CROCHET PATTERN

Pig, the Muse

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Online store: https://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/CrochetPatternGuru
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Difficulty level - intermediate. The toy is approx. 15-20 cm. Pay attention that your toy can be smaller or bigger depending on the materials you use and your manner to crochet.

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YOU WILL NEED

Vita Coco yarn (100% mercerized cotton; 2400 m/50 g) or any other cotton or microfiber yarn of the following colors:

-pink - the color of the body. I used YarnArt ANGORA RAM (40% mohair, 60% acrylic, 500 m/100 g) color 204

Vita Coco, white (3851) - to make the dress

Vita Coco, dark-brown (4306) - to make the hooves

Vita Coco, light-brown (3889) - to make the shoes

Vita Coco, yellow (3863) - to make the belt, harp, and to adorn the dress

Vita Coco, dark-green (4327) - to make the wreath

You only need leftovers of each color yarn. This project can be a perfect way to use leftovers of yarn you have. ☺



To make the eye whites you can use embroidery thread, Iris yarn or Vita Pelican of white color - you need just a leftover of this yarn.

- yarn to make hair. I used Alize Diva, color 368
- yarn to make wings. I used Kamteks Khlopok Travka of white color. You can also use Paris Nako or any white mohair yarn.

TIP: If you need exactly the same yarn you can ask via private message in this shop on Etsy

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- embroidery thread of black color to embroider the muzzle and the strings of the harp
- 8 mm toy eyes or beads
- transparent glue (if you want to glue the eyes on instead of sewing them on).
- two tiny beads to fix the bridge of the harp.
- 1.0-1.5 mm copper wire - approx. 1 m. *You can buy this wire in a craft shop, but I suggest buying it in an electronic goods store. There you can buy a 3*1.5 cord. Before buying the cord, make sure that the wire inside it is whole and does not consist of several thin wires. With a paper knife, remove the insulation.*
- a piece of plastic card to make the soles of the shoes
- fabric plaster
- stuffing polyester
- strong thread to join the parts of the toy

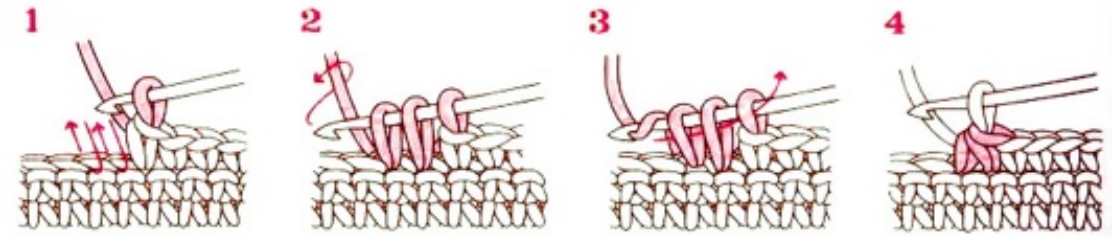
TOOLS:

- 1.25 mm crochet hook (the size of the hook depends on the yarn you use). 1 mm crochet hook to make the eye whites
- wire cutter
- scissors
- black permanent marker or a ballpoint pen (to draw nostrils instead of embroidering them)

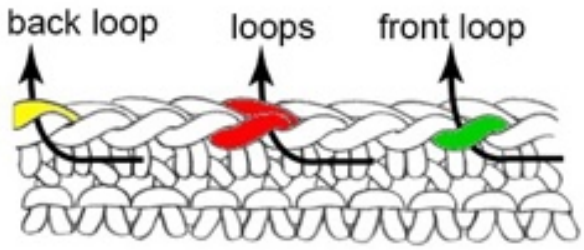
ABBREVIATIONS:

ch - chain
dec - decrease: 2 sts tog

Attention! In order to get thick even fabric without holes make decreases as it is shown in pictures below (and do not just skip on stitch!). If it is not states the other, **<u>if it is not stated otherwise.</u>**

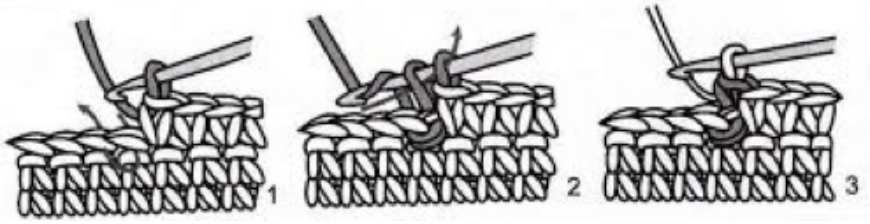


tog - together
shift st - shift stitch – an additional sc in next st and only after that change the position of the marker
ss - slip stitch
FO – fasten off and weave in the end
sc - single crochet
sc blo - single crochet through back loop only
sc flo - single crochet through front loop only



hdc - half double crochet
dec-hdc - 2 hdc together
incr - increase: 2 sc in one st
incr-dec - Attention! In order to avoid holes between the items when joining them together you have to do the following: draw up one more loop through the same place where you have just made a sc as you are going to make another sc but do not crochet it. As a result, you have two sts on the hook. Then draw up another loop through the st in the previous rnd of the other ray (the one you are going to join the first ray to). As a result, you have 3 sts on the hook. Now you have to make a sc through the all 3 sts. It looks like you have made increase and decrease at the same time and in the end you have made only one sc.

Post sc blo - post single crochet inserting the hook under the back loop only





It is much easier to embroider the toy before stuffing it with polyester. Otherwise, you risk draw stuffing polyester outside.

All the items except for the eye whites are made with 1.25 mm crochet hook.

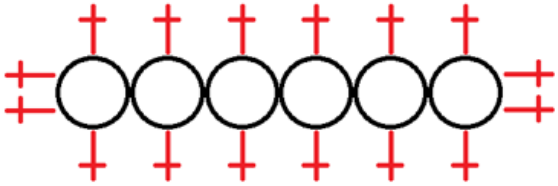
Legs

Make two. Work in continuous spiral! Do not shift the marker if it is not stated otherwise!

Hooves

Start with dark-brown yarn.

1) ch 7. 2 sc into 2nd ch from the hook, 4 sc, 4 sc in last ch, turn work and continue along the opposite side of the beginning chain: 4 sc, 2 sc in last ch (16)





2) (2 sc in next st) * 2, 4 sc, (2 sc in next st) * 4, 4 sc, (2 sc in next st) * 2 (24)

3) (sc, 2 sc in next st) * 2, 4 sc, (2 sc in next st, sc) * 2, (sc, 2 sc in next st) * 2, 4 sc, (2 sc in next st, sc) * 2 (32). Outline of the sole on a piece of plastic and cut it out.

4) sc blo in each st around (32)

5-6) 13 sc, 6 hdc, 13 sc (32)

Insert the plastic sole inside the hoof.



7) 12 sc, (2 hdc tog) * 4, 12 sc (28)

Change the yarn to pink color yarn.

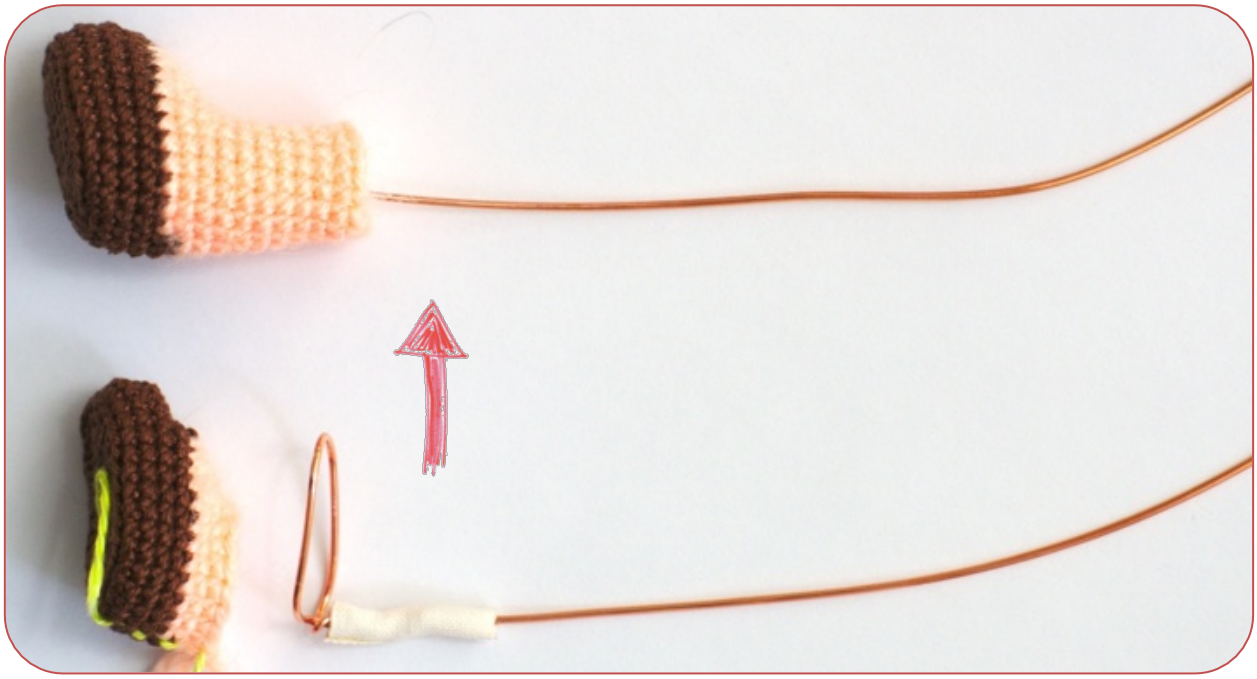
8) 10 sc, (2 hdc tog) * 4, 10 sc (24)

9) 8 sc, (2 hdc tog) * 4, 8 sc (20)

10) 6 sc, (2 hdc tog) * 4, 6 sc (16)

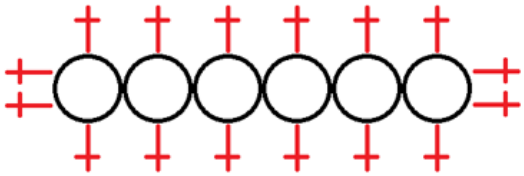
11-17) sc in each st around (16). Shift the marker to the center of the back of the foot making some shift sts, ss. Fasten off.

Insert a 20-cm wire frame: at one end of the wire make a loop to fit into the foot. Wrap the sharp ends of the wire with plaster. Insert the frame into the foot. Stuff the foot with polyester.



Make the sole of the shoe with light-brown yarn:

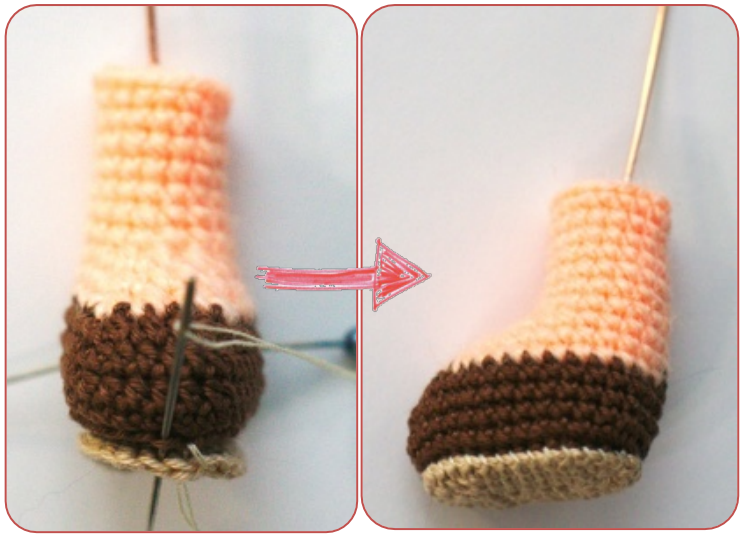
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2) (2 sc in next st) * 2, 4 sc, (2 sc in next st) * 4, 4 sc, (2 sc in next st) * 2 (24)

3) (sc, 2 sc in next st) * 2, 4 sc, (2 sc in next st, sc) * 2, (sc, 2 sc in next st) * 2, 4 sc, (2 sc in next st, sc) * 2 (32)

Thread a needle with a tread of a matching color and join the sole and the hoof inserting the needle under front loops of Rnd 4.



Arms

Make two. Work in continuous spiral.

Start with hooves with dark-brown yarn.

1) make a MR, 6 sc into the ring (6)

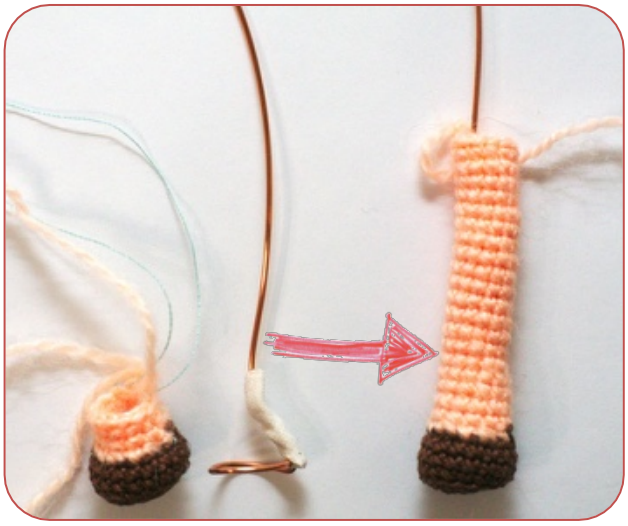
2) 2 sc in each st around (12)

3) (sc, 2 sc in next st) * 6 (18). Outline of the sole on a piece of plastic and cut it out.

4) sc in each st blo (18)
5-6) sc in each st around (18)

Insert the plastic into the hoof to make it flat. Insert a 20-cm wire frame: at one end of the wire make a loop to fit into the hoof. Wrap the sharp ends of the wire with plaster. Insert the frame into the hoof. Stuff the hoof with polyester. Change the yarn into pink color yarn.

7) (sc, 2 sc tog) * 6 (12 sts)
8-26) sc in each st around (12). Ss at the end of the last rnd. Fasten off. Stuff half of the arm with polyester.



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Results of the pattern testing

I am extremely grateful to the girls who helped me test the pattern. They helped me not only check the pattern, but also made valuable suggestions, corrections and ideas.

Girl, the pig by Irina Gorelova (Irgo). Yarn: Pehorka Uspeshnaya to make all the parts except for eye whites. The eye whites are made with sewing thread with two strands together. 0.5 mm crochet hook to make the eyes. 1.2 mm crochet hook to make all the other parts. The toy is 14 cm tall.



Muse by Irina Gochshina. The toy is made with Alize Angora Gold Batik Design yarn, the dress is made with Pehorka Zhemchuzhnaya yarn and with 1.0 mm crochet hook. The eyes whites are made with Pehorka Azhurnaya yarn and 1.0 mm crochet hook. Embroidery thread to decorate the dress. Some cotton yarn to make the wreath and the harp. The toy is 17 cm tall.



Muse by Irina Beznutrova (Myst). Yarn: Pehorka Detskaya Novinka, Pehorka Bisernaya, Pehorka Streychevaya, leftover of Vita Brilliant (for the wreath) and Nako Paris (for the wings). The toy is 25 cm tall.



Muse by Aliona (Ksit) Body: Alize Diva, dress, hooves: Pehorka Rukodelnaia. Wreath, harp, belt: Iris by Kirov Yarn Mills; wings: Kamteks Khlopok Travka. The toy is 18 cm tall.



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