

Ella rae



Bixi, the monster

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Height: 5.5 inches

Abbreviations

ch: chain
sc: single crochet
sc2tog: single crochet 2 together
st(s): stitch(es)

Materials

Size H (5.0mm) crochet hook
Pair of 12mm black animal eyes
Tapestry needle
A few handfuls of stuffing
2x2 inch square of white felt
craft glue
Locking stitch marker (optional)

Yarn

Ella Rae Classic Wool (100% wool, Worsted Weight, 220 yds/3.5oz) is the yarn used in this sample. To complete this adorable monster, you'll need:

MC- Pink (color #69), 90 yards
CC- Green (color #56), 35 yards
AC- Black (color #32), 5 yards

Directions

Gauge Notes

This pattern doesn't specify a gauge. It's a stuffed animal, and you don't need to be too picky about exact sizing. The most important thing is that you use a hook size that creates a nice looking fabric for your yarn. If you use the recommended hook size, and your fabric looks very loose (so that stuffing would show through), then you will want to use a smaller hook. Other than that, no measuring required!

Stitch into the back

All stitches in this pattern (that are worked in the round) are worked through the back loop only, unless otherwise directed. Look at picture below, and see how one loop is highlighted in black? This is the back loop, and it's what you'll stitch into. Stitching into the back loop creates ridges on the right side of the piece. For pieces worked in rows, you will stitch into the front loop only, unless otherwise directed. You can stitch into both loops if you desire, but this

will change the look of the final product.



Want to see crocheting through the back loop in action?
Watch my video on **crocheting through the back loop!**

Starting out: the sloppy slip knot

Most pieces in this pattern (as they are based on circles) begin with stitching six times into one loop. I recommend the 'sloppy slip knot' to avoid creating a hole in the center. To do this, twist the yarn around the hook to begin (a), and crochet as directed. Once you have completed your first round (b), pull on the tail, while holding the work you have created (c). The center hole will close right up!

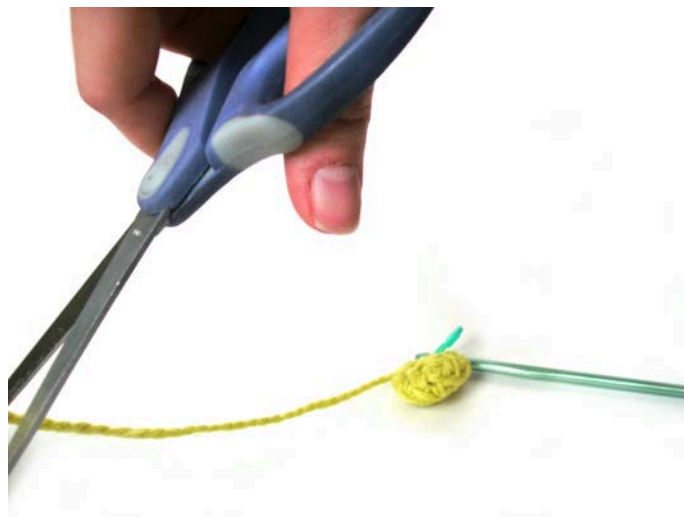


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Fasten off with long tail

What does this mean? It just means that when you are ending a piece, to leave a lot (about 6-9 inches) of extra yarn, as pictured. This will be used to attach this piece to another piece. To attach your piece to another, just thread the long tail through a tapestry needle, and stitch to the second piece.



Attaching Parts Together

In this pattern, you will be instructed to attach two pieces together, usually attaching a smaller part (such as a leg) onto a larger part (like a body). The small part will have a row of stitches at the opening, and a long tail. Thread a tapestry needle with the long tail. Put the small part where it should go along the body, and pick up a stitch on the body. Keep going (one stitch on small part, one stitch on the body), until you have fully attached the part. When you are done, tie a knot to fasten off. Use the tapestry needle to pull the knot inside, so you don't have any loose ends sticking out. Read **this blog post** for more tips on attaching limbs easily!

The Pattern

Mouth

With AC, ch 2.

Round 1: Sc 6 times in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Round 2: Sc twice in each st. (12)

Round 3: *Sc twice in next st, sc in next st. Repeat from * 5 times. (18)

Round 4: *Sc twice in next st, sc in next 2 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (24)

Fasten off with long tail.

Eye Circle

With CC, ch 2.

Round 1: Sc 6 times in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Round 2: Sc twice in each st. (12)

Round 3: *Sc twice in next st, sc in next st. Repeat from * 5 times. (18)

Fasten off with long tail.

Feet

Make 2.

With MC, ch 2.

Round 1: Sc 6 times in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Round 2: Sc twice in each st. (12)

Round 3: *Sc twice in next st, sc in next st. Repeat from * 5 times. (18)

Round 4: Sc in each st. (18)

Fasten off with long tail.

Arms

Make 2.

With CC, ch 2.

Round 1: Sc 6 times in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Round 2: Sc twice in each st. (12)

Rounds 3-17: Sc in each st. (12)

Fasten off with long tail.

Ears

Make one in MC and one in CC.

With designated color, ch 2.

Round 1: Sc 6 times in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Round 2: Sc twice in each st. (12)

Round 3: *Sc twice in next st, sc in next st. Repeat from * 5 times. (18)

Round 4: *Sc twice in next st, sc in next 2 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (24)

Rounds 5-9: Sc in each st. (24)

Fasten off with long tail.

Body

With MC, ch 2.

Round 1: Sc 6 times in 2nd ch from hook. (6)

Round 2: Sc twice in each st. (12)

Round 3: *Sc twice in next st, sc in next st. Repeat from * 5 times. (18)

Round 4: *Sc twice in next st, sc in next 2 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (24)

Round 5: *Sc twice in next st, sc in next 3 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (30)

Round 6: *Sc twice in next st, sc in next 4 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (36)

Round 7: Sc in each st. (36)

Round 8: *Sc twice in next st, sc in next 5 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (42)

Round 9: Sc in each st. (42)

Round 10: *Sc twice in next st, sc in next 6 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (48)

Round 11: Sc in each st. (48)

Round 12: *Sc twice in next st, sc in next 7 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (54)

Round 13: Sc in each st. (54)

Round 14: *Sc twice in next st, sc in next 8 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (60)

Rounds 15-24: Sc in each st. (60)

Round 25: *Sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (54)

Round 26: *Sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (48)

Round 27: *Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (42)

Remove hook, but do not fasten off yarn. Now you're going to attach the features... which is easiest to do before the opening gets any smaller!

Flatten the ear, and whipstitch along the top (to close it up). This is optional, but I find it very helpful!

Now, fold the ear in half, and attach to the body (at round 10) so that the opening of the fold faces forward. Repeat for the second ear.



Attach the eye circle to rounds 8-14. To do so, insert post between desired stitches, and press washer onto back post to secure. One eye should be positioned in the center of the eye circle, with the other placed on the body, as pictured.



Attach the mouth below the eyes. To get the oval shape of the mouth that's pictured, just stretch the mouth into the desired shape! I attached the mouth to rounds at rounds 14-19, but your placement may vary depending on how 'oval' you make the mouth.



Stuff one arm, and attach to the side of the body at rounds 16-19. Repeat for the second arm.



Stuff one leg, and attach rounds 24-25. Positioning the legs towards the front of your monster (under the eyes) will help your monster sit up more nicely than if you position the legs under the arms (at the sides). Repeat for the second leg. At this point, stuff the body.



Now, we'll continue crocheting!

Round 28: *Sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (36)

Round 29: *Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (30)

Round 30: *Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (24)

Round 31: * Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (18)

Round 32: * Sc2tog, sc in next st. Repeat from * 5 times. (12)

Poke in a little more stuffing.

Round 33: * Sc2tog. Repeat from * 5 times. (6)

Round 34: Sc next and fourth st together. (1)

Fasten off, pulling knot towards center.



Here's how he looks!



He's cute as he is, right?

If you'd like to add his cutie teeth, just cut 3 small half-circles of felt and attach with craft glue.

Congrats! You now have an adorable monster!

Congrats on finishing an awesome monster! Now it's time
to show it off... share your photos on our
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