

Ella rae



Alfo, the monster

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Height: 10 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
2x2 inch square of white felt
Craft glue
A few handfuls of stuffing
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- Purple (color #327), 170 yards
CC- White (color #01), 10 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!

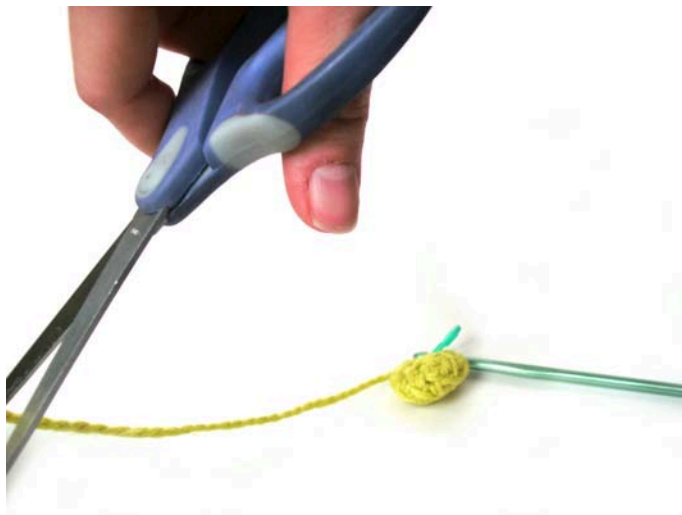


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Fasten off with long tail

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

In this pattern, you will be instructed to attach two pieces together, either attaching a leg to the body, or attaching the head and body together.

First, let's see how to attach the head to the body. This is the easiest type of attachment, because the last row of the head and the last row of the body have the same number of stitches. You left a long tail on one of the parts (right?), so thread a tapestry needle with the long tail. This serves to have already anchor your stitches. Now, loop your tapestry needle through each stitch on the head and body, going all the way around. When you are done, tug the string a little bit to tighten (so the guy has a neck) and tie a knot to fasten off. Use the tapestry needle to pull the knot inside of the head, so you don't have any loose ends sticking out. Read this blog post for more details on creating a well-defined neck!

Attaching a smaller part (such as a leg) onto a larger part (like a body) is similar. The small part (in this case, the leg) will have a row of stitches at the opening, and a long tail. Thread a tapestry needle with the long tail. Put the leg where it should go along the body, and pick

up a stitch on the body. Keep going (one stitch on leg, one stitch on the body), until you have stitches all the way around the leg. When you are done, tie a knot to fasten off. Read this blog post for more tips on attaching limbs easily!

The Pattern

Eyes

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)

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

Rounds 4-6: Sc in each st. (18)

Round 7: *Sc2tog, sc in next st. Repeat from * 5 times. (12)

Fasten off with long tail.

Fasten plastic eyes onto the crocheted eyes. To do so, insert post between desired stitches, and press washer onto back post to secure. The plastic eye should be positioned in at about round 5, as pictured.



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)

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

Fasten off with long tail.

Head

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

Round 8: *Sc twice in next st, sc in next 6 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (48)

Rounds 9-16: Sc in each st. (48)

Round 17: *Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (42)

Round 18: *Sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (36)

Round 19: *Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (30)

Fasten off with long tail.

Stuff eyes. Attach eyes to head, keeping in mind that the opening in the head will be the monster's neck. My eyes are positioned at rounds 3-7, as pictured.



Stretch mouth into an oval shape and attach to head. I attached the mouth to rounds 8-16, but yours may vary depending on how 'oval' your mouth is.



Arms

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 twice in next st, sc in next 2 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (24)
 Rounds 5-6: Sc in each st. (24)
 Round 7: *Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (18)
 Round 8: *Sc2tog, sc in next st. Repeat from * 5 times. (12)
 Rounds 9-15: Sc in each st. (12)
 Fasten off with long tail.

Legs

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 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)
 Rounds 6-13: Sc in each st. (30)
 For one of the legs, fasten off.

For the second leg, do not fasten off! You will continue to work this leg to join the two together.

Body

Now, you will join the two legs together, and form one body

Round 14: Sc in each st of round 13 of the leg you are working on. Then, sc in each st of round 13 of the other leg. (60)
 Rounds 15-23: Sc in each st. (60)
 Round 24: *Sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (54)
 Round 25: Sc in each st. (54)
 Round 26: *Sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (48)
 Round 27: Sc in each st. (48)
 Round 28: *Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (42)
 Round 29: Sc in each st. (42)

Round 30: *Sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (36)

Round 31: Sc in each st. (36)

Round 32: *Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (30)

Round 33: Sc in each st. (30)

Fasten off with long tail.

You may notice a little hole in between where the legs were joined. With a tapestry needle and a small scrap of MC, close up the gap.



Stuff arms slightly (pushing most of the stuffing into the 'hands'), and attach to body at about round 29.

At this point, stuff head and body and attach!

He looks cute as he is... but you might want to put some teeth in that mouth!



From your piece of felt, cut two large upper teeth and two small lower teeth and attach with craft glue. Here's a great place to use your imagination!



**Congrats! You now have
an adorable monster!**

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