

Gumnut Crochet

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Bilby – with Egg



Size

- 14 cm in height without ears

Skill Level

- Intermediate

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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.

Materials Used

- 8 ply cotton x 50 gram – main colour and contrast A
- 8 ply cotton yarn small quantity contrast B, C and D (for tie) and dark pink (for nose)
- Size 3.0 mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- 16 mm safety eyes
- Fiberfill
- Stitch marker

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
- Hdc – half double crochet

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Egg

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) – 66 sc

R12. (Sc in each of next 10 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 73 sc

Cut a piece of cardboard or plastic lid to fit base

R12. In back loops only, sc in each sc – 73 sc

Base completed, forming sides of egg

R13-15. Sc in each sc – 73 sc

R14. (Sc in each of next 11 sc, 2 sc in next) – 79 sc

R15. (Sc in each of next 12 sc, 2 sc in next) – 85 sc

R16-23. Sc in each sc – 85 sc

R24. (Sc in each of next 12 sc, sc 2 tog) – 79 sc

R25. Sc in each sc – 79 sc

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

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- R26. (Sc in each of next 11 sc, sc 2 tog) – 73 sc
- R27. Sc in each sc – 73 sc
- R28. (Sc in each of next 10 sc, sc 2 tog) – 66 sc
- R29. Sc in each sc – 66 sc
- R30. (Sc in each of next 9 sc, sc 2 tog) – 60 sc
- R31. Sc in each sc – 60 sc
- R32. (Sc in each of next 8 sc, sc 2 tog) – 54 sc
- R33. Sc in each sc – 54 sc
- R34. (Sc in each of next 7 sc, sc 2 tog) – 48 sc
- R35. Sc in each sc – 48 sc

Forming edge of shell – first point

- R36. Sc in next 6, turn – 6 sc
- R37. Ch1, sc in same ch st, sc in each sc, turn – 6 sc
- R38. Ch 1, skip 1, sc in each of next 3 sc, skip, sc in last, turn – 4 sc
- R39. Ch 1, skip 1, sc in next sc, skip 1, sc in last, turn – 2 sc
- R40. Ch 1, sc, - 1 sc

Repeat R36-40 around top of shell.

- R41. Sl st into any st at top of egg. Pick up sc evenly around edge, forming 2 sc in each tip,

Fasten off, fill lightly at base, leaving space to insert and sew bilby into base.

Kangaroo Paw

Chain or crochet direct onto piece, using photo as guide

Arms x 2 in body colour -

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

Red and Green Kangaroo Paw – Mangle's Kangaroo Paw

Mangle's Kangaroo Paw has been the floral emblem of Western Australia since 1960, where it is endemic. The Red and Green Kangaroo Paw is the best known and most famous of all the Kangaroo Paws. It is found in many areas of remnant bushland near Perth and is common in the sandy coastal plains of the south-west of the State. Other common species include the Green Kangaroo Paw, which ranges in colour from lemon yellow to emerald green, and the Catspaw, which has smaller red, orange and gold flowers.

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- 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
- R5-28. Sc in each sc – 9 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

- R2-15. Sc in each sc- 6 sc

Fasten off leaving long tail. No need to fill. Sew tail into place. 4th row up from the base is a good position. Curl around body and stitch down if desired.

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

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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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

R14. (Sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next) – 42 sc

R15-22. Sc in each sc – 42 sc

Insert 12 mm safety eyes 14 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



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

R10-20. 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 head colour

R1. Ch 7, starting from second chain from hook, sc in each ch – 6 sc

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

Optional - Sew some black yarn to make eyelashes, or glue false eyelashes into place.

Body – In head colour

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

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

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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

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

Fasten off, fill lightly, weave in ends. Insert into egg up to R22 of body.

Tie – x 1 in contrast yarn

R1. Ch 3, sc in second ch from hook and in last ch, turn – 2 sc

R2. Ch 1, (2 sc in next) x 2, turn – 4 sc

R3. Ch 1, 2 sc in next, sc in next 2, 2 sc in next, turn – 6 sc

R4. Ch 1, sc in each sc – 6 sc

R5. Ch 1, sc 2 tog, sc in each of next 2, sc 2 tog – 4 sc

R6-10. Sc in each sc – 4 sc

R11. Sc around edge of tie, forming 3 sc in corners,

R12. At top of tie, ch 21, turn

R13. Sc in second ch from hook, and each ch to end,

Fasten off, weave in ends, secure around neck