

Gumnut Crochet

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Christmas Tree Koalas



Materials Used for 1 Koala

- 4 ply cotton yarn x small quantity, grey, black, white, main colour and contrast colour
- Size 2.5 mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- 7.5 mm safety eyes
- Fiberfill
- Stitch marker x 2

Size

- 11 cm in height

Skill Level

- Intermediate
- Must know how to colour changed within a row

Legs x 2 for each Koala

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- Please do not sell the pattern or infer it as your own.
- 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.
- 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

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

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- R1. In grey, ch 2, 6 sc in second chain from hook, or magic circle 6 – 6 sc
- R2. (Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next), sl st to close round for colour change, fasten off grey - 9 sc
- R3. In body colour, sc in each sc – 9 sc
- R4-10. Sc in each sc – 9 sc

Leave long tail, fill lightly without stretching stitches, whip stitch edges together, sew to Koala body, facing forwards in sitting position. Start body at R1 of body below.

Head and Body

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

Continue from R5 to end for both versions

- R5. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 30 sc
- R6. Sc in each sc – 30 sc
- R7. Sc in each of next 2 sc, using green yarn sc 1, change to main colour, sc to end – 30 sc
- R8. Using green yarn, sc in each of next 5 sc, (the single sc from previous row should be centred), continue rest of row in main colour – 30 sc
- R9-10. Sc in next sc, using green yarn, sc in each of next 3 sc, change to main colour, sc to end – 30 sc

Variation: If including legs as part of the body, do not fasten off second leg, skip R1 to R3 of body

R4. Join legs, ch 3, sc around second leg, sc across ch 3, sc around first leg – 24 sc

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11-12. Sc in each of next 2 sc, using green yarn, sc 1, (green should be centred from row below) change to main colour, sc to end – 30 sc

Fasten off green

R13. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog) – 24 sc

R14. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, sc 2 tog) – 18 sc

R15. (Sc in next sc, sc 2 tog), sl st to close round for colour change, fasten off colour – 12 sc

R16. In white, sc in each sc – 12 sc

Fill body without stretching stitches

R17. In front loops, 2 ch, sl st in each, (picot edge), fasten off
white

R18. In grey, and back loops from R17, sc in each sc – 12 sc

R19. (Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 18 sc

R20. (Sc in each of next sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 27 sc

R21. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 36 sc

R22-27 Sc in each sc – 36 sc

Insert eyes, 6 sc apart

R28. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, sc 2 tog) – 30 sc



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R29. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog) – 24 sc

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

R31. (Sc in next sc, sc 2 tog) – 12 sc

R32. (Sc 2 tog) – 6 sc

Fasten off, fill without stretching stitches, weave in ends.

Hat – make 1 for each Koala

R1. In coloured yarn to match body yarn, ch 2, 6 sc in second chain from hook, or magic circle 6 – 6 sc

R2-10. Sc in each sc - 6 sc

R11. (Sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 8 sc

R12-15. Sc in each sc – 8 sc

R16. (Sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 10 sc

R17-20. Sc in each sc – 10 sc

R21. (Sc in each of next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 12 sc

R22. (Sc in each of next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc) – 14 sc

R23. (Sc in each of next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc), sl st to close round for colour change, fasten off yarn – 16 sc

R24. In white yarn, 3 ch, sl st in each sc

Fasten off leaving long tail, crunch and sew in place, sew to top of head, weave in ends.

Nose – in black yarn

R1. Ch 5, sc second chain from hook, sc in next 2 ch, 3 sc in next ch, turn working in foundation ch, sc in each of next 3 sc, 3 sc in last – 12 sc

R2-3. Sc in each sc – 12 sc

Fasten off, leaving long tail, fill lightly, sew to head between eyes.

***Koala:** 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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Ears – in grey yarn make 4

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

R2. Turn, (2 sc in each sc) x 5, skip last sc – 10 sc

R3. Turn, ch 1, skip this chain space (2 sc in next, sc in next 2 sc), sc in last 2 sc – 14 sc

Fasten off, weave in ends

R5. Place white piece on top of grey piece. With white piece on top and using white yarn, ch 3, sl st in each ch through both layers

Fasten off leaving long tail, whip stitch edges together, sew to head, next to hat, with slight curve in the ear.

Arms x 2 for each Koala

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

R2. (Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next), sl st to close round for colour change, fasten off grey - 9 sc

R3. In body colour, sc in each sc – 9sc

R4-11. Sc in each sc – 9 sc

Fasten off, leaving long tail, do not fill, whip stitch edges together, sew to Koala body, facing forwards