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# Crochet Pattern

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Skill level: Intermediate

# Funny Meerkat

## About this pattern

The toy is crocheted in continuous spirals without joining the rounds. You will need a stitch marker to keep track of where the beginning of each round starts. Move the marker up to the first stitch of the next round after finishing the previous one.
If you don't have a stitch marker you can always use a scrap of contrasting yarn instead. You can see it in my photos.

I use USA terminology for my pattern (don't worry if you use UK terms, all the differences are explained in the pattern).

## Finished size

Finished size approx. 30 cm (11.8 inches) tall using the materials stated in the pattern.

*Happy crocheting!*

## Materials and tools

- ✓ **Yarn**:
  - Any color of your choice - any moderately fluffy yarn. I used "Kid Royal" by Alize (Lace, 62% Mohair, 38% Nylon (Polyamide); 250 meters/25 grams) working in 2 strands.
- ✓ Crochet hook. I used 1.75 mm (approximately US steel hook 6, UK steel hook 3 ½).
- ✓ Small amount of white polymer clay for the white of the eyes. You can crochet the whites of the eyes instead (instructions are given).
- ✓ Two small black beads for the pupils of the eyes or safety eyes. I used 1 mm in diameter.
- ✓ Any stuffing.
- ✓ Single core copper electrical wire (or steel wire) 1 mm diameter for the arms, legs and tail. I used approximately 100 cm (approximately 40 inches). Use only copper or steel wire for the frame as they can better stand bending compared to aluminum. You can buy it at electric supplies stores or craft store as wire for making jewelry.
- ✓ Tapestry needle.
- ✓ Strong thread for tightening.
- ✓ Transparent glue.
- ✓ Coarse needle for felting (if you will felt the mouth).
- ✓ Small amount of dark brown wool for felting for the mouth.
- ✓ Velcro or brush to brush up the toy.
- ✓ Any material for tinting (optional). I used oil pastel.

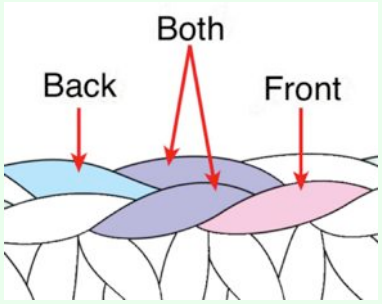





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**Tip (make it right)**

If there are no special notes, the toy is crocheted under both parts of the loop. In some rows, there are special notes: 'into the front loop only' or 'into the back loop only'. In that case, you need to follow these instructions.




**Tip (make it right)**

When making toys the right side looks like this:



And the backside looks like this:



## Abbreviations

ch(s) = chain(s)
st(s) = stitch(es)
sl st = slip stitch
sc(s) = single crochet(s)
inc(s) = increasing(s) (2 sc in 1 st)
dec(s) = decreasing(s) (sc2tog)
sc2tog = single crochet two stitches together
rnd = round

If there is a record in the brackets in the pattern, multiplied by some number, for example (3 sc, 1 inc) x 3, it means you need to repeat this action 3 times, that is 3 sc, 1 inc, 3 sc, 1 inc, 3 sc, 1 inc.

**TIP (yarn and wire)**

If you use different yarn, the toy will be bigger or smaller and you will need more or less yarn and wire than stated in the pattern (i.e. thicker yarn will produce a larger toy and you may require more yarn and wire).

If you decide to use thicker yarn you should buy thicker wire as well. The thicker your yarn the taller the toy will be.

**Tip (gauge)**

When making toys, you should use a much smaller hook than recommended for the yarn you choose.
Make sure you crochet tight enough; otherwise, the stuffing will show through the holes.

### USA/UK terminology comparison chart.

| Abbreviations USA | Abbreviations UK |
|---|---|
| ch - chain | ch - chain |
| sc - single crochet | dc - double crochet |
| hdc - half double crochet | htr - half treble |
| dc - double crochet | tr - treble |
| tr - treble (triple crochet) | dtr - double treble |
| dtr - double treble | tr tr - triple treble |
| sl st - slip stitch | sl - slip stitch |

Other differences in crochet terminology used:

| Terminology USA | Terminology UK |
|---|---|
| fasten off | cast off |
| skip | miss |
| gauge | tension |
| yarn over (yo) | yarn over hook (yoh) |

### Skill levels

BEGINNER — Projects for first-time crocheters using basic stitches. Minimal shaping.

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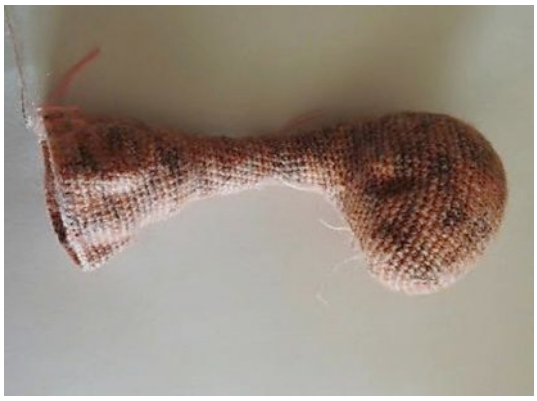
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## Tip (shift stitch)

While working, you will need to keep the work symmetrical. As work tends to twist to the right you need to adjust position of the marker periodically (beginning of round). If you notice that marker moves right, you need to work one extra stitch in the end of round and move marker for one stitch (now 2nd st of the round becomes 1st). This is shift stitch – it is not included in description of rounds.

Usually you have to do shift stitches every 3-5 rounds (depending on the yarn, hook and your gauge). To check if it is time to work shift stitch fold your work in half and check if marker still goes straight.





## Head-Body

## Tip (marker)

The marker goes from the top of the head along the center to the back. Do not remove the marker until the toy is finished.

## Tip (wire for the body)

If you want to pose the head of the toy you can insert wire into the body. Length of the wire should be about 70 rounds of the body + 40 rounds for a tail. My toy made without wire for the body so it is not mentioned in the pattern where to insert it.

Stuff firmly as you go but do not overstuff.

**1 Rnd:** 6 sc in magic ring = 6 sts

**2 Rnd:** 6 inc = 12 sts

**3 Rnd:** (1 inc, 1 sc) x 6 = 18 sts

**4 Rnd:** (1 inc, 2 sc) x 6 = 24 sts

**5 Rnd:** 5 sc, 2 inc, 4 sc, 2 inc, 4 sc, 2 inc, 5 sc = 30 sts

**6 Rnd:** (6 sc, 2 inc) x 3, 6 sc = 36 sts

**7 Rnd:** 7 sc, 2 inc, (8 sc, 2 inc) x 2, 7 sc = 42 sts

**8 Rnd:** 20 sc, 2 inc, 20 sc = 44 sts

**9 Rnd:** 8 sc, 1 inc, 12 sc, 2 inc, 12 sc, 1 inc, 8 sc = 48 sts

**10 Rnd:** 11 sc, 1 inc, 11 sc, 2 inc, 11 sc, 1 inc, 11 sc = 52 sts

**11 Rnd:** 10 sc, 1 inc, 14 sc, 2 inc, 14 sc, 1 inc, 10 sc = 56 sts

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