

Gumnut Crochet

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Skill Level

- Intermediate

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Gauge

- Gauge is not critical to this project.
- Different yarn type and different ply will change size.
- 8 ply cotton makes size about 35 cm in height

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
- Special Stitch – reverse single crochet



Materials Used

- 4 ply cotton x 50 gram – main colour
- 4 ply cotton yarn small quantity face colour
- 4 ply cotton yarn small quantity for skirt
- Size 2.5 mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- 9 mm safety eyes
- 22 mm safety nose
- Fiberfill
- Stitch marker x 2
- Pom poms for shoes or buttons as desired

Size

- 22 cm in height with 2.5 mm hook
- 25 cm in height with 3.00 mm hook

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Feet and Legs – Make 2 in main colour

Work is completed in continuous rounds. Place marker at end of each row and move up as each row is completed.

- R1. Ch 12,
- R2. Sc in second chain from hook, sc in each of next 9 chain, 3 sc in next ch, turn, working in remaining loops of foundation chain, sc in next back chain 10, 3 sc in next sc (this is the missed start chain) – 26 sc
- R3. 2 hdc in next stitch, hdc in next 3 stitches, sc in each of next 7 stitches, 2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 7 stitches, hdc in next 3 stitches, 2 hdc in next stitch, hdc in next 2 stitches – 29 sc
- R4. Hdc in next stitch, 2 hdc in next stitch, hdc in next 3 stitches, sc in next 8 stitches, (2 sc in next sc) x 2, sc in next 8 stitches, hdc in next 3 stitches, 2 hdc in next stitch, hdc in next stitch, 2 hdc in next stitch – 34 sc
- R5. Sc in back loops - 34 sc
- R6. Sc in next 13 sc, sc 2 tog, sc in next sc, sc 2 tog, sc in next 16 sc – 32 sc
- R7. Sc in next 13 sc, (sc 2 tog) x 2, sc in next 15 sc – 30 sc
- R8. Sc in next 11 sc, (sc 2 tog) x 4, sc in next 11 sc – 26 sc
- R9. Sc 2 tog, sc in next 9 sc (sc 2 tog) x 2, sc in next 8 sc, sc 2 tog, sc in next 1 sc - 22 sc
- R10. Sc in next 9 sc, (sc 2 tog) x 2, sc in next 7 sc, sc 2 tog – 19 sc
- R11. (Sc in next sc, sc 2 tog) x 2, sc in next sc,
(sc 2 tog) x 3, (sc in next sc, sc 2 tog) x 2 – 12 sc

Fill without stretching stitches

Legs

R12. (Sc 1, sc 2 tog) – 8 sc

R13-24. Sc in each sc – 8 sc

Fasten off, leaving long tail to sew gap between legs when legs are joined.

Legs and arms can be completed in stripes, working 2 rows of each colour

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Make second leg the same without leaving long tail. Fill without stretching stitches.

Place markers @ central stitches at inner leg on both legs. These mark where the legs will be joined. Take care not to twist chain when joining legs together.

R25. Sl st into centre of inner first leg, 4 ch, join to second leg with sc, sc 7 around second leg, sc 4 across ch, sc 7 around first leg – 24 sc

R26. Sc in each sc – 24 sc

Check legs are aligned before continuing

R27. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 30 sc

R28. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 36 sc

R29. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 42 sc

R30-32. Sc in each sc – 42 sc

R33. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, sc 2 tog) – 36 sc

R34-35. Sc in each sc – 36 sc

R36. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, sc 2 tog) - 30 sc

R37-38. Sc in each sc - 30 sc

R39. (Sc in each of next 8 sc, sc 2 tog) – 27 sc

R40. Sc in each sc – 27 sc

R41. (Sc in each of next 7 sc, sc 2 tog) – 24 sc

R42. Sc in each sc – 24 sc

R43. (Sc in each of next 6 sc, sc 2 tog) – 21 sc

R44. Sc in each sc - 21 sc

R45. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, sc 2 tog) – 18 sc

R46. Sc in each sc - 18 sc

Fasten off, fill without stretching stitches, put aside until head ready to sew to body

If the doll is intended for a child under 3, consider embroidering the eyes rather than using purchased eyes. Embroidered eyes are more secure.

Variation: To sew the legs to the body, complete R1- 4 of Cap. You will have 24 sc. Recommence body at R27.

Use a marker to mark the end of the row, moving it up each row. Then count the stitches in the bracket, rather than counting and adding up every stitch right to the end of each row.

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Head – In main colour (starts at back of head and finishes with nose)

- R1. Ch 2, 6 sc in chain or do magic circle with 6 sc – 6 sc
- R2. 2 sc in each sc – 12 sc
- R3. (Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 18 sc
- R4. (Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 24 sc
- R5. (Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 30 sc
- R6. (Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 36 sc
- R7. (Sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 42 sc
- R8-14. Sc in each sc – 42 sc
- R15. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, sc 2 tog) – 36 sc
- R16. Sc in each of next 9 sc, sc 2 tog, sc in next 3 sc, sc 2 tog,
(sc in next, sc 2 tog) x 2, sc in next 3 sc, sc 2 tog, sc in
next 9 sc – 31 sc



Insert or embroider eyes, 6 sc apart

- R17. Sc in each sc – 31 sc
- R18. Sc in each of next 10 sc (sc 2 tog, sc in next) x 4, sc in each of next 9 sc – 27 sc
- R19. Sc in each sc – 27 sc
- R20. Sc in next sc, sc 2 tog, sc in next 2 sc, sc 2 tog, sc in each of next 13 sc, sc 2 tog, sc in next 2 sc, sc 2 tog, sc in last – 23 sc
- R21-25. Sc in each sc – 23 sc
- R26. Sc in next sc (sc 2 tog, sc in next 2 sc) x 5, sc 2 tog – 17 sc
- R27. Sc in each sc – 17 sc

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Fill lightly without stretching stitches,

R28. (Sc 2 tog) x 8, sc in last, sl st to close round – 9 sc

R29. Sc 2 tog x 4, sc in last

Fasten off, weave end closed, sew to body when body completed, embroider nose or insert safety nose and secure. Embroider eyebrows.

Ears x 2 in main colour and 2 in contrast colour

R1. Ch 2, 6 sc in chain or do magic circle with 6 sc – 6 sc

R2. 2 sc in each sc – 12 sc

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

R4. (Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 24 sc

With wrong sides of ears placed together with contrast piece at front, sc around the edge, through both layers. Pinch together at base, sew to head, weave in ends

Shoe sole – with contrast colour

R1. Sl st into any front loop, sc in each front loop – 34 sc

Fasten off, weave in ends

Arms - x 2 in main colour

R1. 2 ch, 5 sc in second chain from hook, or magic circle with 5 sc – 5 sc

R2. (2 sc in each sc) – 10 sc

R3-5 Sc in each sc – 10 sc

Fill hand lightly

R6. Sc 2 tog, sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog, sc in each of next 3 sc – 8 sc

*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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(If changing colour between the arm and the hand, change colour at the end of this row)

R7-16. Sc in each of next 8 sc – 8 sc

Fasten off, leaving long tail to sew to body. Fill without stretching stitches.

R17. (Sc 2 tog) x 2, sc in each of next 4 sc – 6 sc

Sew to body 2 rows down from neck

Fasten off yarn, weave in ends

Pouch Worked in Rows – with contrast colour

R1. Ch 2 – 6sc or magic circle with 6 sc – 6sc – chain 1 beg of each row, sc into chain 1 sc in each row

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

R3. (sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc) repeat – 12 sc

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

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

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

R9-11. sc in each sc – 24 sc

R12. Sc in each sc around top edge, working 2sc into the magic ring

Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Do not fill. Sew to body. With white yarn, embroider zig zag edge across tope of pouch.

