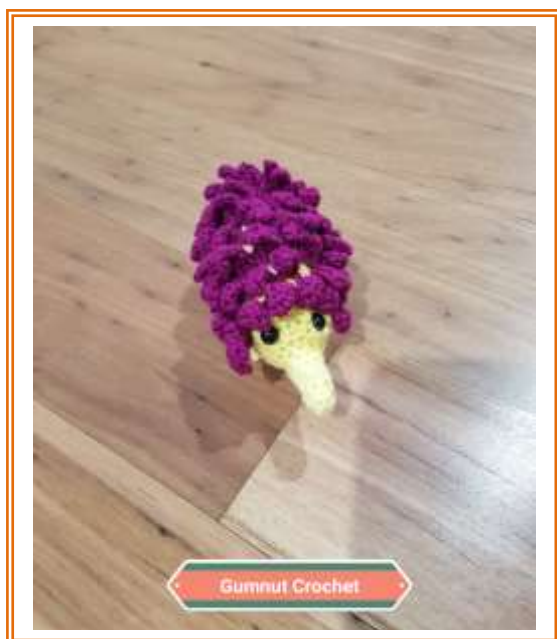


Gumnut Crochet

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Echidna



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.

Materials Used

- 4 ply cotton x 50 gram – yellow and burgundy
- Size 2.5 mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- 7.5 mm safety eyes
- Fiberfill
- Stitch marker

Size

- 12 cm long
- 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

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

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Echidna – make 1 in yellow

- R1. Ch 2 – 5 sc in second chain from hook, or magic circle 5 – 5 sc
- R2-6. Sc in each sc – 5 sc
- R7. Sc in next sc, 2 sc in each of next 3 sc, 1 sc in next sc – 8 sc
- R8. Sc in each sc – 8 sc
- R9. Sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in each of next 4 sc, sc in each of next 2 sc – 12 sc
- R10. Sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 hdc in each of the next 8 sc, sc in next 2 sc – (20)
- R11. Sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 hdc in next sc, hdc in each of next 5 sc, (2 hdc in next sc) x 2, hdc in each of next 5 sc, 2 hdc in next sc, sc in each of next 3 sc – (24)

Insert eyes 6 sc apart at R9, fill nose

- R12–25. Sc in each sc – 24 sc
- R26. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, sc 2 tog) – 20 sc
- R27. Sc in each sc – 20 sc
- R28. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog) – 16 sc
- R29. Sc in each sc – 16 sc
- R30. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, sc 2 tog) – 12 sc

Fill without stretching stitches

- R31. (Sc in next sc, sc 2 tog) – 9 sc
- R32. (Sc in next sc, sc 2 tog) – 6 sc
- R33. (Sc 2 tog) or weave opening closed



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Legs x 4

- R1. Ch 2, 4 sc in second chain from hook – 4sc
- R2. (Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc) repeat – 6 sc
- R3. Sc in each sc – 6 sc
- R4. (Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) repeat – 8 sc
- R5. Sc in each sc – 8 sc
- R6. (Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc) repeat – 10 sc
- R7. Sc in each sc – 10 sc

Fasten off, leaving long tail, fill lightly, sew to body

Spines – worked in rows – in burgundy

- R1. Sl st into st on back near the head where the first row of spines is to start. m6 ch, working down chain – sc in second chain from hook, hdc in next, dc in each of next 2 ch, sl st into base of chain, sc 2 across body, repeat to end of row,

Fasten off yarn, weave in ends

- R2. Repeat for each row of spines. Each row start 2 stitches apart from each, alternating so that spines are centred on sc from previous row.

For more spines, start each row closer to each other. Fasten off, weave in ends

Echidnas, together with the platypus, are the world's only monotremes, or egg-laying mammals.

There are two species of echidnas:

- the long-beaked echidna, which is confined to the highlands of New Guinea; and
- the **short-beaked echidna** is common throughout most of temperate Australia and lowland New Guinea.

Although widely distributed within NSW, the short-beaked echidna is not readily seen in the wild because of its quiet, reclusive nature. The short-beaked echidna is not listed as endangered.

With a keen sense of smell, an echidna uses its long, hairless snout to search for food, detect danger and locate other echidnas. Termites are the preferred food, which is why the animal is often called the 'spiny anteater'. After finding food, an echidna catches the prey with its long, sticky tongue. Because it has no teeth, it grinds its food between its tongue and the bottom of its mouth.