece 45 cm long for middle finger taped at finger end. Tape all pieces together at wrist and fill hand and fingers lightly. Continue working around wire.*

- R5. Sc in each of next 2 sc, sc 2 tog, sc in next sc, sc 2 tog, sc in each of next 3 sc, (sc 2 tog) x 2, sc in each of next 3 sc – 13 sc
- R6. Sc in next sc, (sc 2 tog) x 2, sc in each of next 2 sc, (sc 2 tog) x 2, sc in each of last 2 sc – 9 sc
- R7. (Sc in next sc, sc 2 tog) – 6 sc

*Fill hand. Change to body colour for arm if desired, or continue in contrast colour for arm*

R8-17. Sc in each sc – 6 sc

*Fasten off leaving long tail, no need to fill arm. Put aside until ready to join to body. Make sure that you turn the arm so that the thumbs are positioned upright on both arms, prior to joining to body.*

### **Feet and Legs x 2 in contrast colour**

*Toes - make 3 for each foot, except do not fasten off third toe*

- R1. Ch 2, 6 sc in second chain from hook, or magic circle 6 – 6 sc
- R2. (2 sc in each sc) – 12 sc
- R3-5. Sc in each sc – 12 sc
- R6. (Sc in next 2 sc, sc 2 tog) – 9 sc

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R7-10. Sc in each sc – 9 sc

*Fasten off*

### Joining toes

R11. Without fastening off third toe, ch 2, 4 sc across second toe, ch 2, sc 9 around first toe, sc 2 across ch 2, sc 5 around the second toe, sc 2 across ch 2, sc 9 around third toe – 35 sc

R12-14. Sc in each sc – 35 sc

R15. Sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog, sc in each of next 7 sc, sc 2 tog, sc in each of next 16 sc, sc 2 tog, sc in each of last 3 sc – 32 sc

R16. Sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog, sc in each of next 6 sc, sc 2 tog, sc in each of next 15 sc, sc 2 tog, sc in each of next 2 sc – 29 sc

R17. Sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog, sc in each of next 5 sc, sc 2 tog, sc in each of next 14 sc, sc 2 tog, sc in last – 26 sc

R18. Sc in each sc – 26 sc

R19. Sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog, sc in each of next 4 sc, sc 2 tog, sc in each of next 13 sc, sc 2 tog -23 sc

R20. Sc in each of next sc – 23 sc

R21. Sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog, sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog, sc in each of next 11 sc, sc 2 tog – 20 sc

R22-23. Sc in each sc – 20 sc

*Insert prepared frame for leg – 35 cm, for long piece extending through the body, to the head and 2 pieces 14 cm long. Tape each piece at toe edge and tape all pieces together at ankle. Curve piece (refer photograph) to fit shape of ankle and foot.*

R24. Sc in each of next 12 sc, ch 4, skip 4, sc in each of next 4 sc - insert wire from leg through this hole – 20 sc (ensure the ch 4 gap is centre top of the foot, where leg will commence)

R25-26. Sc in each sc – 20 sc

R27. (Sc in next 3 sc, sc 2 tog) – 16 sc

R28. (Sc in next 2 sc, sc 2 tog) – 12 sc



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R29. (Sc in next sc, sc 2 tog) – 8 sc

*Fasten off, leaving long tail. Secure the hole in the heel, ensuring wire is through 4 ch gap.*

R30. In main colour, sl st into any st from the 4 ch gap made at R24. – sc in each loop around - 8sc

R31-42. Sc in each sc – 8 sc

**Joining legs - place marker at inner centre of each leg**

R43. Sl/st into marked sc, 12 ch, sc to join second leg at middle inner side centre, sc 8 across second leg, ch 12, sc to rejoin first leg next to original join, sc 8 across first leg – 36 sc

R44. Sc in each sc – 36 sc

*Check legs are aligned before continuing*

R45. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 42 sc

R46. (Sc in each of next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 48 sc

R47. (Sc in each of next 7 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 54 sc

R48-50. Sc in each sc – 54 sc

R51. Sc in each of next 5 sc, ch 4, skip 4, sc in each of next 45 sc (this is the gap for the tail to be inserted. Ensure it is centred at the back of the piece) – (54)

*Secure leg wires together with tape. Sew up gap between*

*legs.*

R52-53. Sc in each sc – 54 sc

R54. (Sc in each of next 7 sc, sc 2 tog) – 48 sc

R55. (Sc in each of next 6 sc, sc 2 tog) – 42 sc

R56-58. Sc in each sc – 42 sc



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R59. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, sc 2 tog) – 36 sc

R60-62. Sc in each sc - 36 sc

R63. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, sc 2 tog) – 30 sc

R64-66. Sc in each sc - 30 sc

R67. (Sc in each of next 8 sc, sc 2 tog) – 27 sc

R68-69. Sc in each sc - 27 sc

R70. (Sc in each of next 7 sc, sc 2 tog) – 24 sc

*Fill legs and body*

**Joining Arms to Body** – Use markers to mark where the arms are to be placed. 3 sc for each arm, 9 sc in between each arm – 24 sc

R71. Pin each arm to side where arm will be inserted. Sc through top layers of the arm, skipping the sc of the body, sc in each to last – 24 sc

Alternatively ch 3, skip 3, where each arm is to be place. Use this gap, to insert arms and sew into place – 24c

*Tape arm wires to body wire. Crochet around wire.*

R72. Sc in each sc – 24 sc

R73. (Sc in each of next 6 sc, sc 2 tog) – 21 sc

R74. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, sc 2 tog), sl st to close round, fasten off yarn – 18 sc

*Fasten off, leaving long tail. Fill without stretching stitches.*

**Cuff- make 2 (1 for each leg)**

R1. In foot colour, ch 10

, sc in second chain from hook, sc in each to last





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*Fasten off, sew to shoe at base of each leg*

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

- R1. 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 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 9 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 2 sc – 21 sc
- R7. Sc in each of next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 10 sc, 2 sc in next, sc in each of next 3 sc – 23 sc
- R8. Sc in each of next 7 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 11 sc, 2 sc in next, sc in each of next 3 sc – 25 sc
- R9. Sc in each of next 8 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 12 sc, 2 sc in next, sc in each of next 3 sc – 27 sc
- R10. Sc in each of next 8 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 13 sc, 2 sc in next, sc in each of next 4 sc – 29 sc
- R11. Sc in each of next 9 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 14 sc, 2 sc in next, sc in each of next 4 sc – 31 sc
- R12. Sc in each of next 9 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 15 sc, 2 sc in next, sc in each of next 5 sc – 33 sc
- R13. (Sc in each of next 10 sc, 2 sc in next) - 36 sc
- R14. (Sc in each of next 11 sc, 2 sc in next) - 39 sc
- R15. (Sc in each of next 12 sc, 2 sc in next) - 42 sc
- R16. (Sc in each of next 13 sc, 2 sc in next) - 45 sc
- R17. (Sc in each of next 14 sc, 2 sc in next) - 48 sc
- R18-23. Sc in each sc – 48 sc
- R24. (Sc in each of next 7 sc, 2 sc in next) - 54 sc
- R25-29. Sc in each sc – 54 sc
- R30. (Sc in each of next 8 sc, 2sc in next) – 60 sc

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R31-34. Sc in each sc – 60 sc

R35. Ch 4, skip 4, sc in each of next 56 sc – (ensure this gap is centred at bottom of head for neck wire to be inserted into head) – 60 sc

R36. Sc in each sc – 60 sc

R37. (Sc in each of next 8 sc, sc 2 tog) - 54 sc

R38. (Sc in each of next 7 sc, sc 2 tog) – 48 sc

R39. (Sc in each of next 6 sc, sc 2 tog) - 42 sc

R40. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, sc 2 tog) – 36 sc

R41. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, sc 2 tog) - 30 sc

R42. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog) – 24 sc

R43. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, sc 2 tog) - 18 sc

*Insert neck wire into 4 chain gap from R35. Fill head firmly*

R44. (Sc in each of next sc, sc 2 tog) - 12 sc

R45. (Sc 2 tog) – 6sc

*Fasten off, close gap, weave in ends, sew to neck*

### Shaping Face

Using matching yarn, pull stitches through head from neck to form eye sockets. Fasten yarn securely. Sew eyes into these sockets.

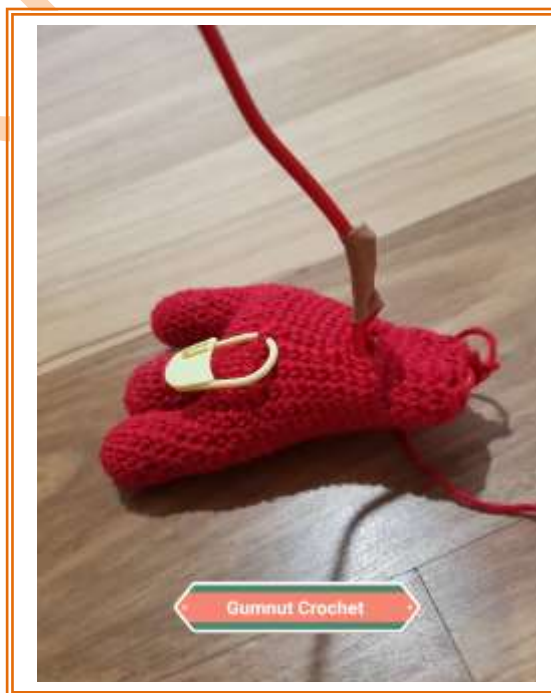
Using black yarn, pull stitches through to nose from neck to form nostrils. Stitch black lines securely, pulling through to indent. Fasten yarn securely.

Embroider mouth

### Shaping tummy

Using matching yarn, pull stitches through tummy from tail to form belly button. Fasten yarn securely.

**Eyeball – make 2 in white**





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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

R4-6. Sc in each sc – 18 sc

R7. (Sc in next sc, sc 2 tog) - 12 sc

*Insert 12 mm safety eyes in centre of each eyeball. Fill lightly*

R10. (Sc 2 tog) – 6 sc

*Fasten off, leaving long tail to sew into indented eye sockets.*

### **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.*

### **Ear – make 2 in main colour and 2 in contrast colour**

R1. Ch 20, sc in second chain from hook and in each of next 17 ch, 3 sc in last, working back down foundation loops, sc in each of next 18 sc, ch 1, turn – 39 sc

R2. Sc in same ch space and in each of next 17 sc, (2 sc in next sc) x 3, sc in each of next 18 sc, ch 1, turn – 42 sc

R3. Sc in same ch space and each of next 17 sc, (2 sc in next, sc in next) x 3, sc in each of next 18 sc, ch 1, turn – 45 sc

R4. Sc in same ch space and in each of next 17 sc, (2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 2 sc) x 3, sc in each of next 18 sc – 48 sc

*Fasten off, weave in ends, place contrast colour piece on top of main colour piece, sc through edge of both rounds*

*Fasten off, leaving long tail, fold one end of ear into a crease and secure with yarn, sew to head.*

### **Tummy Patch – make 1 in contrast colour**

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 sc, 2 sc in next) – 18 sc

R4. (Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next) – 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) – 42 sc

R7. Sc in each sc – 42 sc

*Fasten off, leaving long tail to sew piece to tummy. Make belly button by sewing few stitches into centre of tummy piece.*

### **Back pack – in contrast colour, worked in continuous rounds**

R1. Ch 14, sc in second chain from hook, sc in next 11 ch, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 12 ch, 3 sc in next ch – 30 sc

R2-10. Sc in each sc – 30 sc

R11. Sc 2 tog, sc in next 11 sc, (sc 2 tog) x 2, sc in next 11 sc, sc 2 tog – 26 sc

R12. Sc 2 tog, sc in next 9 sc, (sc 2 tog) x 2, sc in next 9 sc, sc 2 tog – 22 sc

R13. Sc 2 tog, sc in each of next 7 sc, (sc 2 tog) x 2, sc in each of next 7 sc, sc 2 tog – 18 sc

### *Working flap*

R14. Ch 1, turn, sc in next 7 sc, ch 1, turn

R15-17 Sc in each of next 7 sc, ch 1, turn

R18. Sc in next 3 sc, ch 2, skip 1 sc, sc in next 3 sc – 7sc (buttonhole)

R19. Sc in each of next 7 sc – 7 sc

*Fasten off, weave in ends*

### **To make straps – make 2**

R1. Sl/st into corner of back pack, 15 chain, sl/st into corner where strap is to sit, taking care not to twist chain. Sc in next 14 ch, sl/st back in original corner to secure.

R2. Repeat R1 for second strap

*Fasten off and weave in ends. Sew on button*

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