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Sparkie, the monster

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Height: 11 inches

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
1 pipe cleaner (for antenna)
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), 150 yards
CC- Grey (color #325), 30 yards
AC1- Orange (color #70), 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

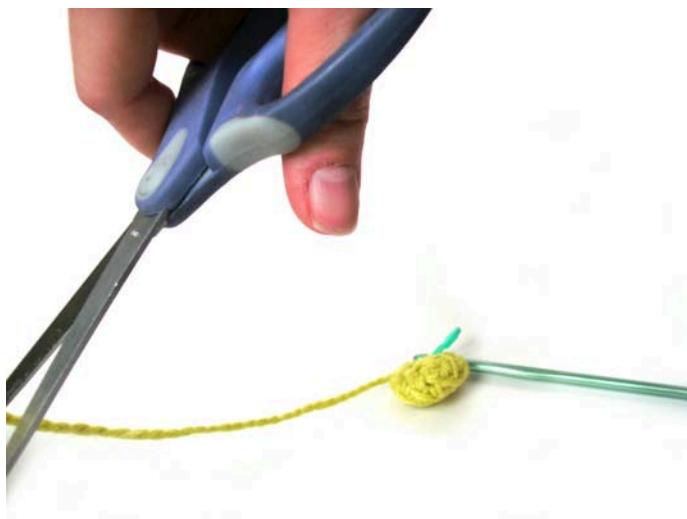
Most pieces in this pattern (as they are based on circles) begin with stitching six times into one loop. I recommend the 'sloppy slip knot' to avoid creating a hole in the center. To do this, twist the yarn around the hook to begin (a), and crochet as directed. Once you have completed your first round (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

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 to the body. This is the easiest type of attachment, because the last row of the head and the last row of the body have the same number of stitches. 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 head and body, 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 the head, 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

Ears

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)

Round 6: *Sc twice in next st, sc in next 4 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (36)

Round 7: Sc in each st. (36)

Round 8: *Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (30)

Round 9: *Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (24)

Round 10: *Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts. Repeat from * 5 times. (18)

Fasten off with long tail.

Antenna

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)

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.

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.

Head/Body

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 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)

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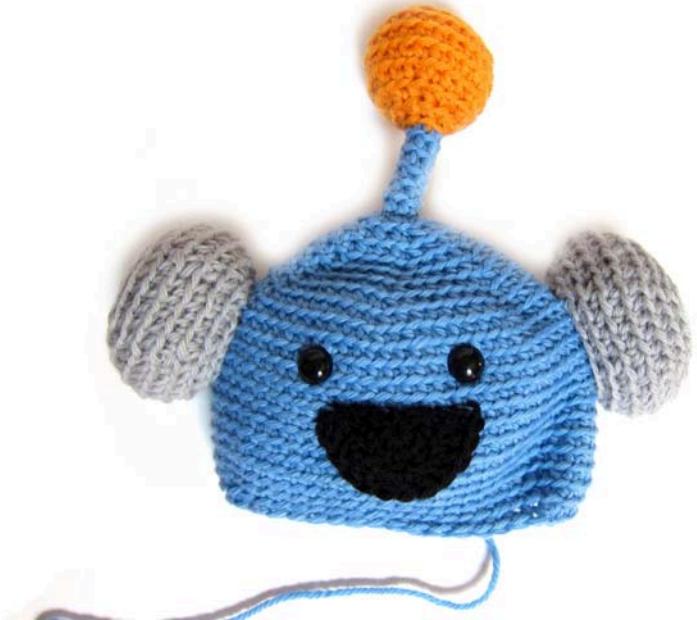
Attach the antenna to the top of the head, sticking the remaining 1" of the pipe cleaner through the head to stabilize. I attached the center antenna to round 1.



Stuff ear and attach to side of head at rounds 10-15. Repeat for second ear.



Attach mouth to head at rounds 14-19, with flat side facing top, as pictured.



Fasten eyes onto the head. To do so, insert post between desired stitches, and press washer onto back post to secure. Eyes should be positioned above the mouth.

Arms/legs

Make 4.

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 4-11: Sc in each st. (18)

Fasten off with long tail.

Tummy Circle

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)

Fasten off with long tail.



Stuff arms and legs. Attach legs to rounds 9-13 and arms to rounds 16-20.



Attach tummy circle to center of body.

At this point, stuff head and body and attach!

Congrats! You now have an adorable monster!



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