

Ella rae



Deek, 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
3 pairs of 12mm black animal eyes
Tapestry needle
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- Yellow (color #74), 130 yards

CC1- Red (color #31), 50 yards

CC2- Orange (color #70), 50 yards

AC1- Teal (color #66), 60 yards

AC2- 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?
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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!

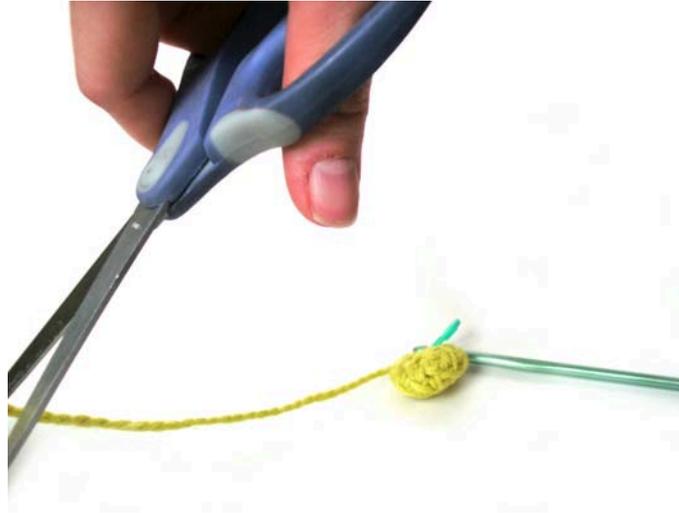


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Fasten off with long tail

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/body to another head/body.. This is the easiest type of attachment, because the opening of one head/body has the same number of stitches as the opening on the other head/body. 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 first head/body and then the second, 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 your piece, 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

Long Legs

Make 4.

With AC1, ch 2.

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

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

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

Fasten off with long tail.

Short Legs

Make 2.

With AC1, ch 2.

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

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

Rounds 3-7: Sc in each st. (12)

Fasten off with long tail.

Arms

These arms are going to be quite long! You might want to stuff the arms as you crochet, putting in a little bit of stuffing every few rounds.

Make 2.

With AC1, ch 2.

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

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

Rounds 3-22: Sc in each st. (12)

Fasten off with long tail.

Ears

Make 2.

With AC1, 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 4-5: Sc in each st. (18)

Round 6: *Sc2tog, sc in next st. Repeat from * 5 times. (12)

Rounds 7-8: Sc in each st. (12)

Fasten off with long tail.

Mouth

With AC2, ch 2.

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

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

Fasten off with long tail.

Small heads/bodies

Make 2, one in CC1 and one in CC2.

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)

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)

Round 9: *Sc twice in next st, sc in next 7 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (54)

Round 10: *Sc twice in next st, sc in next 8 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (60)

Rounds 11-20: Sc in each st. (60)

Round 21: *Sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (54)

Round 22: *Sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (48)

Round 23: *Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (42)
Fasten off with long tail.

Large head/body

With MC, ch 42.

Round 1: Sc in the first ch (forming a ring), then again in the same st. Sc in next 6 sts. *Sc twice in next st, sc in next 6 sts. Repeat from * 4 times. (48)

Round 2: *Sc twice in next st, sc in next 7 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (54)

Round 3: *Sc twice in next st, sc in next 8 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (60)

Round 4: *Sc twice in next st, sc in next 9 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (66)

Round 5: *Sc twice in next st, sc in next 10 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (72)

Round 6: *Sc twice in next st, sc in next 11 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (78)

Round 7: *Sc twice in next st, sc in next 12 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (84)

Round 8: *Sc twice in next st, sc in next 13 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (90)

Rounds 9-23: Sc in each st. (90)

Round 24: *Sc2tog, sc in next 13 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (84)

Round 25: *Sc2tog, sc in next 12 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (78)

Round 26: *Sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (72)

Round 27: *Sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (66)

Round 28: *Sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (60)

Round 29: *Sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (54)

Round 30: *Sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (48)

Round 31: *Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (42)

Fasten off.

Stuff long legs. Attach 2 long legs to each small head/body. Mine are attached to rounds 10-13 and 16-19 on each small body.



Stuff arms. Attach one arm to the side of each small head/body, aligning the stitches with round 2 of the head/body, as pictured.

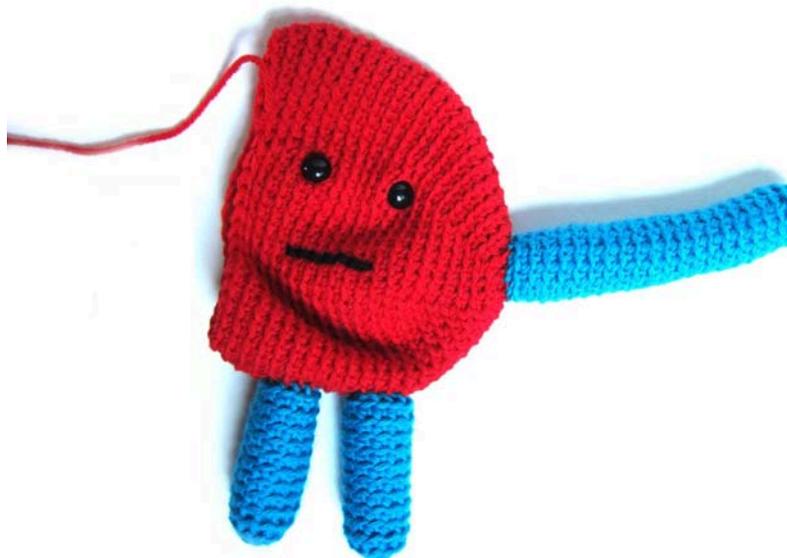




On one small head/body (I chose CC2), attach the mouth. I attached mine to rounds 12-17.



On same small head/body, fasten eyes. To do so, insert post between desired stitches, and press washer onto back post to secure. Position the eyes slightly above and outside the mouth.



On the second small head/body (using a tapestry needle and length of AC2), embroider a mouth. Fasten the eyes as you did for the first small head/body.



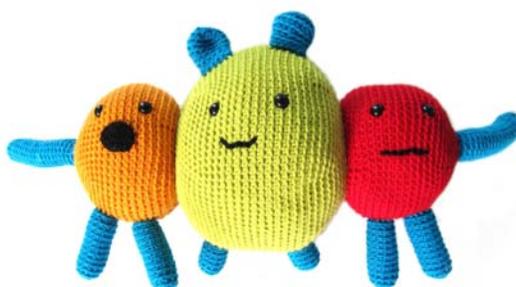
Stuff small legs, and attach to large head/body as you did for the small heads/bodies.

Flatten ears and attach to top of large head/body.

Embroider mouth and attach eyes as you did for the small heads/bodies.

*Stuff the first small head / body and attach to the left-side opening of the large head / body.
Now, stuff the second small head / body and the large head / body and attach.*

Congrats! You now have an adorable monster!



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