

Gumnut Crochet

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Poteroo



Materials Used

- 4 ply cotton x 50 gram – main colour (light blue)
- 4 ply cotton yarn small quantity contrast colour A, (teal) contrast colour B (orange – backpack and dress) and pink
- Buttons, decoration and ribbon as desired
- Size 2.5 mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- 9 mm safety eyes x 2
- Fiberfill
- Stitch marker

Size

- 17 cm in height without ears
- 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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- 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

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Legs x 2 in main colour – do not fasten off second leg

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 each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next) - 15 sc

R4-9. Sc in each sc- 15 sc

Body – joining legs

R10. Ch 3, sc to second leg, sc 14 around second leg, sc in each ch, sc around first leg – 36 sc

R11-13. Sc in each sc- 36 sc

R14. (Sc in each of next 16 sc, sc 2 tog) – 34 sc

R15. Sc in each sc – 34 sc

R17. (Sc in each of next 15 sc, sc 2 tog) – 32 sc

R18. Sc in each sc – 32 sc

R19. (Sc in each of next 14 sc, sc 2 tog) – 30 sc

R20. Sc in each sc – 30 sc

R21. (Sc in each of next 13 sc, sc 2 tog) - 28 sc

R22. Sc in each sc – 28 sc (back loops for skirt). Fasten off shorts yarn

R23. (Sc in each of next 12 sc, sc 2 tog) – 26 sc

R24. Sc in each sc – 26 sc

R25. (Sc in each of next 11 sc, sc 2 tog) – 24 sc

R26. Sc in each sc – 24 sc

For Shorts – sl st to close round for colour change end of R4. Change to shorts colour for R5-9 of leg and R10 to 22. of body.

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- R27. (Sc in each of next 10 sc, s 2 tog) – 22 sc
- R28. Sc in each sc – 22 sc
- R29. (Sc in each of next 9 sc, sc 2 tog) – 20 sc
- R30. (Sc in each of next 8 sc, sc 2 tog) – 18 sc
- R31. Sc in each sc – 18 sc
- R32. (Sc in each of next 7 sc, sc 2 tog) – 16 sc
- R33. Sc in each sc – 16 sc
- R34. (Sc in each of next 6 sc, sc 2 tog) – 14 sc
- R35. Sc in each sc – 14 sc

Fasten off, weave in ends, fill lightly

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

- R1. In pink, 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 sc, sl st to close round for colour change, fasten off pink – 9 sc
- R4. In head colour, (sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next) – 12 sc
- R5. (Sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next) – 14 sc
- R6. (Sc in next 6 sc, 2 sc in next) – 16 sc
- R7. (Sc in next 7 sc, 2 sc in next) – 18 sc
- R8. (Sc in next 8 sc, 2 sc in next) – 20 sc



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R9. (Sc in next 9 sc, 2 sc in next) – 22 sc

R10. (Sc in next 10 sc, 2 sc in next) – 24 sc

R11. (Sc in next 7 sc, 2 sc in next) – 27 sc

R12. (Sc in next 8 sc, 2 sc in next) – 30 sc

R13. (Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next) – 36 sc

R14. (Sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next) – 42 sc

R15-18. Sc in each sc – 42 sc

Insert 9 mm safety eyes 15 sc apart, at R17

R23. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, sc 2 tog) – 36 sc

R24. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, sc 2 tog) – 30 sc

R25. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog) – 24 sc

R26. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, sc 2 tog) – 18 sc

Fill without stretching stitches

R27. (Sc in each of next sc, sc 2 tog) – 12 sc

R28. (Sc 2 tog) – 6 sc

Fasten off leaving long tail, thread through remaining sc to close gap. Shape mouth by pulling strong thread through from opening edge to 6 rows under head from nose edge. Fasten with a few stitches and pull back through head opening. Secure thread and fasten off.

Fill head, sew into place. Embroider eyebrows and or eyelashes or glue false eyelashes into place or sew them on.

Ears – make 2 in main colour and 2 in pink

R1. 14 ch, starting in second chain from hook, sc in each of next 12 ch, 3 sc in next, working back down foundation loops, sc in each of next 12 loops

*A **potoroo** is a kangaroo-like marsupial about the size of a rabbit. It is a macropod. All three extant species are threatened. The main threats are predation by introduced species (especially foxes) and habitat loss. Potoroos were formerly very common in Australia, and early settlers reported them as being significant pests to their crops.*

Gilbert's potoroo is Australia's most endangered animal. The species was discovered in 1840 by a naturalist called John Gilbert. It was then thought to have become extinct until being rediscovered in 1994 near Albany in Western Australia. The species has grown from an initial wild population of 30-40 to over 100.

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R2. Ch 1, turn, sc in each of next 12 sc, (2 sc in next) x 3, sc in each of next 12 sc,

Fasten off, weave in ends

R3. Place pink piece on top of blue piece. Using blue, sc around the edge, through both layers

Fasten off, sew last 4 st tog at base to form fold at base, sew to head, weave in ends

Eyelids x 2 in main colour

R1. Ch 7, starting in second chain from hook, sc in each ch - 6 sc

Fasten off, sew to head, weave in ends

1. Mesh Skirt – in contrast B

R1. Sl st into any front loop from R22

R2. Sc in each sc, sl st to close round – 16 sc

R3. (Ch 5, skip 1, sl st) – 7 mesh

R4. sS st to centre of next mesh (5 ch, sl st into 1 st ch, 5 ch, sl into centre of next mesh) – 7 mesh

Fasten off, weave in ends

2. Skirt – Pinafore in orange – holding piece upside down

R1. Sl st into any front loop from R22, (hdc in next loop, 2 hdc in next) – 42 hdc

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R2. (Hdc in next hdc, 2 hdc in next) – 63 hdc

R3-6. Hdc in each hdc - 63 hdc

Skirt edge – in contrast B

R1. (Ch 5, skip 1, sl st) – 32 mesh

R2. Sl st to centre of next mesh (5 ch, sl st into 1 st mesh, 5 ch, sl into centre of next mesh) – 32 mesh

Fasten off weave in ends

Pocket x 2, in Contrast B

Worked in rows - chain 1 beg of each row, sc into same chain

space in each row

R1. Ch 2 – 6 sc or magic circle with 6 sc, turn – 6sc

R2. Ch 1, (sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc), turn – 8 sc

R3. Ch 1, (sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc), turn – 12 sc

Fasten off, weave in ends

R4. Change colour to Contrast A – 12 sc, sc around top edge, working 2 sc in magic circle

Fasten off, weave in ends

Bodice in contrast B

R1. Ch 2 – 6 sc or magic circle with 6 sc, turn – 6 sc

R2. Ch 1, (sc in each of next sc, 2 sc in next sc), turn – 9 sc

R3. Ch 1, (sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc), turn – 13 sc

R4. Ch 1, (sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc), turn – 19 sc



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R5. Sc in each sc – 19 sc

Fasten off, sew to dress

Strap x 2 in contrast A

R1. Ch 25, starting in second chain from hook, sc in each sc – 24 sc

Sew to bodice and skirt, decorate with buttons if desired

Arms x 2 in main colour

R1. Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook, or magic circle 6 - 6 sc

R2. 2 sc in each sc – 12 sc

R3-7. Sc in each sc - 12 sc

R8. (Sc in next 4 sc, sc 2 tog) – 10 sc

R9-12. Sc in each sc – 10 sc

Fill bottom of arm, leaving top unfilled

R13. (Sc in next 3 sc, sc 2 tog) – 8 sc

R14-17. Sc in each sc - 8 sc

R18. (Sc in next 2 sc, sc 2 tog) – 6 sc

R19-20. Sc in each sc – 6 sc

Fasten off, sew to body

Tail – make 1 in main colour

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

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

R3-40. Sc in each sc – 8 sc



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Fasten off yarn, fill lightly, sew to body, weave in ends

Back pack – in contrast colour A, 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 – 8 sc (buttonhole)

R19. Sc in each of next 8 sc – 8 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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String Bag – in Contrast Colour A

- R1. Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook, or magic circle 6 - 6 sc
- R2. (5 ch, sl st into each sc)
- R3-5. (5 ch sl st into each ch 5 gap)
- R6. Sc across top of bag, working 5 sc into ch 5 space and 1 in each sl st,

Forming strap

- R7. Ch 30, sl st across to where the strap will finish, fasten off, weave in ends