

Gumnut Crochet

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

Koala – Heart Pattern with flared skirt



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

Materials Used

- 4 ply cotton yarn x small quantity for head and legs – grey and black
- 4 ply cotton yarn x small quantity for boots, leggings, dress, dress contrast – light green, dark green, red, yellow, white
- Small piece off fluffy white yarn (optional)
- 2 x small pompoms for shoes
- Size 2.5 mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- 15 mm safety eyes
- Fiberfill
- Stitch marker x 2

Size - 27 cms with 3.25 cm hook

- Cms with 2.50 cm hook

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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Eye x 2 in white yarn

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

R2. 2 sc in each sc – 12 sc

Fasten off, leaving long tail, insert safety eye into centre and put aside until ready to place on head

Sandals and Legs – Girls - Make 2 (if not making boot)

R1. In shoe colour - 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 2 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

Do not fasten off main colour. Using contrast colour

R6. sc in each sc – 30 sc

Fasten off contrast colour

R7 – R8 sc in each sc – 30 sc

R9. In back loops, sc in each of next 8 sc, (sc2 tog) x 6, sc in 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 2 tog – 19 sc

R11. Sc in each of next 5 sc (sc2 tog) x 4, sc in each of next 6 sc – 15 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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R12-20 – sc each sc – 15 sc

Boots and Legs - If not making sandal - Make 2

- R1. In boot colour - Ch 8, sc in second chain from hook, sc in each of the next 6 sc, 2 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. 2 sc 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. 2 sc 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, sc in last – 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
- In front loops only, 2 sc in each sc – 30 sc

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

Leg

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



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

Change to leggings colour

R17. Sc in each sc – 15 sc

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

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

Leggings Edge

R1. In leggings yarn, sl st into any front loop from R13, ch 3, sl st into same space, sl st in next, (sl st into next ch sp, ch 3, sl st into same ch space, sl st in next)

Fasten off, weave in ends

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

Variation. To make striped leggings, change colour every 2 rows, from R17-25.

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- (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 – 36 sc

Change to belt colour

R38. Sc in each sc, sl st to close round for colour change, do not fasten off yarn - 36 sc

R39. In belt colour, sc in back loops only – 36 sc

R40. In back loops, (sc in each of next 4 sc, sc 2 tog), sl st to close round for colour change, do not fasten off yarn
– 30 sc

R37. In dress colour, in back loops only, sc in each sc, sl st to close round - 30 sc

Heart pattern starts

R38. In dress colour, ch 1, sc in next st. To make hearts, (use both colours, put your hook into the next st, pull through the contrast colour, then with dress colour, yarn over and pull through both loops, in dress colour, sc in next 2 sc), sl st to close round

R39. In dress colour, (sc in each of next 8 sc, sc 2 tog) – 27 sc



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- R40. Ch 1, repeat R38 from () - 27 sc
- R41. In dress colour, (sc in each of next 7 sc, sc 2 tog) – 24 sc
- R42. Ch 1, repeat R38 from () – 24 sc
- R43. In dress colour, (sc in each of next 6, sc 2 tog) – 21 sc
- R44. Ch 1, repeat R38 from () - 21 sc
- R45. In dress colour, (sc in each of next 5 sc, sc 2 tog), fasten off yarn – 18 sc

Neck

- R46. In contrast colour, sc in each back loop, sl st to close round – 18 sc
- R47. In contrast colour, sc in each back loop, sl st to close round – 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 or embroider eyes 8 - 10 sc apart, in round 57

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

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

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, 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.

Finishing Boot

4 leaves and bobbles to make heads

Shoe Edge – in shoe colour

R1. Slip stitch into any front loop at sole of shoe, sc in each front loop – 15 sc

R2-4. Sc in each sc - 15 sc

R5. Contrast colour sc around edge, with 2 sc in corners.

Fasten off, weave in ends

Sandal Band – in colour of choice

R1. Sl st into front loop at ankle, 8 ch, sl st into other side of ankle

Fasten off, weave in ends, sew on button

Muzzle - Black

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- 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 – 18 sc
- R3-5. Sc in each sc – 18 sc

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

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. (1 sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 18 sc
- R4. (1 sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 24 sc
- R5. (1 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

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. Embroider eyebrows and mouth.

Flowers x 3 in red, 2 in dark green and 2 in light green

- R1. Ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook – 6 sc
- R2. (Ch 4, sl st in each ch) – 6 petals

Fasten off, sew to head

Arms x 2 – in head colour

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- 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 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 18 sc
- R4-5. Sc in each sc – 18 sc
- R6. (Sc in next sc, sc 2 tog), fasten off yarn – 12 sc
- R7-8. In contrast yarn, sc in each back loop only, sl st to close round, do not fasten off colour - 12 sc
- R9. In shirt yarn, sc in each back loop only – 12 sc

Hearts pattern starts

R10-18. Repeat hearts pattern R38, followed by row of sc in main colour

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

Skirt flared base – in colour of choice and holding koala upside down

- R1. Sl st into any front loop from R38. Ch 3, dc in next fl, 2 dc in next, sl st to close round, do not fasten off yarn
- R2. Change colour (dc x 2 in next dc, dc in next), sl st to close round, do not fasten off yarn
- R3. Change colour, (dc in next dc, ch 1, skip 1), sl st to close round, do not fasten off yarn
- R4. In first colour, dc in each dc and ch space, sl st to close round, do not fasten off yarn
- R5. In second colour, dc in each dc, sl st to close round, fasten off yarn
- R6. In third colour, ch 3, skip 1, (dc in next, ch 1, skip 1, dc in next), fasten off yarn
- R7. In first colour, ch 3, (dc, ch 2, dc in each ch 1 gap), fasten off yarn
- R8. In new colour, dc, ch 2 (2 dc, ch 2, in each gap), fasten off yarn

Back edge opening

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- R1. On right neck edge pick up 1 sc, chain 4 (for first buttonhole), sc back into base sc, pick up 4 sc, chain 4 (for second buttonhole), pick up sc evenly, continuing up left back opening on next side (2 buttonholes on 1 side) not to twist chain. Sc in next 14 ch, sl/st back in original corner to secure.
- R2. Repeat R1 for second strap

Fasten off and weave in ends. Sew on button.

Bag x 1 in green

- 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 in next sc) – 30 sc
- R6-13. Sc in each sc – 30 sc

Forming Leaves

- R14. Ch 9, start in second ch from hook (sc) x 2, (dc) x 2, (tr) x 2, (dc) x 2, sl st back to start,
- R15. Ch 6, start in second ch from hook, sc, dc, tr, dc, sl st back to start

Forming Handle

- R16. Ch 30 sl/st to 15 th stitch on other side where handle is to be, turn, sc in each ch, sl st to close
- Fasten off. Sew button into centre of each end if desired. Weave in ends*