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Crochet Pattern

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Skill level: Intermediate



Fima the Pig

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

Approx. 17 cm/6.7 inches tall using the materials stated in the pattern.

Happy crocheting!

Materials and tools

- ✓ Main yarn – I used approximately 25 g of pink "Andre Classic" by Alpina (60% acrylic, 35% rayon, 5% spandex) that has 530 m in a 100g skein.

Tip: *You can use any moderately fluffy yarn (wool, acrylic, etc). The thicker the yarn, the bigger your toy will be. See the Gauge section.*

- ✓ Small amount of white smooth yarn for the whites of the eyes – I used 400 cm/157.5 inches. It should be slightly thinner than your main yarn (800-900m in a 100g skein). See gauge section.

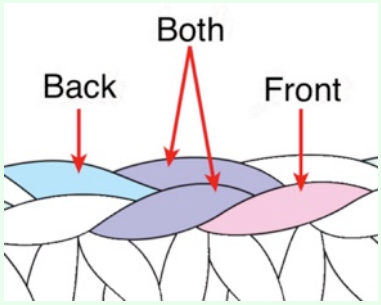
Tip: *If you need exactly the same yarn visit this shop https://www.etsy.com/shop/LittleOwlsHutRUSSIAN*

- ✓ Matching crochet hook. I used 1.75 mm crochet hook for my main yarn and 1.25 mm for the yarn for the eyes.
- ✓ Two black beads – I used 4 mm in diameter.
- ✓ Single core copper PVC electrical wire – I used wire approximately 100 cm / 39.4 inches long 1.2 mm in diameter.
- ✓ Transparent glue, stuffing
- ✓ Adhesive fabric tape approximately 1 cm wide to wrap the wire ends.
- ✓ Any material for tinting (optional) – oil pastels, oil paints, pencils, etc.
- ✓ Strong thread for needle sculpting.

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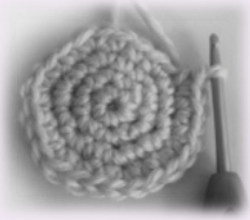
Tip (make it right)

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)
Rnd = round
dc = double crochet

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)

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).

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.

EASY — Projects using yarn with basic stitches, repetitive stitch patterns, simple color changes, and simple shaping and finishing.

INTERMEDIATE — Projects using a variety of techniques, such as basic lace patterns or color patterns, mid-level shaping and finishing.

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Tip (shift stitch)

While working, you will need to keep the work symmetrical. As the work tends to twist to the right you need to adjust the position of the marker periodically (beginning of round). If you notice that the marker moves right, you need to work one extra stitch (or more) at the end of the round and move the marker for one stitch (now the 2nd st of the round becomes 1st). If you notice that the marker moves left, you need to unravel one stitch (or more if needed). This is a shift stitch – it is not included in the description of the 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(es), fold your work in half and check if the marker still goes straight.

You should keep the marker in a straight line on some parts of the toy. Instructions for the marker are given in the description of each part of the toy if needed.

Gauge (if you want the toy to be the size mentioned in the pattern)

Crochet two swatches using your main yarn and yarn for the eyes and matching crochet hooks to make sure that you have chosen the right yarns and hooks for the toy 17 cm/6.7 inches tall.

Instruction for both swatches:

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring

Rnd 2: 6 inc = 12 sts

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

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

Rnd 5: (3 sc, 1 inc) x 6 = 30 sts

Rnd 6: (4 sc, 1 inc) x 6 = 36 sts

Rnd 7: (5 sc, 1 inc) x 6 = 42 sts

Compare your swatches with the swatches in the next picture. They should be the same size as your swatches. If not, take a bigger or smaller hook than you used before (depending on the result) and work other swatches. If it does not help – choose different yarn and make other swatches.



Need help?

If you need any help with this pattern you are welcome to ask questions in our Ravelry group.

https://goo.gl/3etv5n

Search for the thread about this pattern using pattern name.

Ladies who already made this toy would be able to help you with this project.

All parts of the toy (except for the whites of the eye) are crocheted with main yarn.

Arm (make 2)

There is no need to check if the marker goes straight. Stuff the hand area only.

Rnd 1: 8 sc in magic ring = 8 sts

Rnds 2-5: 1 sc in each st around = 8 sts

Stuff the hand area lightly. Do not stuff further.

Rnd 6: 1 dec, 6 sc = 7 sts

Rnd 7: 1 dec, 5 sc = 6 sts

Rnds 8-23: 1 sc in each st around = 6 sts

Fasten off. There is no need to leave a tail.



Leg (make 2)

There is no need to check if the marker goes straight. Stuff the foot area only.

Rnd 1: 8 sc in magic ring = 8 sts

Rnds 2-5: 1 sc in each st around = 8 sts

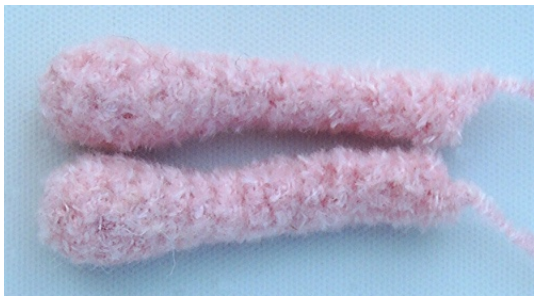
Stuff the foot area lightly. Do not stuff further.

Rnd 6: 1 dec, 6 sc = 7 sts

Rnd 7: 1 dec, 5 sc = 6 sts

Rnds 8-14: 1 sc in each st around = 6 sts

Fasten off. There is no need to leave a tail.



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