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Crochet Pattern

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Skill level: Experienced



Jeremy the Cat

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. 50 cm/19.7 inches when seated using the materials stated in the pattern.

Happy crocheting!

Materials and tools

- ✓ Yarn – I used approximately 7 skeins of white "Softy" by Alize (100% polyester, 50g/115m).

  Tip 1: *If you need exactly the same yarn visit this shop* *https://www.etsy.com/shop/LittleOwlsHutRUSSIAN*

  Tip 2: *You can use any fluffy yarn (chenille, velour, wool, etc). The thicker the yarn, the bigger your toy will be. Make sure the yarn you use is soft. If you use the yarn that is too stiff, you will not be able to shape the muzzle nicely.*

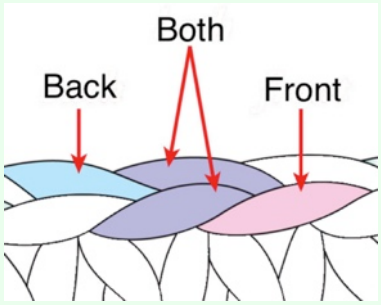
  If you use finer yarn, for example, "Goksim Chenille" by Iplik Tekstil LTD (100% acrylic, 340m/100g), your toy will turn out 30 cm (11.8 inches). In this case you will need approximately 1.5 skein of yarn.
- ✓ Matching crochet hook. I used 2.5 mm crochet hook.
- ✓ A pair of ready-made eyes – I used 18-20 mm in diameter. You can use black half beads, beads or buttons instead.
- ✓ Transparent glue
- ✓ Stuffing
- ✓ Fishing line for the whiskers
- ✓ Any material for tinting (optional) – oil pastels, oil paints,

pencils, etc.

- ✓ Sewing needle and tapestry needle for needle sculpting.
- ✓ Strong thread for needle sculpting.
- ✓ A piece of thick wire, a long foam roller, a piece of foam rubber, etc. to insert inside the neck to keep the neck of the toy stable and prevent the head from flopping (optional) – the quantity and the size depends on the size of your toy.

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



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



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



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



Projects with intricate stitch patterns, techniques and dimension,
such as non-repeating patterns, multi-color techniques, fine threads, small hooks, detailed shaping and refined finishing.

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 in the end of 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.

If you need more explanation about "Shift stitch" read my blog post here >> https://goo.gl/wdSKr6

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

Crochet a swatch using your yarn and matching crochet hook to make sure that you have chosen the right yarn and hook for the toy 50 cm/19.7 inches when seated.

Instruction for the swatch:

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring

Rnd 2: 6 inc = 12 sts

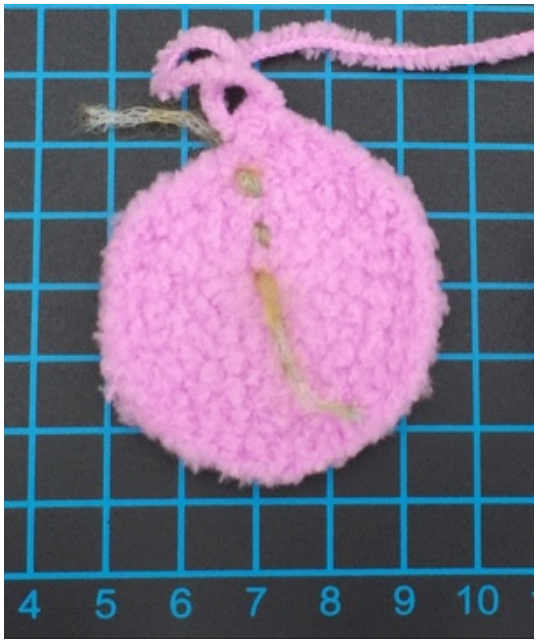
Rnd 3: (1 sc, 1 inc) x 6 = 18 sts

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

Compare your swatch with the one in the next picture. They should me of the same size (the diameter of my swatch is 4.5-5 cm/1.8-2 inches). If not, take a bigger or smaller hook than you used before (depending on the result) and work another swatch. If it does not help – choose different yarn and make other swatch.



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 have already made this toy will help you with this project.

Leg (make 2)

I worked the leg inside out. My yarn looks almost the same from the right and the wrong sides of the crocheted fabric. If you use another type of yarn, work the right side out, adjusting the pattern where needed.

You will notice that I don't leave tails after making the toes and stuff them once they are completed. However, you may want to leave long tails for all toes and use them to close up the gaps in between the toes if needed when they get attached to the foot. Also, you may want to leave the toes unstuffed when attaching. You may find it easier to attach, close the gaps up and then stuff when they are on the foot.

Toe (make 3 for each foot)

Rnd 1: 6 sc in magic ring = 6 sts

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

Rnds 5-8: 1 sc in each st around = 24 sts

Rnd 9: (2 sc, 1 dec) x 6 = 18 sts

Rnd 10: (1 sc, 1 dec) x 6 = 12 sts

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



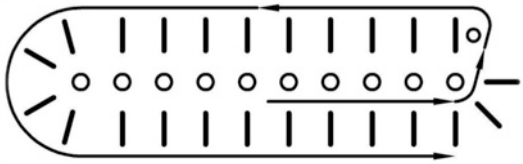
Foot

The round marker goes along the center back. Keep it straight with shift sts of needed.

Ch 11 and work around the foundation chain, starting from 2nd ch from the hook:

Rnd 1: 9 sc, 4 sc in last ch, rotate and work down the other side of the foundation chain: 8 sc, 3 sc in last ch = 24 sts

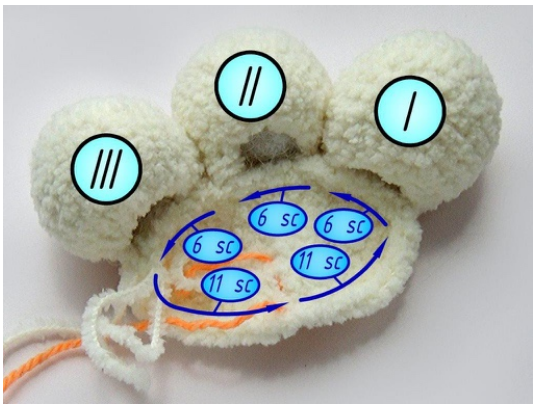
Work 5 sc and move the round marker.

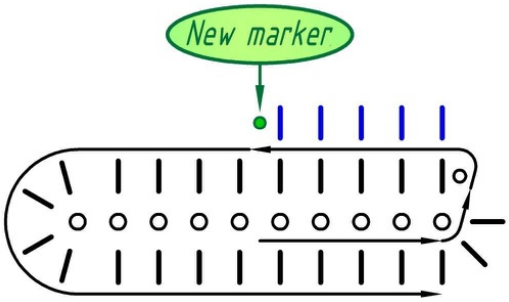






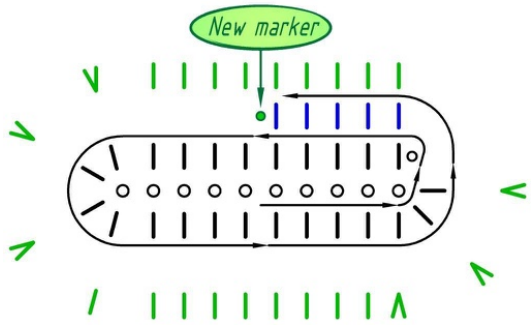








Rnd 2: 4 sc, 3 inc, 9 sc, 3 inc, 5 sc = 30 sts





Rnd 3: 6 sc, 3 inc, 12 sc, 3 inc, 6 sc = 36 sts

Rnd 4: 8 sc, 2 inc, 16 sc, 2 inc, 8 sc = 40 sts

Rnd 5: 11 sc along the foot, work 6 sc hooking through the sts of the foot together with the sts of the toe #1, work 6 sc hooking through the sts of the foot together with the sts of the toe #2, work 6 sc hooking through the sts of the foot together with the sts of the toe #3, 11 sc along the foot = 40 sts



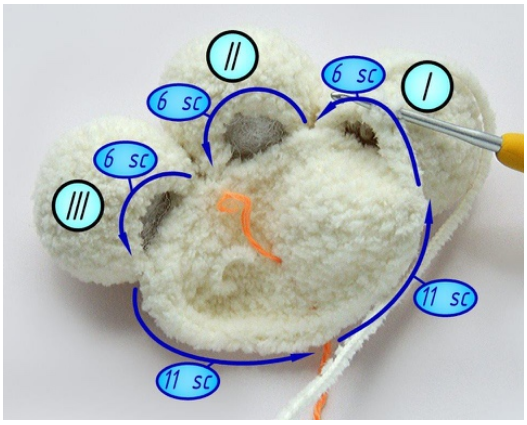








Rnd 6: 11 sc, 6 sc along the remaining unworked sts of toe #1, 6 sc along the remaining unworked sts of toe #2, 6 sc along the remaining unworked sts of toe #3, 11 sc = 40 sts









Rnds 7-10: 1 sc in each st around = 40 sts





Rnd 11: 4 sc, 1 dec, 2 sc, 1 dec, 20 sc, 1 dec, 2 sc, 1 dec, 4 sc = 36 sts

Rnd 12: (3 sc, 1 dec) x 2, 16 sc, (1 dec, 3 sc) x 2 = 32 sts

Rnd 13: 5 sc, 1 dec, 18 sc, 1 dec, 5 sc = 30 sts

Rnds 14-16: 1 sc in each st around = 30 sts

Rnd 17: 6 sc, 1 dec, 14 sc, 1 dec, 6 sc = 28 sts

Rnd 18: 4 sc, 1 dec, 7 sc, 1 inc, 8 sc, 1 dec, 4 sc = 27 sts

Rnd 19: 4 sc, 1 dec, 7 sc, 1 inc, 7 sc, 1 dec, 4 sc = 26 sts

Rnd 20: 4 sc, 1 dec, 7 sc, 1 inc, 6 sc, 1 dec, 4 sc = 25 sts

Rnd 21: 4 sc, 1 dec, 6 sc, 1 inc, 6 sc, 1 dec, 4 sc = 24 sts

Rnd 22: 4 sc, 1 dec, 5 sc, 1 inc, 6 sc, 1 dec, 4 sc = 23 sts

Rnd 23: 4 sc, 1 dec, 5 sc, 1 inc, 5 sc, 1 dec, 4 sc = 22 sts

Rnd 24: 3 sc, 1 dec, 5 sc, 1 inc, 6 sc, 1 dec, 3 sc = 21 sts

Rnd 25: 3 sc, 1 dec, 5 sc, 1 inc, 5 sc, 1 dec, 3 sc = 20 sts

Rnd 26: 3 sc, 1 dec, 4 sc, 1 inc, 5 sc, 1 dec, 3 sc = 19 sts

Rnd 27: 3 sc, 1 dec, 4 sc, 1 inc, 4 sc, 1 dec, 3 sc = 18 sts

Rnd 28: 2 sc, 1 dec, 3 sc, 1 inc, 2 sc, 1 inc, 3 sc, 1 dec, 2 sc = 18 sts

Rnd 29: 2 sc, 2 dec, 1 sc, 1 inc, 2 sc, 1 inc, 1 sc, 2 dec, 2 sc = 16 sts

Rnd 30: 2 sc, 1 dec, (2 sc, 1 inc) x 2, 2 sc, 1 dec, 2 sc = 16 sts

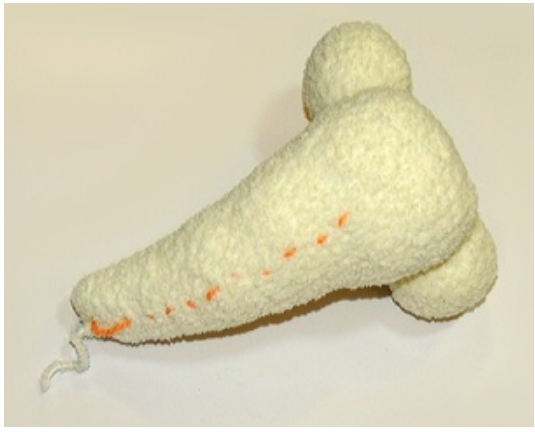
Stuff firmly.

Rnd 31: (2 sc, 1 dec) x 4 = 12 sts

Rnd 32: 6 dec = 6 sts

Fasten off, leaving a tail. Close up the opening and weave in loose ends.









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