

Ella rae



Zoink, the monster

designed by: Stacey Trock



Height: 8 inches

Abbreviations

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

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 #77), 70 yards
CC- Green (color #56), 30 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

Materials

Size H (5.0mm) crochet hook
12mm black animal eye (just one!)
Tapestry needle
A few handfuls of stuffing
1x1 inch square of white felt
craft glue
2 pipe cleaners (for antennae)
Locking stitch marker (optional)

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!

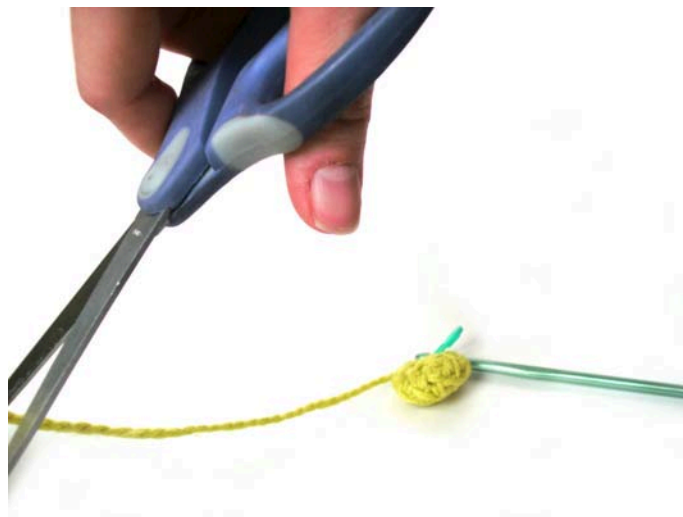


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Fasten off with long tail

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

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.

Fasten plastic eye onto the crocheted eye. 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 the crocheted eye, as pictured.



Antennae

Make 3.

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)

Rounds 5-7: Sc in each st. (24)

Round 8: *Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (18)

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

Remove hook, but do not fasten off yarn.



At this point, stuff the ball of the antenna.

If you wait any longer, you won't be able to fit your fingers inside!

Now, continue crocheting..

Round 10: *Sc2tog. Repeat from * 5 times. (6)

Rounds 11-15: With MC, sc in each st. (6)

Fasten off with long tail.



At this point, cut your pipecleaner to about 6". You want it to be long enough to insert inside the antenna, and still have about an inch sticking out of the bottom.



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.

Head/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.

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)

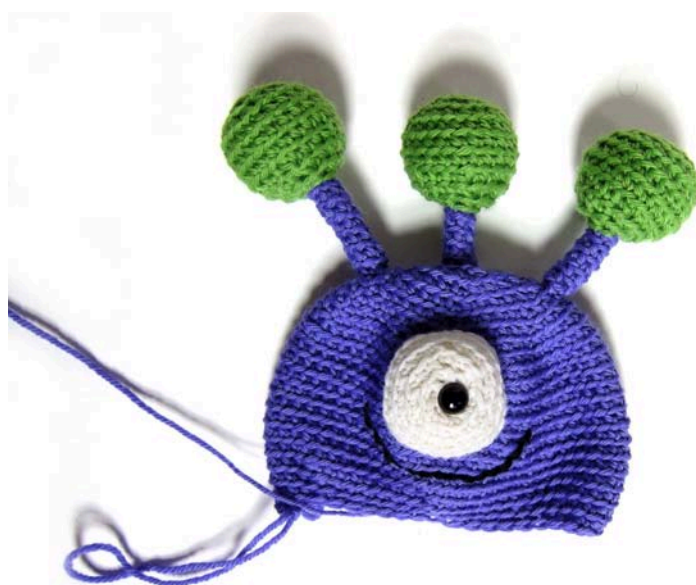
Remove hook, but do not fasten off yarn. Now you're going to attach the features... which is easiest to do before the opening gets any smaller!



Stuff the eye, and attach to the center of the head. I attached mine to rounds 8-16.

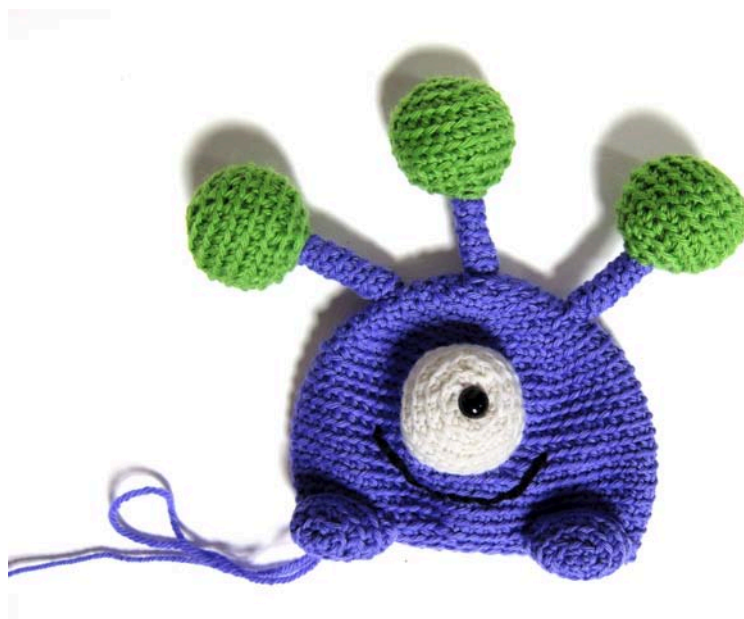


With a length of AC2 and a tapestry needle, embroider the mouth. I embroidered a smile, but this is your time to let your imagination go wild!



Attach each antenna to the top of the head, sticking the remaining 1" of the pipe cleaner through a stitch on the head to stabilize. I attached the center antenna to round 1, and the outer two to rounds 6-7.

Stuff the foot, and attach to rounds 21-22. Squishing the foot to only two rounds high will give it a nice oval shape. Position the foot slightly to the side to help your guy stand up. Repeat for the second foot. 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)

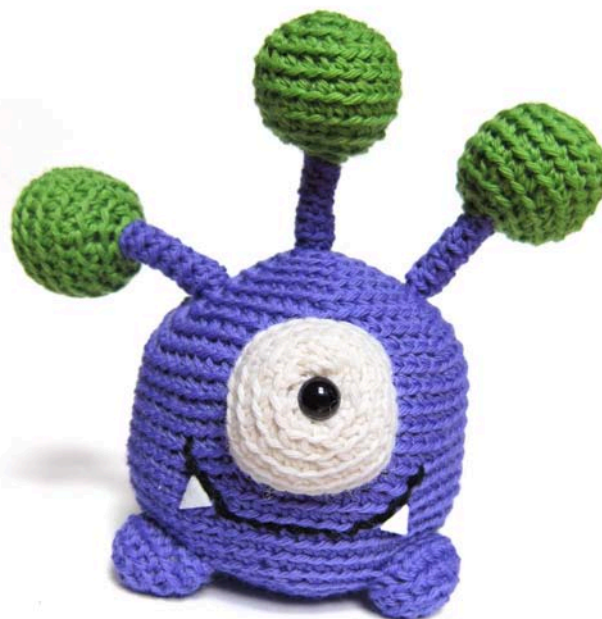
Round 30: Sc next and fourth st together. (1)

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
adding some teeth gives him character!*



To give him some teeth, cut two triangles from the felt and attach using 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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