

# *Ella rae*



Otto, the monster

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Height: 7.5 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  
1x1 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- Tan (color #310), 160 yards

CC- White (color #01), 15 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!

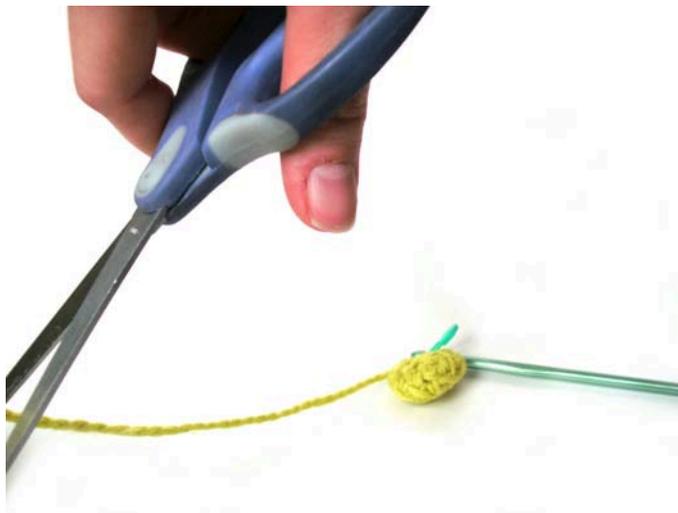


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### Fasten off with long tail

What does this mean? It just means that when you are ending a piece, 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

## 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.*



## Legs

Make 6.

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 5-8: Sc in each st. (24)

Round 9: \*Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts. Repeat from \* 5 times. (18)

Rounds 10-15: 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. (60)

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

Rounds 22-23: Sc in each st. (54)

Round 24: \*Sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts. Repeat from \* 5 times. (48)

Rounds 25-26: Sc in each st. (48)

Round 27: \*Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts. Repeat from \* 5 times. (42)

Rounds 28-29: Sc in each st. (42)

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

Rounds 31-32: Sc in each st. (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!*

*Stuff the eyes. Attach to the top of the head, at about rounds 4-8, as pictured.*



*With a length of AC and a tapestry needle, embroider the mouth. I embroidered a sorta-grumpy frown, you do what you'd like! This is your time to let your imagination go wild!*



*Stuff each leg. Attach the 6 legs to rounds 30-32. Squishing the legs into ovals will make them fit neatly across just these 3 rounds of crochet. If you need help planning where to position them, pin the legs in place with a locking stitch marker. At the end, they should look like this:*



*Here's what it'll look like from the bottom:  
At this point, stuff the body.*

*Now, we'll continue crocheting!*

Round 33: \*Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts. Repeat from \* 5 times. (30)

Round 34: \*Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts. Repeat from \* 5 times. (24)

Round 35: \* Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts. Repeat from \* 5 times. (18)

Round 36: \* Sc2tog, sc in next st. Repeat from \* 5 times. (12)

*Poke in a little more stuffing.*

Round 37: \* Sc2tog. Repeat from \* 5 times. (6)

Round 38: 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 a tooth gives him character!*



*To give him a tooth, cut a triangle from the  
felt and attach using craft glue.*

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

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