

Gumnut Crochet

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- 8 ply cotton yarn makes size about 35 cm in height

Koala – Christmas boy with vest



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Not suitable as a toy for a child under the age of 3

Materials Used

- 4 ply cotton yarn x small quantity for head,
- boots, pants, vest – red, black, yellow, white, grey, green
- Small quantity fluffy white yarn for ear contrast (optional)
- Size 2.5 mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- 15 mm safety eyes
- Fiberfill
- Stitch marker x 2
- 2 x pom poms for shoe decoration
- Fluffy yarn for ears

Size - 27 cms with 3.25 cm hook

26 cms with 2.50 cm hook

Skill Level

- Intermediate
- Joining the legs is the most difficult part of this koala. A variation which enables the legs to be sewn on, rather than crocheted together is included.

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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

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Eyes – x 2 in white

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

R2. (2 sc in each sc) – 12 sc

Fasten off, leaving long tail to sew eye to head when head completed

Boots and Legs - Make 2

R1. In boot colour - Ch 8, sc in second chain from hook, sc in each of the next 6 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. 2sc in next sc, sc in each of next 7 sc, (2 sc in each of next sc, sc in next sc) x 2, 2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 8 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc – 30 sc

R4. Sc in each sc – 30 sc

R5. Sc in back loops – 30 sc

R6 – R8 Sc in each sc – 30 sc

R9. Sc in each of next 8 sc, (sc 2 tog) x 6, sc in each of next 10 sc – 24 sc

R10. Sc in each of next 7 sc, (sc 2 tog) x 4, sc in each of next 7 sc, sc 2 tog – 19 sc

R11. Sc in each of next 5 sc (sc 2 tog) x 4, sc in each of next 6 sc – 15 sc

R12. Sc in each of next 15 sc – 15 sc

Fasten off, weave in ends, change colour to pants colour

Leg

R 13. In pants colour, sl st into any back loop from the previous row, sc 15 in back loops, sl st to close round – sc 15

R14-16. Sc in each sc, sl st to close round, fasten off yarn – 15 sc

R17. Sc in each sc – 15 sc

R18. In back loops, sc in each sc – 15 sc

Variation. To make striped pants, change colour every 2 rows, from R13-25.

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R19-25. Sc in each sc – 15 sc

Fasten off. Fill lightly, place markers at centre middle of both legs, to mark where the legs will be joined

Boot Edge

R1. Sl/st into centre front loop from R13 at front of leg. Working in rows

R1-4. Sc in each sc, ch 1, turn

Body

Joining legs

R26. In leggings yarn, sl/st into centre inside side of first leg, chain 3 join to the second leg at inside centre, sc in each of next 14 sc around second leg, sc across each ch, sc in each of next 14 sc around first leg – 36 sc

Check that legs are aligned, before proceeding. If you would prefer to sew the legs to the body, finish the legs to R25 and then follow the next rows before commencing R27. Skip R26 completely for this version:

- Ch2, 6 sc in second chain from hook, or magic circle 6 sc – 6sc
- 2 sc in each sc – 12 sc
- (Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 18 sc
- (sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 24 sc
- (sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 30 sc
- (sc in each of next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 36 sc

R27. Sc in each sc – 36 sc

R28. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 42 sc

R29. (Sc in each of next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 48 sc

R30-33. Sc in each sc - 48 sc

R34. (Sc in each of next 6 sc, sc 2 tog) – 42 sc

R35-36. Sc in each sc - 42 sc

R37. (Sc in each of next 5, sc 2 tog), sl st to close round –

R38. Sc in each sc, sl st to close round for colour change, fasten off yarn - 36 sc

R39. In belt colour, sc in each sc – 36 sc



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R40. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, sc 2 tog), sl st to close round for colour change, fasten off yarn – 30 sc

R37-38. In body colour, sc in each sc, sl st to close round - 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 2 tog) – 21 sc

R44. Sc in each sc - 21 sc

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

Neck

R46-47. Sc in each sc – 18 sc

Fill without stretching stitches. Change to head colour

Head

R48. In head yarn and in back loops only, (sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 24 sc

R49. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 32 sc

R50. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 40 sc

R51. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 48 sc

R52. SSc in each of next 7 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 54 sc

R53. (Sc in each of next 8 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 60 sc

R54 – R61. Sc in each sc – 60 sc

R62. (Sc in each of next 8 sc, 2 sc tog) – 54 sc

Insert safety eye through white eye and place eyes 8 - 10 sc apart, in round 57

R63. (Sc in each of next 7 sc, sc 2 tog) – 48 sc

R64. (Sc in each of next 6 sc, sc 2 tog) – 42 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.

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R65. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, sc 2 tog) – 36 sc

R66. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, sc 2 tog) – 30 sc

Fill neck firmly

R67. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, 4 sc 2 tog) – 24 sc

R68. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, sc 2 tog) – 18 sc

R69. (Sc in next sc, sc 2 tog) – 12 sc

R70. (Sc 2 tog)– 6 sc

Fill head, fasten off and thread through remaining sc to close gap. Embroider buckle on belt if desired, sew eyes flat, embroider mouth and eyebrows.

Muzzle - Black

R1. Ch 5, sc in second chain from hook, sc in each of the next 3 sc, 3 sc in next sc, continuing on opposite side of foundation chain, sc in each of the next 3 sc, 3 sc in next sc – 12 sc

R2. 2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in each of next 3 sc, sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in last 2 sc – 16 sc

R3-5. Sc in each sc – 16 sc

Fasten off, leaving long tail for sewing nose to head. Fill without stretching stitches. Sew to face, centred between eyes. Embroider mouth and eyebrows.

Ears – Make 2 in Head 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 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 next sc) – 30 sc

R6-R11. (Sc in each of next sc) – 30 sc

R12. (Sc 2 tog) x 2 sc in each sc around – 28 sc

Fasten off, leaving long tail for sewing ear to head. Do not fill. Firstly whip stitch edges of ear together.

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With fluffy contrast yarn, sl st into any st at base of ear. Pick up stitches evenly around ear and sc in each one. Fasten off, weave in ends. Position ear from centre of head down. Put a slight curve in the ear when stitching.

Arms x 2 – in head colour

- R1. Ch 2, sc 6 into second chain from hook, or magic circle 6, sl st to close – 6 sc
- R2. (2 sc in each sc) – 12 sc
- R3. (sc in next 1 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 18sc
- R4-5. Sc in each sc - 18sc
- R6. (1 sc, sc 2 tog) – 12 sc
- R7-18. Sc in each sc - 12 sc

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

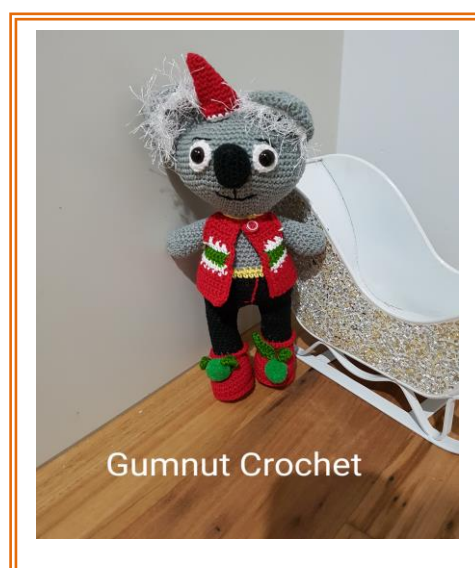
Reindeer Shoe Decoration x 2 for each shoe

- R1. In colour of choice, ch 9, starting in second ch from hook, sc x 2, hdc x 2, dc x 2, tr x 2

Fasten off weave in ends, sew to shoe to form ears, sew pom pom for nose

Gumnut Sack – in colour of choice

- 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 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 next sc) – 30 sc
- R6. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, 2 sc next sc) – 36 sc
- R7. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, 2 sc next sc) – 42 sc
- R8-13. Sc in each sc – 42 sc
- R14. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, ch 1, skip 1) – (42)
- R15-16. Sc in each sc – 42 sc



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R15. 2 sc in each sc -72 sc

Fasten off, weave in ends,

Drawstring

R1. Ch 40, sc in each ch, starting in second ch from hook,

Fasten off, weave in ends. Weave chain through gaps in R14, pull to close sack. Use ribbon as variation.

Vest – patterned Vest – worked in rows

R1. In main vest yarn, ch 49, turn, in second ch from hook and each ch to end, turn, ch 1 – 48 sc

R2-7. Sc in each sc, turn, ch 1 – 48

R8. Change colour for each stitch in this row, from main vest yarn to contrast A, (sc in each of next 4 sc, sc 2 tog), turn, ch 1- 40 sc

R9. Continue with contrast A, sc in each sc – 40 sc

R9. In contrast B, (sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog), turn, ch 1 – 30 sc

R10. Continue with contrast B, sc in each sc – 30 sc

R11. With contrast B, sc in each of next 6 sc, (front vest), fasten off contrast B, turn Ch 1– 6 sc

R12. With contrast A, sc in each of next 6 sc, turn, ch 1 – 6 sc

R13. Change colour in each st of this row between contrast A and main colour, fasten off contrast A – 6 sc

R14-17. Sc in each sc, ch 1, turn – 6 sc

R18-24. Sl st into end of R12, repeat R11-17, for other vest front

Fasten off yarn

Forming back of vest

R25. With contrast B, skip 5, (sleeve opening), from R11, sc in each sc leaving last 5 sc for sleeve opening – 10 sc

R22-27. Repeat R12-17 for back – 10 sc

Fasten off yarn,

R28. In main colour yarn, sl st into first sc from R 24, sc across, ch 6, sc across back (10) ch 6, sc across last front (6) - 34 sc

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R29. Ch 1, turn, sc across top – 34 sc

Fasten off, weave in ends

R30. Sc along edge of vest, picking up stitches evenly to form front band, with 6 ch at top to form buttonhole

R31. Sc around each arm edge, picking up stitches evenly

Fasten off yarn, weave in end. Sew on buttonhole

Hat

R1. Ch 2, 4 sc in second chain from hook, or magic circle 4– 4 sc

R2. Sc in each sc – 4 sc

R3. (Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next) – 6 sc

R4. Sc in each sc – 6 sc

R5. (Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next) – 8 sc

R6. Sc in each sc – 8 sc

R7. (Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next) – 10 sc

R8. Sc in each sc – 10 sc

R9. (Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next) – 12 sc

R10. Sc in each sc, fasten off yarn, in contrast yarn – 12 sc

R11. Sc in each sc – 12 sc

Fasten off, weave in ends, secure to head