

Gumnut Crochet

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Bilby



Materials Used

- 8 ply cotton x small quantity – main colour (mustard)
- 8 ply cotton yarn small quantity contrast A (white) and dark pink
- Size 3.0 mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- 16 mm safety eyes
- Fiberfill
- Stitch marker
- Button for bolero
- Beads (optional)
- Small piece of lace or ribbon for head bow

Size

- 16 cm in height without ears

Skill Level

- Intermediate / beginners

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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
- Sc 2 tog- sc decrease
- Sl st – slip stitch
- Sc dec – sc decrease
- Sc inc – sc increase

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Arms x 2 in body colour -

- R1. Ch 2, sc 6 in second ch from hook or magic circle 6 – 6 sc
R2. (Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc)- 9 sc
R3. 4 dc in same stitch (cluster to form thumb), sc in each of next 8 sc – (9)
R4. Sc in base of cluster st, sc in each of next 8 sc – 9 sc
R5. (Sc in next sc, 2 sc tog) – 6sc
R6-13. Sc in each sc, sl st to close round – 6 sc

Fasten off leaving tail to sew arm to body. No need to fill. Sew to body.

Tail x 1 in body yarn

- R1. In head yarn, ch 2, 6 sc in second chain from hook, or magic circle 6 – 6 sc

- R2-40 Sc in each sc- 6 sc

Fasten off leaving long tail. When body is complete, insert 18 cm of wire through body where tail is to be joine. 4th row up from the base is a good position. Prepare wire by taping each end securely. Sew tail into place.

Head - make 1. Starting at nose edge

- R1. In dark pink, 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 pink – 9 sc
R4. In head colour, (sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next) – 12 sc
R5. (Sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next) – 14 sc
R6. (Sc in next 6 sc, 2 sc in next) – 16 sc
R7. (Sc in next 7 sc, 2 sc in next) – 18 sc
R8. (Sc in next 8 sc, 2 sc in next) – 20 sc
R9. (Sc in next 9 sc, 2 sc in next) – 22 sc
R10. (Sc in next 10 sc, 2 sc in next) – 24 sc
R11. (Sc in next 7 sc, 2 sc in next) – 27 sc
R12. (Sc in next 8 sc, 2 sc in next) – 30 sc
R13. (Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next) – 36 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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R14. (Sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next) – 42 sc

R15-22. Sc in each sc – 42 sc

Insert 16 mm safety eyes 8 sc apart, at R12-13

R23. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, sc 2 tog) – 36 sc

R24. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, sc 2 tog) – 30 sc

R25. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog) – 24 sc

R26. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, sc 2 tog) – 18 sc

R27. (Sc in each of next sc, sc 2 tog) – 12 sc

R28. (Sc 2 tog) – 6 sc

Fasten off leaving long tail, thread through remaining sc to close gap. Fill head, sew into place.

Ears x 2 in head colour

R1. In head yarn, ch 2, 6 sc in second chain from hook, or magic circle 6 – 6 sc

R2. Sc in each sc – 6 sc

R3. (2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc) - 8 sc

R4. Sc in each sc – 8 sc

R5. (Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next) – 12 sc

R6. Sc in each sc – 12 sc

R7. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next) – 15 sc

R8. Sc in each sc – 15 sc

R9. (Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next) - 20 sc

R10-15. Sc in each sc – 20 sc

Fasten off, leaving long tail, do not fill, whip stitch edges together, sew to head with curve

Eyebrows x 2 in face colour

R1. Ch 9, starting from second chain from hook, sc in each ch – 8 sc



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Fasten off, leaving long tail, sew to head above eye

Optional - Sew some black yarn to make eyelashes, or glue false eyelashes into place. Shape ribbon and attach to head.

Body

- R1. Magic circle 6, or ch 2, sc 6 in second chain from hook - 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. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 36 sc
R7. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 42 sc
R8. (Sc in each of next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 48 sc
R9. (Sc in each of next 7 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 54 sc
R10. (Sc in each of next 8 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 60 sc
R11. (Sc in each of next 9 sc, 2 sc in next sc), sl st to close round – 66 sc

Use a stitch marker to mark the beginning of each row. It avoids having to count each multiple as well as each stitch.

Cut a piece of cardboard or plastic lid to fit base

- R12. In back loops only, sc in each sc – 66 sc

Base completed, forming sides of bandicoot

- R13-18. Sc in each sc – 66 sc

- R19. (Sc in each of next 9 sc, sc 2 tog) – 60 sc

- R20-21. Sc in each sc – 60 sc

- R22. (Sc in each of next 8 sc, sc 2 tog) – 54 sc

- R23-24. Sc in each sc – 54 sc

- R25. (Sc in each of next 7 sc, sc 2 tog) – 48 sc

- R26-27. Sc in each sc – 48 sc

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

- R29-30. Sc in each sc – 42 sc

- R31. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, sc 2 tog) – 36 sc

- R32. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, sc 2 tog) – 30 sc

- R33. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog) – 24 sc

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R34. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, sc 2 tog) – 18 sc

Fasten off, fill lightly, weave in ends

Bolero – for boy finish at R8.

- R1. Ch 40 . Starting in 11th chain from hook sl st (buttonhole), ch 3, 4 dc, 3 dc in the next stitch, 5 dc, 3 dc in the next stitch, 8 dc, 3 dc in the next stitch, 5 dc, 3 in the next stitch, 4 dc, turn
- R2. Ch 1,5 sc, 3 sc in the next st, 7 sc, 3 sc in the next st, 10 sc, 3 sc in the next st, 7 sc, 3 sc in the next st, 5 sc, turn
- R3. Ch 2,6 dc, 3 dc in the next st, 9 dc, 3 dc in the next st, 12 dc, 3 dc in the next st, 9 dc, 3 dc in the next st,6 dc, turn
- R4. Ch 1,7 sc, 3 sc in the next st, 11 sc, 3 sc in the next st, 14 sc, 3 sc in the next st, 11 sc, 3 sc in the next st, 7 sc, turn
- R5. Ch 2,8 dc, 3 dc in the next st, 13 dc, 3 dc in the next st, 16 dc, 3 dc in the next st, 13 dc, 3 dc in the next st, 8 dc, turn
- R6. Ch 1,9 sc, 3 sc in the next st, 15 sc, 3 sc in the next st, 18 sc, 3 sc in the next st, 15 sc, 3 sc in the next st, 9 sc, turn
- R7. Ch 2, (1 dc, 2 dc in next st) x 5 , skip 19 sc (arm), (1 dc, 2 dc in next st) x 10, skip 19 sc (arm) , (2 dc in next st,1 dc) x 5, turn
- R8. Ch 1,60 sc, turn
- R9. (Ch 4, sl st into second sc), turn
- R10. (Ch 4, sl st into each ch 4 space), turn

Threading beads

- R11. Cut end of yarn, leaving long length, thread needle on end, (ch 4, sl st in to next ch 4 space, ch 2, thread bead on, ch 2, sl st into next ch 4 space)

Fasten off, weave in ends, sew on button