

# Gumnut Crochet

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### Poteroo



### Size

- 17 cm in height without ears
- For toys, its best to use a smaller hook size than yarn normally suggests in order to keep the stitches close and reduce stuffing showing

### Skill Level

- Intermediate
- A beginner who has access to google and u-tube, should be able to complete this project with some research into any stitches or steps which are unfamiliar

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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

### Materials Used

- 4 ply cotton x 50 gram – main colour (purple)
- 4 ply cotton yarn small quantity pink, white and black
- Fluffy or chenille yarn – small quantity
- Size 2.5 mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- Fiberfill
- Stitch marker

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### Legs x 2 in main colour – do not fasten off second leg

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 each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next) - 15 sc

R4-9. Sc in each sc- 15 sc

### Body – joining legs

R10. Ch 3, sc to second leg, sc 14 around second leg, sc in each ch, sc around first leg – 36 sc

R11-13. Sc in each sc- 36 sc

R14. (Sc in each of next 16 sc, sc 2 tog) – 34 sc

R15. Sc in each sc – 34 sc

R17. (Sc in each of next 15 sc, sc 2 tog) – 32 sc

R18. Sc in each sc – 32 sc

R19. (Sc in each of next 14 sc, sc 2 tog) – 30 sc

R20. Sc in each sc – 30 sc

R21. (Sc in each of next 13 sc, sc 2 tog) - 28 sc

R22. In back loops only, sc in each sc – 28 sc

R23. (Sc in each of next 12 sc, sc 2 tog) – 26 sc

R24. Sc in each sc – 26 sc

R25. (Sc in each of next 11 sc, sc 2 tog) – 24 sc

R26. Sc in each sc – 24 sc

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R27. (Sc in each of next 10 sc, s 2 tog) – 22 sc

R28. Sc in each sc – 22 sc

R29. (Sc in each of next 9 sc, sc 2 tog) – 20 sc

R30. (Sc in each of next 8 sc, sc 2 tog) – 18 sc

R31. Sc in each sc – 18 sc

R32. (Sc in each of next 7 sc, sc 2 tog) – 16 sc

R33. Sc in each sc – 16 sc

R34. (Sc in each of next 6 sc, sc 2 tog) – 14 sc

R35. Sc in each sc – 14 sc

*Fasten off, weave in ends, fill lightly*

### **Finishing Body**

R1. With fluffy yarn, sl st into any front loop from R22, sc in each sc

*Fasten off, weave in ends*

### **Hood – in main colour yarn**

R1. Ch 21, sc in second chain from hook and each sc to end – 21 sc

R2. Turn, ch 1, (sc in next, 2 sc in next) – 30 sc

R3. Turn, ch 1, (sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next) – 40 sc

R4. Turn, ch 1, (sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next) – 50 sc

R5-6. Turn, ch 1, sc in each sc – 50 sc

R7. Turn, ch 1, (sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog) – 40 sc

R8. Ch 1, (sc in each of next 2 sc, sc 2 tog) – 30 sc

R9. Turn, ch 1, sc in each sc, turn - 30 sc



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R10. Ch 1, (sc in each of next 8 sc, sc 2 tog), turn – 27 sc

R11. Ch 1, (sc in each of next 7 sc, sc 2 tog), turn – 24 sc

R12. Ch 1, (sc in each of next 6 sc, sc 2 tog), turn – 21 sc

R13. Ch 1, (sc in each of next 5 sc, sc 2 tog), turn – 19 sc

R14. Ch 1, (sc in each of next 4 sc, sc 2 tog), turn – 16 sc

*Fasten off, leaving long tail to sew top of hood together. Fold hood in half. Sew the edges together or crochet together with slip stitch.*

### **To finish front and hood edges**

R1. With fluffy yarn, sl st into bottom stitch around edge, picking up stitches evenly along front edges and hood, sc in each stitch

*Fasten off, weave in ends, sew on buttons*

### **Head - make 1 in main colour. Starting at nose edge**

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

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- 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
- R14. (Sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next) – 42 sc
- R15-18. Sc in each sc – 42 sc
- R19. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, sc 2 tog) – 36 sc
- R20. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, sc 2 tog) – 30 sc
- R21. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog) – 24 sc
- R22. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, sc 2 tog) – 18 sc

*Fill without stretching stitches*

- R23. (Sc in each of next sc, sc 2 tog) – 12 sc

A **potoroo** is a kangaroo-like marsupial about the size of a rabbit. It is a macropod. All three extant species are threatened. The main threats are predation by introduced species (especially foxes) and habitat loss. Potoroos were formerly very common in Australia, and early settlers reported them as being significant pests to their crops.

Gilbert's potoroo is Australia's most endangered animal. The species was discovered in 1840 by a naturalist called John Gilbert. It was then thought to have become extinct until being rediscovered in 1994 near Albany in Western Australia. The species has grown from an initial wild population of 30-40 to over 100.

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R24. (Sc 2 tog) – 6 sc

*Fasten off leaving long tail, thread through remaining sc to close gap. Shape mouth by pulling strong thread through from opening edge to 6 rows under head from nose edge. Fasten with a few stitches and pull back through head opening. Secure thread and fasten off.*

*Fill head, sew into place.*

### Eyes

R1. In black yarn, ch 2, sc 4 in second ch from hook – 4 sc

R2. In white yarn, 2 sc in each sc – 8 sc

*Fasten off yarn, sew into place*

### Ears – make 2 in main colour and 2 in pink

R1. 14 ch, starting in second chain from hook, sc in each of next 12 ch, 3 sc in next, working back down foundation loops, sc in each of next 12 loops

R2. Ch 1, turn, sc in each of next 12 sc, (2 sc in next) x 3, sc in each of next 12 sc,

*Fasten off, weave in ends*

R3. Place pink piece on top of blue piece. Using blue, sc around the edge, through both layers

*Fasten off, sew last 4 st tog at base to form fold at base, sew to head, weave in ends*

### Eyelids x 2 in main colour

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

*Fasten off, sew to head, weave in ends*

### Arms x 2 in main colour

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

R2. 2 sc in each sc – 12 sc

R3-7. Sc in each sc - 12 sc

R8. (Sc in next 4 sc, sc 2 tog) – 10 sc

R9-12. Sc in each sc – 10 sc

*Fill bottom of arm, leaving top unfilled*

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R13. (Sc in next 3 sc, sc 2 tog) – 8 sc

R14-17. Sc in each sc- 8 sc

R18. (Sc in next 2 sc, sc 2 tog) – 6 sc

R19-20. Sc in each sc – 6 sc

*Fasten off, sew to body*

**Tail – make 1 in main colour**

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

R2. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next) – 8 sc

R3-40. Sc in each sc – 8 sc

*Fasten off yarn, fill lightly, sew to body, weave in ends*

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