

Gumnut Crochet

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- 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.

Koala Christmas with Hearts Pattern Dress



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Gauge

- Gauge is not critical to this project.
- Different yarn type and different ply will change size.

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 (light grey)
- 4 ply cotton yarn x small quantity for boots, leggings, dress, dress contrast (red, white, pink, black, green)
- Small piece fluffy yarn for ears optional
- Size 2.5 mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- 15 mm safety eyes
- Fiberfill
- Stitch marker x 2
- 2 x pom poms for shoes

Size - 27 cms with 3.25 cm hook

- 26 cms with 2.50 cm hook
- 8 ply cotton yarn 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
- Dc – double crochet
- Tr- treble crochet
- Fpdc – front post double crochet
- Bpdc- back post double crochet

Skill Level

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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

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

R1. In shoe colour - Ch 8, sc in second chain from hook, sc in each 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. 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

R7-8. Sc in each sc – 30 sc

R9. In back loops, 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 7sc , 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



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Variation. To make striped leggings, change colour every 2 rows, from R17-36.

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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. 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 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
- 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

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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

Leggings Edge

R1. In leggings yarn, sl st into any front loop from R18, 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, 2 sc in each front loop

Finishing Boot and Sandal Soles

R1. In boot colour, sl st into any front loop from R5. Sc in each front loop

Fasten off, weave in ends

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

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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- (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 dress 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

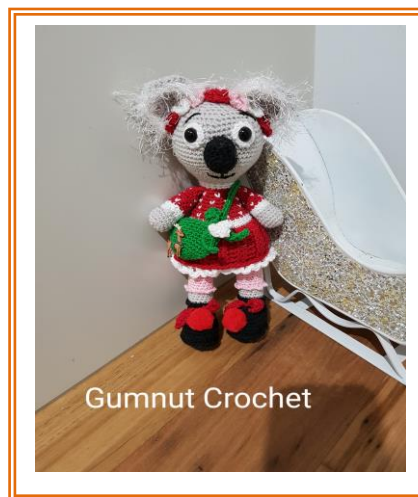
R37. In dress colour, in back loops only, sc in each sc, sl st to close round - 30 sc

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

R40. Ch 1, repeat R38 - 27 sc



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R41. In dress colour, (sc in each of next 7 sc, sc 2 tog) – 24 sc

R42. Ch 1, repeat R38 – 24 sc

R43. In dress colour, (sc in each of next 6, sc 2 tog) – 21 sc

R44. Ch 1, repeat R38 - 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 safety eyes into white piece put aside 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

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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, 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.

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

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

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. Sew eyes flat, embroider mouth and eyebrows.

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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

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

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 as many as desired for head / bag

- 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

- 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

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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 dress colour and holding koala upside down

R1. Sl st into any front loop from R38. Ch 2 (sc in each of next 2 sc, sc 2 in next sc), sl st to close round – 48 dc

R2. Ch 3, (bpdc x 2, fpdc x 2), sl st to close round – (48)

R3-7. Ch 3, (fpdc x 2 in each bpdc, bpdc in each fpdc x 2), sl st to close round – (48)

R8. Ch 1, sc in front loops only, fasten off yarn – 48 sc

R8. In contrast yarn, sl st into any back loop from R8 – 48 sc

R9. (Ch 3, skip 1, sc in next sc), repeat to end

R10. (In next ch 3 space, sc, dc, sc, sl st into sc space), repeat to end

Fasten off yarn, weave in ends

Bag x 1 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

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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 – 2 x large, 2 x small

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