

Gumnut Crochet

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Bilby Doll



Size

- 24 cm in height with 3 ply
- 28 cm in height with 4 ply
- 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 to advanced

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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
- 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

Materials Used

- 3 ply cotton x 50 gram – main colour (blue)
- 3 ply cotton yarn small quantity skin colour (beige), pink and black
- Size 1.5 mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- 15 mm safety eyes and 12 mm safety nose
- Fiberfill
- Stitch marker
- Builders wire, available from electrical section of hardware shops
- Elastoplast or similar – available from bandage section of chemists

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Arms – in skin colour

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

R2. Sc in each sc – 6 sc

R3. (Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next) – 8 sc

R4-7. Sc in each sc - 8 sc

R8. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, 2sc in next) – 6 sc

Prepare and insert 12 cm wire, taped at hand end. No need to fill arm, crochet around wire

R9. (Sc in next sc, sc 2 tog) – 4 sc

R10. (Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next) – 6 sc

R11-26. Sc in each sc – 6 sc

Put aside until body completed

Tail – in body colour – make 1

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

R2-3. Sc in each sc – 6 sc

Prepare 24 cm wire, taped at one end, no need to fill, crochet around wire

R4-43. Sc in each sc – 6 sc

R44-48. In contrast yarn (do not fasten off main colour yarn) sc in each sc, fasten off contrast yarn – 6 sc

R49-53. Sc in each sc – 6 sc

Fasten off, no need to fill, put aside until ready to tape to centre piece when legs completed

Feet and Legs x 2 in main colour

R1. Ch 7, sc in second chain from hook and in each of next 4 ch, 3 sc in next, turn, working down foundation loops, sc in each of next 5 ch, 2 sc in last – 15 sc



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- R2. 2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 4 sc, 2 sc in next, sc in next, 2 sc in next, sc in each of next 5 sc, 2 sc in next, sc in last – 19 sc
- R3. Sc in next 5 sc, (2 sc tog) x 4, sc in each of next 6 sc – 15 sc
- R4. Sc in each of next 3 sc, (sc 2 tog) x 4, sc in each of next 4 sc – 11 sc
- R5. Sc in next sc, (sc 2 tog) x 4, sc in each of next 2 sc – 7 sc
- R6-9. Sc in each sc – 7 sc

Insert 30 cm of wire, shaped to fit foot at one end, taped securely. Fill foot lightly, crochet around wire

- R10. Sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 3 sc – 8 sc
- R11-14. Sc in each sc – 8 sc

Fill as piece progresses

- R15. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, sc 2 tog) – 6 sc
- R16. Sc in each sc – 6 sc
- R17. (Sc in each sc, sc 2 tog) – 4 sc
- R18. (Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next) – 6 sc
- R19-20. Sc in each sc – 6 sc
- R21. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next) – 8 sc
- R22-24. Sc in each sc - 8 sc
- R25. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 10 sc
- R26-28. Sc in each sc - 10 sc
- R29. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 12 sc
- R30-32. Sc in each sc – 12 sc

Fasten off yarn

Joining legs

Place marker at inner centre of each leg, with 2 sc between each leg.

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- R33. Sl st into first marker, ch 2, sc into second leg at marker, sc 11 around second leg, ch 2, sc to first leg, sc around first leg – 28 sc
- R34. Sc in each sc – 28 sc
- R35. (Sc in each of next 12 sc, sc 2 tog) – 26 sc
- R36. (Sc in each of next 11 sc, sc 2 tog) – 24 sc

Sew gap between legs. Insert tail and secure with tape to leg wire

- R37. (Sc in each of next 10 sc, sc 2 tog) – 22 sc
- R38. (Sc in each of next 9 sc, sc 2 tog) – 20 sc
- R39. (Sc in each of next 8 sc, sc 2tg) - 18 sc
- R40. (Sc in each of next 7 sc, sc 2 tog) – 16 sc
- R41. (Sc in each of next 6 sc, sc 2 tog) – 14 sc
- R42. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, sc 2 tog) – 12 sc
- R43. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, sc 2 tog) 10 sc
- R44-49. Sc in each sc - 10 sc
- R50. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, 2 sc in next) – 12 sc
- R51. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, 2 sc in next) – 14 sc
- R52. (Sc in each of next 6 sc, 2 sc in next) – 16 sc
- R53. (Sc in each of next 7 sc, 2 sc in next), sl st to close round for colour change, fasten off yarn – 18 sc
- R54. In pink yarn, (Sc in each of next 8 sc, 2 sc in next) – 20 sc
- R55. (Sc in each of next 9 sc, 2 sc in next) – 22 sc
- R56. (Sc in each of next 10 sc, 2 sc in next), sl st to close round for colour change, fasten off yarn – 24 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.

Joining arms - Change to skin colour,

Place markers where centre of arm will be (if you prefer, insert arms into place and sew them on when piece finished. Continue all rows except R57 for this option. For R57 sc in each sc – 24 sc). Join arm wires to centre wire from legs, tape securely, fill as work progresses

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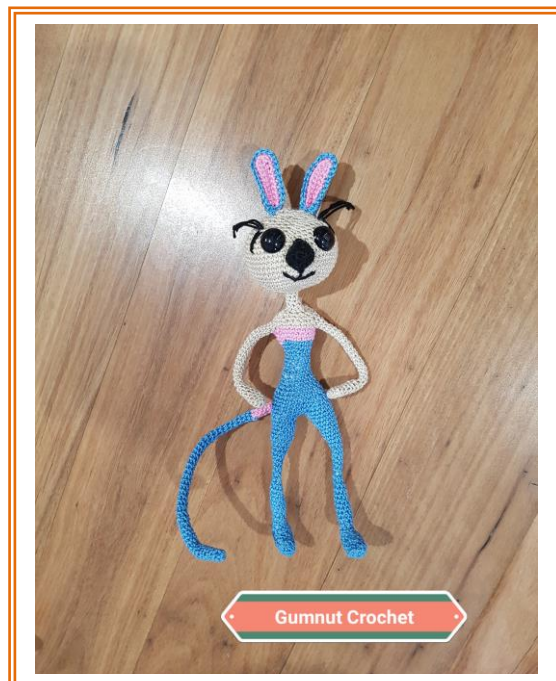
- R57. Sc across to where first arm will be inserted, sc across both top of arm and body, sc across to second arm, sc across both top of arm and body - 24 sc
- R58. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, sc 2 tog) – 21 sc
- R59. Sc in each sc – 21 sc
- R60. (Sc in next sc, sc 2 tog) – 14 sc

Fill body lightly

- R61. (Sc 2 tog) – 7 sc
- R62. Sc 2 tog, sc in each of next 5 sc – 6 sc
- R63-66 Sc in each sc - 6 sc

Head

- R67. 2 sc in each sc – 12 sc
- R68. (Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 18 sc
- R69. (Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 24 sc
- R70. (Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 30 sc
- R71. (Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 36 sc
- R72. (Sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 42 sc
- R73. (Sc in next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 48 sc
- R74. (Sc in next 7 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 54 sc
- R75. (Sc in next 8 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 60 sc
- R76-80. Sc in each sc – 60 sc
- R81. (Sc in each of next 8 sc, sc 2 tog) – 54 sc
- R82. (Sc in each of next 7 sc, sc 2 tog) – 48 sc
- R83. (Sc in each of next 6 sc, sc 2 tog) – 42 sc



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R84. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, sc 2 tog) – 36 sc

R85. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, sc 2 tog) – 30 sc

R86. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog) – 24 sc

Fill lightly

R87. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, sc 2 tog) – 18 sc

R88. (Sc in next sc, sc2 tog) – 12 sc

R89. (Sc 2 tog) – 6 sc

Fasten off, weave in ends, embroider eye brows and mouth

Nose x 1 in black

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

R2. 2 sc in each sc – 12 sc

R3. Sc in each sc – 12 sc

Fasten off, fill lightly, sew to head

Ears – make 2 in pink and 2 in blue

R1. Ch 11, sc in second chain from hook and in each of next 8 ch, sc 3 in next ch, working back down foundation loops, sc in each of next 9 sc – 21 sc

R2. Ch 1, turn, sc in each of next 9 sc, (2 sc in next) x 3, sc in each of next 9 sc – 24 sc

Fasten off, place pink inner ear on top of blue outer ear, using blue yarn sc around the edge through both layers, place slight curve in ear, sew to head, weave in ends