

Ella rae



Lark, the monster

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Height: 7 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

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- Green (color #317), 80 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!

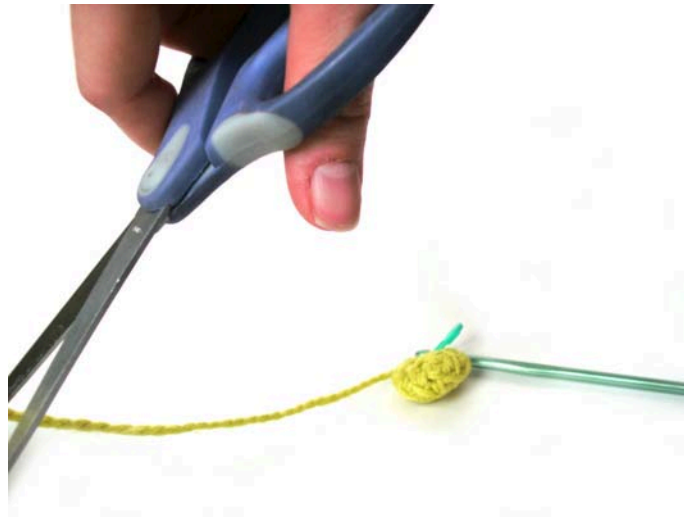


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Fasten off with long tail

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 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

Big Eye

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)

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 in each st. (30)

Fasten off with long tail.

Small Eye

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)

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

Round 5: Sc in each st. (24)

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 the center of each crocheted eye, as pictured.



Ears

Make 2.

With MC, ch 2.

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

Round 2: *Sc twice in next st, sc in next st. Repeat from * 2 times. (9)

Round 3: Sc in each st. (9)

Round 4: *Sc twice in next st, sc in next 2 sts. Repeat from * 2 times. (12)

Round 5: Sc in each st. (12)

Round 6: *Sc twice in next st, sc in next st. Repeat from * 5 times. (18)

Rounds 7-9: Sc in each st. (18)

Round 10: *Sc2tog, sc in next st. Repeat from * 5 times. (12)

Round 11: Sc in each st. (12)

Fasten off with long tail.

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)

Rounds 4-8: Sc in each st. (18)

Round 9: *Sc2tog, sc in next st. Repeat from * 5 times. (12)

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 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.

Place a locking stitch marker on the first stitch of the next round. You'll come back to it, later!

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)

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 one ear, and attach along top of body to rounds 4-9. Repeat for the second ear.



Stuff one arm and flatten opening. Attach to side of body at round 15 (positioned under the ear). Repeat for second arm.



Now it's time to stuff and attach the eyes. The big eye is attached to rounds 6-13, and the small eye to rounds 7-12. Of course, this is a great place to add your own style... so place them wherever you'd like!



Now, we're going to embroider the mouth! Thread a tapestry needle with a length of AC, and embroider the mouth below the eyes. I like a squiggle... but you can get creative!

At this point, stuff the body.

Now, we'll continue crocheting!

Round 24: *Sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (36)

Round 25: *Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (30)

Round 26: *Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (24)

Round 27: * Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (18)

Round 28: * Sc2tog, sc in next st. Repeat from * 5 times. (12)

Poke in a little more stuffing.

Round 29: * Sc2tog. Repeat from * 5 times. (6)

Round 30: Sc next and fourth st together. (1)

Fasten off, pulling knot towards center.



Here's how he looks!

*He's already pretty cute, right?
You can leave him as is... but I think he
looks great with a ruffle!*



Ruffle

Round 1: With MC, join with a sc to the front loop of a stitch on round 21 (the one you marked with a stitch marker). Sc in that same stitch again, and then sc twice the front loop of each remaining stitch of the round. (108)

When you finish this round, it will look like the start is 'on the wrong' row. No worries! You're going to keep working in the round (crocheting into the first stitch of the ruffle), and it'll look nice and round when you're done!

Rounds 2-3: Sc in each st. (108)

Fasten off, and weave in ends.



Congrats! You now have an adorable monster!

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