

# *Ella rae*



## Plarko, the monster

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Height: 7 inches, seated

12 inches, total height

## Abbreviations

ch: chain  
dc: double crochet  
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  
1x1 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- Blue (color #318), 115 yards

CC- Orange (color #70), 80 yards

AC1- White (color #01), 10 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?  
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!

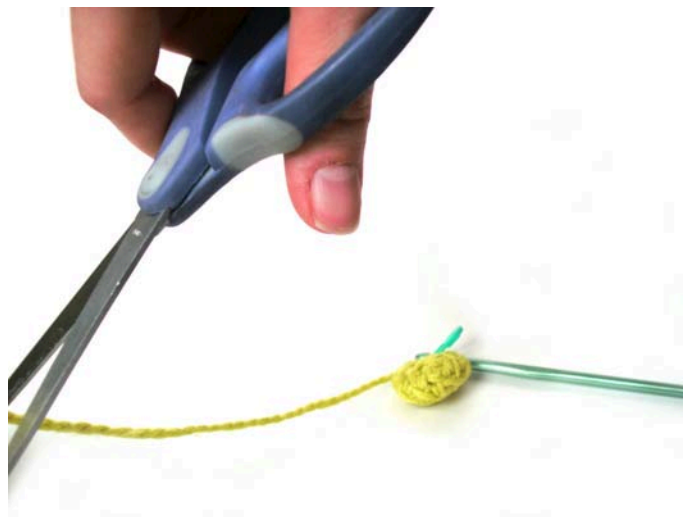


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### **Fasten off with long tail**

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

## Antennae

Make 2.

With CC, ch 2.

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

Rounds 2-9: Sc in each st. (6)

Fasten off with long tail.

## Mouth

With AC2, ch 4.

Row 1: Dc 5 times in 4th ch from hook. (ch 3 = 1 dc, 6 dc total)

Row 2: Ch 3, turn. Dc 1 time in first dc, dc twice in each remaining dc. (=12 dc)

Fasten off with long tail.

## Big Eye

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)

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 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)

Round 4: Sc in each st. (18)

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.*



## 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)

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 6-7: Sc in each st. (30)

Round 8: \*Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts. Repeat from \* 5 times. (24)

Rounds 9-10: Sc in each st. (24)

Round 11: \*Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts. Repeat from \* 5 times. (18)

Rounds 12-13: Sc in each st. (18)

Round 14: \*Sc2tog, sc in next st. Repeat from \* 5 times. (12)

Rounds 15-16: Sc in each st. (12)

Fasten off with a long tail.

## Feet

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)

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 6-12: Sc in each st. (30)

Round 13: \*Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts. Repeat from \* 5 times. (24)

Round 14: \*Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts. Repeat from \* 5 times. (18)

*Stuff the foot, then continue crocheting.*

Round 15: \*Sc2tog, sc in next st. Repeat from \* 5 times. (12)

Round 16: \*Sc2tog. Repeat from \* 5 times. (6)

Round 17: Sc next and fourth st together. (1)

Fasten off with long tail.



*With a crochet hook, pull the tail into the center of the foot to hide it.*

*Your foot should look like a beautiful oval, as pictured!*

## Legs

Make 2.

*The leg is a hollow cylinder... this may seem strange, but you'll see how it all comes together when we attach the foot!*

With MC, make a slip knot, leaving a 12 inch tail. Ch 18.

Round 1: Sc in the first ch (forming a ring), and in each st. (18)

*There will be a jog in your work, but this will go away when we attach pieces later on, so don't fret!*

Rounds 2-19: Sc in each st. (18)

Fasten off with long tail.



*With one of the long tails, attach one side of the leg to rounds 12-13 of the foot. Repeat for the second leg.*

## 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 11-25: Sc in each st.

Round 26: \*Sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts. Repeat from \* 5 times. (54)

Round 27: \*Sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts. Repeat from \* 5 times. (48)

Round 28: \*Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts. Repeat from \* 5 times. (42)

Round 29: \*Sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts. Repeat from \* 5 times. (36)

*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!*

*Attach one antenna to rounds 6-7. Repeat for 2nd antenna.*



*Now it's time to stuff and attach the eyes. The big eye is attached to rounds 8-17, and the small eye to rounds 10-14. Of course, this is a great place to add your own style... so place them wherever you'd like!*



*Attach the mouth below the eyes, with the flat side of the mouth towards the eyes, as pictured.*



*Stuff one arm, and attach to the side of the body at rounds 13-16. Repeat for the second arm.*



*Stuff one leg, and attach rounds 26-28. 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 30: \*Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts. Repeat from \* 5 times. (30)

Round 31: \*Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts. Repeat from \* 5 times. (24)

Round 32: \* Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts. Repeat from \* 5 times. (18)

Round 33: \* Sc2tog, sc in next st. Repeat from \* 5 times. (12)

*Poke in a little more stuffing.*

Round 34: \* Sc2tog. Repeat from \* 5 times. (6)

Round 35: 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 adorable tooth, just cut a small triangle shape of felt and attach with craft glue.*

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

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