

Gumnut Crochet

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Bilby



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
- 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

Materials Used

- 4 ply cotton yarn small quantity blue and pink
- Size 2.5 mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- 15 mm safety eyes x 2
- Fiberfill
- Stitch marker

Size

- 20 cm long with 3.25 mm hook
- 17 cm long with 2.50 mm hook
- For toys it is best to use a smaller hook than yarn normally requires, in order to reduce filling showing through stitches

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Bilby – Head and Body worked in one piece, starting with body

- R1. In body yarn, ch 2, 6 sc in second chain from hook, or magic circle 6 sc – 6sc
- R2. 2 sc in each sc – 12 sc
- R3. (Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 18 sc
- R4. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 24 sc
- R5. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 30 sc
- R6-7. Sc in each sc, in last stitch sl st to close round for colour change, fasten off colour – 30 sc
- R8-10. In shirt coloured yarn, ch 1, sc in same ch space, sc in each sc – 30 sc
- R11. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog) – 24 sc
- R12. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, sc 2 tog) – 18 sc
- R13. (Sc in next sc, sc 2 tog) – 12 sc
- R14. Sc in each s, sl st to close round – 12 sc
- R15. In front loops, 2 sc in each sc, fasten off shirt colour – 24 sc
- R16. In main colour and back loops from R15, sc in each sc – 12 sc
- R17. (Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 18 sc
- R18. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 24 sc
- R19. (sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 30 sc
- R20. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 36 sc
- R21. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 42 sc
- R22. (Sc in each of next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 48 sc
- R23-27. Sc in each sc – 48 sc

Insert eyes, 6 sc apart

- R28. (Sc in each of next 6 sc, sc 2 tog) – 42 sc
- R29. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, sc 2 tog) – 30 sc

Bilby

The Bilby is a large bandicoot, measuring up to 55 cm in length. Bilby fur is very soft and is a blue grey colour. The belly is white and the tail is black. It is a marsupial which uses burrows for its habitat. It is an omnivore.

It's large ears, help to keep it cool and have given it the nickname long eared rabbit.

One species of Bilby has been extinct since the 1950's with the second species being critically endangered.

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R30. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, sc 2 tog) – 30 sc

R31. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog) – 24 sc

R32. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, sc 2 tog) – 18 sc

R33. (Sc in next sc, sc 2 tog) – 12 sc

R34. (Sc 2 tog) – 6 sc

Fasten off, fill without stretching stitches, weave in ends.

To make belly button indent, pass yarn through from tail, to where tummy button is to be positioned, secure with a few stitches and pull tightly back through to tail, to form indent in tummy.

Ears – make 2 in pink, 2 in blue

R1. Ch 14, starting in second ch from hook, sc in each of next 12 sc, 3 sc in same st, working back down foundation loops, sc in each of next 12 loops - 27 sc

R2. Ch 1, turn, sc in each of next 12 sc, (2 sc in same st) x 3, sc in each of next 12 sc – 30 sc

R3. Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc - 30 sc

Fasten off, weave in ends, place pink ear on top of blue ear, sc around edge through both layers. Sew curve in base of ear and sew to head.

Arms x 2

R1. In head colour, 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 yarn – 9sc

R4. In shirt yarn, ch 1, sc in each sc – 9 sc

R5-8. Sc in each sc – 9 sc

Fasten off, leaving long tail, fill lightly at bottom without stretching stitches, leaving top unfilled. Whip stitch edges together, sew to body

Legs x 2

R1. In shirt yarn (pink), ch 2, 6 sc in second chain from hook, or magic circle 6 – 6 sc

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- R2. 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, sl st to close round for colour change, fasten off pink – 24 sc
- R5. In head yarn (light blue) ch 1, in back loops only, sc in each sc – 24 sc
- R6. Sc in each sc – 24 sc
- R7. (Sc in next 2 sc, sc 2 tog in next) – 18 sc
- R8. (Sc in next sc, sc 2 tog in next) – 12 sc
- R9. (Sc in next 2 sc, sc 2 tog) – 9 sc
- R10-13. Sc in each sc – 9 sc

Fasten off, leaving long tail, fill without stretching stitches. Sew to body, weave in ends.

Finishing Shoe Edge

- R14. With pink yarn, sl st into any front loop from R5, ch 1, sc in each sc – 24 sc

Fasten off, weave in ends

Tail – make 1 in main colour

- R1. Ch 2, 6 sc in second chain from hook, or magic circle 6 sc – 6 sc
- R2. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 8 sc
- R3-5. Sc in each sc – 8 sc
- R6. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 10 sc
- R7-11. Sc in each sc – 10 sc

Sl st to close round for colour change, do not fasten off main colour

- R12-15. In pink yarn, sc in each sc, fasten off pink yarn – 10 sc

- R16-19. In blue yarn, sc in each sc – 10 sc

Fasten off leaving a long tail. Fill without stretching stitches. Sew to body

