

Gumnut Crochet

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- Fiberfill
- Stitch marker
- 40 mm joint for neck (allows the head to swivel)
- Piece of cardboard or plastic from plastic lid

Size

- 40 cm in height
- 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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- You may use this pattern to sell any items you complete. Please refer to Gumnut Crochet as the designer.

Gauge

- Gauge is 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
- Sc 2 tog- sc decrease
- Sl st – slip stitch
- Dc – double crochet

Tilda Koala with Chenille Body

The universal sized Tilda dolls are the same size as this Koala. Any dolls clothes which fit a doll / bunny 38 to 43 cm tall will fit this piece. It may be necessary to modify any hat for ear placement. Head circumference is 40 cm round. This Koala works beautifully without clothes and has a head that swivels.



Materials Used

- 8 ply cotton x 200 gram – main colour
- 4 ply cotton yarn small quantity black
- 50 gram chenille yarn – 12 ply used in this pattern
- Small quantity white fluffy yarn – any ply. Moda Vera Jazz used in this pattern
- Size 2.5 mm crochet hook
- Size 4.00 mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle – 8.5 cm used
- 15 mm safety eyes

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Head – with 2.5 mm hook

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 each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next) - 24 sc

R5. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next) – 30 sc

R6. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, 2 sc in next) – 36 sc

R7. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, 2 sc in next) - 42 sc

R8. (Sc in each of next 6 sc, 2 sc in next) – 48 sc

R9. (Sc in each of next 7 sc, 2 sc in next) – 54 sc

R10. (Sc in each of next 8 sc, 2 sc in next) - 60 sc

R11. (Sc in each of next 9 sc, 2 sc in next) – 66 sc

R12. (Sc in each of next 10 sc, 2 sc in next) – 72 sc

R13-20. Sc in each sc – 72 sc

Insert eyes R16-17, 8 sc apart

R21. (Sc in each of next 10 sc, sc 2 tog) – 66 sc

R22. (Sc in each of next 9 sc, sc 2 tog) – 60 sc

R23. (Sc in each of next 8 sc, sc 2 tog)- 54 sc

R24. (Sc in each of next 7 sc, sc 2 tog) – 48 sc

R25. (Sc in each of next 6 sc, sc 2 tog) – 42 sc



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R26. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, sc 2 tog) – 36 sc

R27. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, sc 2 tog) – 30 sc

R28. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog) – 24 sc

R29. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, sc 2 tog) – 18 sc

Fill head firmly

Insert shank as per instructions on the packet. For the pin types, insert washer, then pin and place shank onto pin, leaving end of pin exposed through neck opening. Put aside until body ready. Place second shank on and lightly curl end of pin with plyers to keep in place until ready to join to body. For push on types, insert one end, push other end on when at R31 when piece filled and closed.

Ensure head is filled firmly and neck as well, to keep head straight and rotating easily on body.

R30. (Sc in next sc, sc 2 tog) – 12 sc

R31. (Sc 2 tog) – 6 sc

Fasten off, leaving long tail, weave end closed, leaving end of shank exposed to join to body.

Muzzle – Black in 4 ply and 2mm hook

R1. Ch 8, sc in second chain from hook, sc in each of the next 5 sc, 3 sc in next sc, continuing on opposite side of foundation chain, sc in each of the next 6 sc, 3 sc in next sc – 18 sc

R2. 2sc in next sc, sc in each of next 6 sc, 2 sc in each of next 3 sc, sc in each of next 6 sc, 2 sc in last 2 sc – 24 sc

R3-7. Sc in each sc – 24 sc

Fasten off, leaving long tail for sewing nose to head. Fill without stretching stitches. Sew to face, centred between eyes. Embroider eyebrows and eyelashes or glue false eyelashes on if desired.



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Eyelid x 2 in main colour

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

Fasten off, sew to head above eyes, weave in ends

Ears x 4 in main colour

Worked in rows - chain 1 at the 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. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc), turn – 8 sc

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

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

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

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

R7. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc), turn – 28 sc

R8-10. Sc in each sc – 28 sc



Fasten off leaving a long tail

R11. Holding 2 ears together, using fluffy yarn, sc around the edges, through both layers – 28 sc

Fasten off, whip stitch edges together and sew to head with slight curve in it.

Body - in main colour – worked from neck down 4 mm hook

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

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- R4. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next) - 24 sc
- R5. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next) – 30 sc
- R6. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, 2 sc in next) – 36 sc
- R7. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, 2 sc in next) - 42 sc
- R8. (Sc in each of next 6 sc, 2 sc in next) – 48 sc
- R9-19. Sc in each sc – 48 sc
- R20. (Sc in each of next 6 sc, sc 2 tog) – 42sc
- R21. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, sc 2 tog) – 36 sc
- R22. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, sc 2 tog) – 30 sc
- R23. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog) – 24 sc
- R36. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, sc 2 tog) – 18 sc

The koala is a small bear-like, tree-dwelling, herbivorous marsupial which lives on the east coast of Australia. Its thick grey fur protects it from the heat and from rain.

Koalas live in societies, and are fussy eaters. They only eat a few varieties of gum leaves which makes them vulnerable when their habitat is destroyed. They are considered to be critically endangered.

Position piece onto shank for neck. Tighten shank firmly, so that head doesn't fall. Check that head moves freely on body. Fill body firmly.

- R37. (Sc in next sc, sc 2 tog) – 12 sc
- R38. (Sc 2 tog) – 6 sc

Fasten off, weave in ends. Indent tummy button (optional) by pulling strong thread from tummy through to where leg will be positioned. Tie off firmly.

Arms x 2 in main 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 3 sc, 2 sc in next) – 15 sc

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R4-6. Sc in each sc – 15 sc

R7. (Sc in next 3 sc, sc 2 tog) – 12 sc

R8-32. Sc in each sc – 12 sc

Fill lightly

Fasten off, whip stitch edges together, sew to body, 2 rows from neck

Foot x 2 in main colour

R1. Ch 10, 2 sc in second ch from hook, sc in each of next 7 sc, 4 sc in last ch, turn, working back down unused foundation loops, sc in each of next 7 sc, 2 sc in next loop – 22 sc

R2. (2 sc in next sc) x 2, sc in each of next 6 sc, (2 sc in next) x 6, sc in each of next 6 sc, (2 sc in next) x 2 – 32 sc

R3. Sc in next, 2 sc in next, sc in each of next 7 sc, (2 sc in next, sc in next) x 7, 2 sc in next, sc in each of next 6 sc, 2 sc in next, sc in last – 42 sc

R4. (Sc in each of next 6 sc, 2 sc in next) – 48 sc

R5. (Sc in each of next 7 sc, 2 sc in next) – 54 sc

Cut piece of cardboard, or plastic lid to shape of foot. Put aside

R6-15. Sc in each sc – 54 sc

Insert card or plastic into base

R16. (Sc in each of next 7 sc, sc 2 tog) – 48 sc

R17. (Sc in each of next 6 sc, sc 2 tog) – 42 sc

R18. Sc in next, (sc 2 tog) x 3, sc in each of next 9 sc, (sc 2 tog) x 6, sc in each of next 10 sc, (sc 2 tog) x 2 – 31 sc

R19. Sc 2 tog, sc in each of next 8 sc, (sc 2 tog) x 6, sc in each of next 7 sc, (sc 2 tog) – 23 sc

R20. (Sc 2 tog), sc in each of next 4 sc (sc 2 tog) x 6, sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog – 15 sc

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R21. (Sc 2 tog)

Fasten off, weave end closed

Legs – in main colour x 2

R1. Starting with long tail, ch 15, sl st to form circle being careful not to twist chain

R2-28. Sc in each sc – 15 sc

R29. Sc 1, (sc 2 tog) – 7 sc

Fasten off, whip stitch edges together. Fill firmly, sew open leg to shoe, with whip stitch edge joined to body at the side, about 8th row from the bottom.