CROCHET YOUR OWN
Kawaii Animal Cuties

INCLUDES 12 ADORABLE PATTERNS
and Materials to Make A Shiba Puppy and Sloth

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ABOUT THIS BOOK

This book will teach you to make kawaii amigurumi animals. What's kawaii? Kawaii is the Japanese word for "cute" that has spread around the world thanks to the internet and cute memes. These 12 animals are among the most popular kawaii animals on the internet.

ABBREVIATIONS CHART

Abbreviation	Term
BLO	back loop only
ch	chain or chains
dc	double crochet
FLO	front loop only
hdc	half double crochet
inc	increase
invdec	invisible decrease
pc	popcorn stitch
rnd	round
sc	single crochet
sc2tog	single crochet 2 together
sl st	slip stitch
st(s)	stitch(es)
tr	treble crochet
YO	yarn over

NOTES ON TOOLS & MATERIALS

Yarn

Acrylic yarns work well for amigurumi (the Japanese word, now used worldwide, for knitted or crocheted stuffed figures), because they are easily available, come in a wide range of colors, and work up into sturdy, machine washable pieces.

The patterns in this book were designed with worsted weight yarn, but any yarn weight will work. As long as you use the same weight thoughout, your animal will turn out just as cute, but smaller or bigger than the original depending on the weight used. The individual projects need only small amounts of yarn, so they are perfect for using up leftovers.

Hook Size and Gauge

Exact gauge is not important in these projects, as long as you work tightly enough to create a firm fabric that doesn't show gaps when the toy is stuffed. To achieve this, use a hook size smaller than recommended on the yarn's label. The original projects use an E-4 (3.5 mm) with worsted weight yarn, but this is only a guideline; feel free to experiment to find what best suits your yarn choice and crocheting style.

Stitch Markers

Use a split ring marker to keep track of the beginning of rounds or to mark specific stitches for orientation. If you don't have plastic markers, you can improvise with safety pins or paper clips.
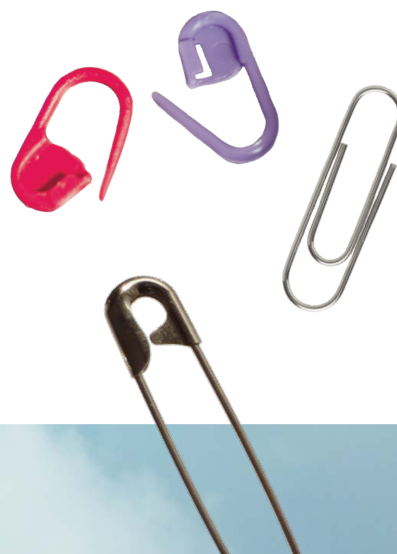
Fiberfill Stuffing

Polyester fiberfill is easily available and economical and makes resilient, washable toys. Be sure to stuff pieces firmly, as stuffing will settle over time. A pair of tweezers can be used to push stuffing through small openings.

Needles and Pins

Blunt tapestry or yarn needles are recommended for sewing knit and crochet pieces, but for amigurumi a chenille needle, which is a large embroidery needle with a sharp point, can be useful to pierce through the yarn for a neat join. A smaller embroidery needle is useful for creating fine details like mouths, or when working close to safety eyes. Craft pins are helpful for holding pieces together while you sew them together.

Embroidery Floss and Thread

Embroidery floss is made of six loosely twisted, thin cotton strands. Always start by separating the individual strands, even if using all six. This will produce flatter, smoother stitches.

Embroidery thread is a single strand that works well for crochet and comes in a wider range of colors than most crochet threads. Size 8 pearl cotton embroidery thread can be substituted for size 20 crochet thread.

Plastic Eyes

The eye sizes in this book are appropriate for worsted weight yarn; if you use a different yarn weight, you will need to adjust the eye size accordingly. The instruction for eye placement refers to the distance between the eye stems/centers of the eyes, which remains constant regardless of yarn weight and eye size. For perfectly placed safety eyes, stuff the head and use pins to find the right position. Stick the eyes in place, then remove the fiberfill stuffing and attach the washers. Push the washer onto the eye stem with the bulge pointing away from the eye.

Glue-on eyes can be used when the area is too small for the stems and washers of safety eyes to fit. In addition, a wire cutter can be used to clip the stems of safety eyes close to the washer to facilitate fit in a tight space. *Please note that small plastic parts are considered a choking hazard for babies and small children. When making toys for a young recipient, use embroidery to create the eyes.*

Chenille Stems or Pipe Cleaners

Chenille stems or pipe cleaners are used for amigurumi projects because the bristles help to integrate wire and yarn, and they are fairly soft so unlikely to cause injuries. Still, they are best avoided in toys for children—even the best quality wire will tire and break after too much bending, and the resulting sharp ends might be dangerous.

CROCHET STITCHES & TECHNIQUES

Fig. A

Fig. B

Fig. C

This chapter contains a short primer on the techniques you will need, but if you are new to crochet, practice the basics before beginning the projects in this book. Many yarn shops offer classes, or you can look up video tutorials online.

How to Read the Instructions

Every line starts with the round/row number in bold, and ends with the stitch count. Brackets indicate instructions to be repeated a specified number of times.

Slip Knot

Use a slip knot to begin a chain. Make a loop on the yarn a few inches from the end. **(Fig. A)** Insert hook through the loop and grab the yarn end connected to the skein. Pull the strand through the loop and tighten the knot. **(Fig. B)**

Yarn Over (YO)

Wrap the yarn around the hook from back to front.

Chain (ch)

Make a slip knot, unless you are in the middle of a piece and already have a loop on your hook, YO, and pull yarn through the loop on hook. **(Fig. C)** Repeat as many times as required. The loop on the hook doesn't count as a chain, so skip it when counting stitches.

Working into a Chain

Skip the chain nearest to the hook and work your first stitch in the 2nd or 3rd chain from the hook. When you look at a row of chain stitches, the front will look like a series of tiny Vs, and the back will have a single ridge of loops. **(Fig. D)** For the most symmetrical look, insert your hook into the back ridge rather than the front loops to work the first row of stitches.

Working into Stitches

Every stitch has two loops in a small V shape on top. Insert your hook under both loops of the V unless otherwise instructed.

Front/Back Loop Only (FLO/BLO)

When you look at the V on top of the stitch, the strand closest to you is called the front loop and the strand farthest from you is called the back loop. If you need to work in FLO, insert your hook under the closest loop only. If you need to work BLO, insert your hook under the farthest loop only. **(Fig. E)**

Single Crochet (sc)

This is the stitch used most for amigurumi. Insert your hook into the stitch or chain, YO and draw up a loop (pull the yarn through). There will be 2 loops on the hook. YO and pull yarn through both loops on hook. **(Fig. F)**

Increase (inc)

These patterns use inc to mean a single-crochet increase: work 2 single crochet stitches in the same stitch. **(Fig. G)**

Fig. D

Fig. E

front loop (flo)   back loop (blo)   both loops
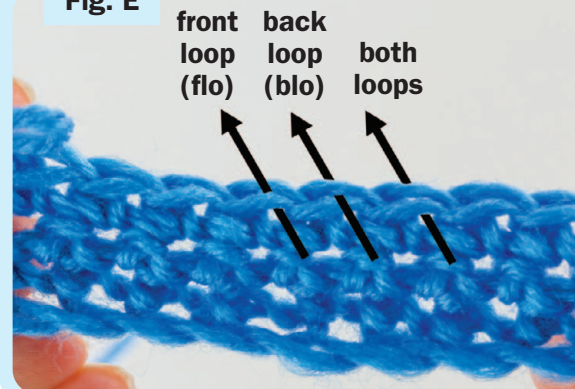
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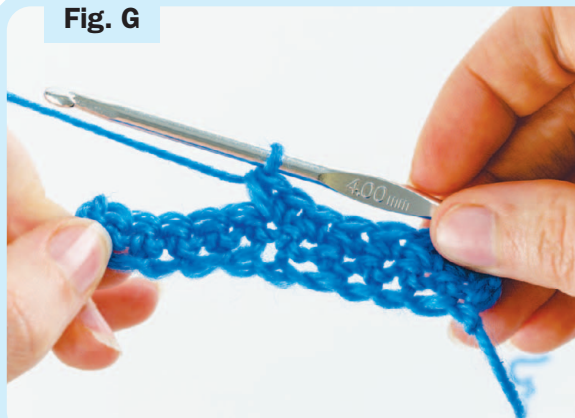
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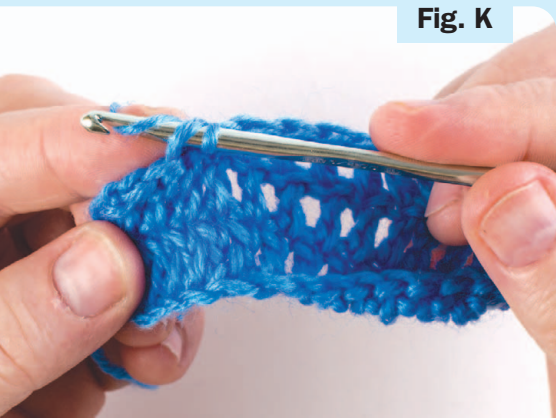
Single Crochet 2 Stitches Together (sc2tog)

Insert hook in the stitch, YO, and draw up a loop, insert hook in the next st, YO, and draw up a loop again (3 loops on hook) **(Fig H)**, YO and pull through all loops on the hook to decrease one stitch. **(Figs. I and J)**

Invisible Decrease (invdec)

While this stitch can be replaced by the more common sc2tog, it produces a much smoother look, so it's really worth learning for amigurumi. Insert hook in the front loop only of the st (no YO here!) then swing the hook slightly downward and insert it into the front loop of the next st, YO and draw up a loop through both front loops, YO and pull through the 2 loops on hook to decrease one stitch.

Slip Stitch (sl st)

Insert hook into the stitch or chain, YO and pull yarn through both the stitch or chain and the loop on hook. **(Fig. K)**

Be careful to keep the stitch loose: the V on top should be the same size as the tops of the other stitches in the row or round. If the slip stitch is too tight, it will be difficult to insert the hook in the next round, or the work might pucker.

Half Double Crochet (hdc)

YO, insert hook into the stitch or chain, YO and draw up a loop (there will be 3 loops on hook). YO and pull through all 3 loops.

Double Crochet (dc)

YO, insert hook into the stitch or chain **(Fig. L)**, YO and draw up a loop (there will be 3 loops on hook), YO and pull through 2 loops on hook, YO and pull through the remaining 2 loops on hook. **(Fig. M)**

Treble Crochet (tr)

YO twice, insert hook into the stitch, YO and draw up a loop (there will be 4 loops on hook), *YO and pull through 2 loops on hook, repeat from * twice more.

Popcorn Stitch (pc)

Popcorn stitches can be created with varying numbers and types of component stitches; these are always specified at the beginning of each pattern. The method however remains the same (4dc-pc is used for illustration here).

Work 4 dc (or the specified number and type of stitches) into the same st. Drop the open loop from the hook and insert hook into the first stitch of the group. **(Fig. N on page 12)** Catch the dropped loop and pull it through the st **(Fig. O on page 12)**, then ch 1 to secure the popcorn.

Skip Stitches

Leave the designated number of stitches unworked and continue in the next stitch, working in the same direction as before.

Fasten Off

To finish your piece, cut the yarn 3–4 inches from the hook (or more, if the yarn end is needed for sewing), and pull the end through the last loop on the hook.

Fig. L

Fig. M
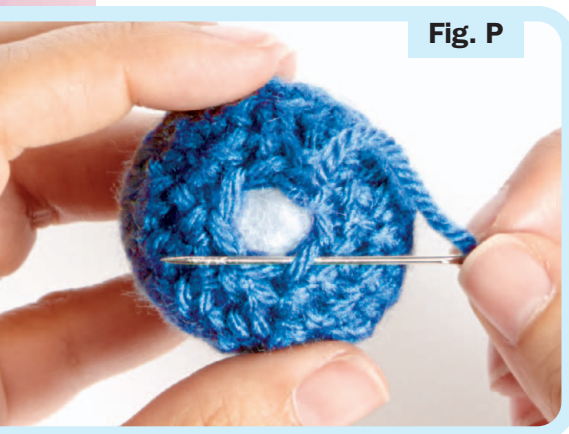
Close the Remaining Hole

After fastening off, thread the yarn tail through a yarn needle and insert through the front loop of the next st and pull through the yarn end. **(Fig P)** Repeat in each st around the hole, then pull the end to close the gap. Thread the remaining end through the center, and the seam will become almost invisible. **(Fig. Q)**

Weave in Yarn Ends

In amigurumi, many yarn ends luckily end up on the inside of the piece, so we don't have to deal with them. But there is the end left after closing up a body part, as well as the leftover yarn after sewing together pieces. To secure these, stitch through the body several times to catch the yarn in the stuffing. Pull tight and cut the end close to the crochet fabric and allow the tension to pull it inside the body.

For flat pieces, weave in the end by sewing through several stitches, then cut the rest as close to the fabric as possible.

Working in Continuous Rounds

Amigurumi is mostly crocheted in rounds, starting with a small circle of stitches and progressing in a continuous spiral without turning or joining. To keep track of the beginnings/ends of your rounds, place a stitch marker in the first stitch of the round, moving it up as you start each round.

Adjustable Ring

The adjustable ring is a nice technique to begin work in the round, because it creates a small circle of stitches with no gap in the center. Make a circle of the yarn to form a ring, insert hook through this ring, YO and draw up a loop, then ch 1. Work the first round of stitches over both the ring and the free yarn end, then pull on the free end (tail) to close the ring.

Right and Wrong Sides

When working in rounds without turning, the right side of the work is the side facing you while you work. This is the outside of the piece. On the right side, individual stitches resemble small Vs. **(Fig. R)** On the wrong side, they are like an upside down V with a horizontal bar on top. **(Fig. S)**

It is quite common for the piece to curl in the wrong direction as you stitch. Check after the first two or three rounds, and if necessary turn the piece right side out.

Working in Rows

Working in rows requires turning your piece at the end of every row to work the next row. **(Fig. U)** To keep the ends of the rows neat, work a "turning chain" at the end of the row. Turning chains don't count as stitches, so omit them if you are checking your stitch count. **(Fig. T)**

Changing Colors

To change colors seamlessly, stop working the last st with the old color when the last 2 loops are on the hook, YO with the new color and pull it through the loops on hook. **(Fig. U)** Cut the old color, and tie the two ends together on the inside.

Fig. R

Fig. S

Fig. T

Fig. U

Sloth

SLOW AND STEADY wins…everything! These sleepy tree dwellers love to hang out and nap the day away.

- ♥ Worsted weight yarn in charcoal, gray and cream
- ♥ Black embroidery floss
- ♥ Fiberfill stuffing
- ♥ Two 7.5 mm black plastic safety eyes

- ♥ One 6 mm black plastic safety eye
- ♥ 12" pipe cleaner (chenille stem)
- ♥ E-4 (3.5 mm) crochet hook
- ♥ Yarn needle
- ♥ Embroidery needle

FINISHED SIZE: About 3" tall

DONT WORRY BE HAPPY!

Fig. A

Fig. B

INSTRUCTIONS

Eye Markings (Make 2)

With charcoal, make a slip knot, ch 5. Sl st in 4th ch from hook. Cut the yarn leaving an 8" tail, then tug on the loop on the hook until the end is pulled through. Thread the yarn end in a needle and stitch through the same (4th) ch, to the back of the piece. **(Fig. A)** Push the stem of a 7.5 mm safety eye through the ring created by the chains. **(Fig. B)**

Head and Body

RND 1: With gray, make an adjustable ring and sc 6.

- Pull tail to close ring.
- Place a marker for beginning of rnds.

RND 2: Inc in each sc—12 sts.

RND 3: [Sc in next st, inc in next st] 6 times—18 sts.

RND 4: [Inc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] 6 times—24 sts.

RND 5: Sc in each st—24 sts.

RND 6: Sc in next 11 sts; change to cream, sc in next 2 sts; change to gray, sc in next 2 sts; change to cream, sc in next 2 sts; change to gray, sc in next 7 sts—24 sts.

RND 7: Sc 10; change to cream, sc in next 8 sts; change to gray, sc in next 6 sts—24 sts.

RND 8: [Inc in next st, sc in next 3 sts] twice, inc in next st, sc in next st; change to cream, [sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st, sc in next st] twice; change to gray, sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st, sc in next 3 sts—30 sts.

RNDS 9 AND 10: Sc in next 13 sts; change to cream, sc in next 10 sts; change to gray, sc in next 7 sts—30 sts. **(Fig. C on p. 16)**

Fig. C

Fig. D

Fig. E

Fig. F

RND 11: [Invdec, sc in next 3 sts] twice, invdec, sc in next 2 sts; change to cream, sc in next st, invdec, sc in next 4 sts, invdec; change to gray, sc in next 2 sts, invdec, sc in next 3 sts—24 sts.

PLACE EYES:

- Insert eye markings with the 7.5 mm safety eyes between rnds 8 and 9, 6 sts apart and 2 sts from the edge of the face coloring, making sure the tail of the eye markings is pointing towards the lower corners of the face coloring.
- Insert the 6 mm safety eye between the eyes for the sloth's nose. **(Fig. D)**

RND 12: [Invdec, sc in following st] 8 times—16 sts.

- Stuff the head.

RND 13: Invdec 8 times—8 sts.

RND 14: [Sc in next st, inc in next st] 4 times—12 sts.

RND 15: [Inc in next st, sc in following 3 sts] 3 times—15 sts.

RNDS 16–18 (3 RNDS): Sc in each st—15 sts.

RND 19: [Invdec, sc in next 3 sts] 3 times—12 sts.

- Using tweezers, insert more fiberfill stuffing into head to make sure it is firmly stuffed, then stuff body.

RND 20: Invdec 6 times—6 sts.

- Fasten off and use the yarn end to close the hole.

FINISH FACE:

- Using the charcoal yarn ends, sew the tips of the eye markings to the face. **(Fig. E)**
- Thread embroidery needle with 4 strands of black embroidery floss for the mouth. Using photo as guide, bring out the needle at one corner of the mouth. Insert it at the other corner and bring it out at the middle, one row lower than the corners. **(Fig. F)** Pass the needle through the loop and tighten gently to create a curved shape. Then insert the needle at the same point, to anchor the curve. **(Fig. G on page 17)**

Arms (Make 2)

RND 1: With gray, make an adjustable ring and sc 6.

- Pull tail to close ring.
- Place a marker for beginning of rnds.

RNDS 2–11 (10 RNDS): Sc in each st—6 sts.

- Sl st in next st and fasten off, leaving a long yarn end. Do not stuff the arms.
- For posable arms, fold back about 1/8" of the pipe cleaner end and slip pipe cleaner inside arm. Trim to fit. **(Fig. H)**
- Pin and sew the arms to the sides of the body right under the neck. **(Fig. I)**

Legs (Make 2)

- **RND 1:** With gray, make an adjustable ring and sc 6.
- Pull tail to close ring.
- Place a marker for beginning of rnds.

RNDS 2–7 (6 RNDS): Sc in each st—6 sts.

- Sl st in next st and fasten off, leaving a long yarn end. Do not stuff the legs.
- If desired, place pipe cleaners in legs as for arms.
- Pin and sew the legs to the sides of the body, 1 row below the arms. **(Fig. J)**

Fig. G

Fig. H

Fig. I

Fig. J

Shiba Inu

THIS JAPANESE BREED might be the first dog to ever be considered "kawaii."

THE "DOGE"

CUTE FACTS

- **FAVORITE ACTIVITIES:** Judging
- **KNOWN AS:** The cat of the dog world

#OhWowMuchCrochet #ShibaDoge

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- ♥ Worsted weight yarn in orange and white
- ♥ Pink embroidery floss
- ♥ Fiberfill stuffing
- ♥ Two 7.5 mm black plastic safety eyes
- ♥ One 6 mm black plastic safety eye
- ♥ E-4 (3.5 mm) crochet hook
- ♥ Yarn needle
- ♥ Embroidery needle

FINISHED SIZE: About 3" tall

INSTRUCTIONS

Head and Body

RND 1: With orange, make an adjustable ring and sc 6.

• Pull tail to close ring.

• Place a marker for beginning of rnds.

RND 2: Inc in each st—12 sts.

RND 3: [Sc in next st, inc in next st] 6 times—18 sts.

RND 4: [Inc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] 6 times—24 sts.

RNDS 5–7 (3 RNDS): Sc in each st—24 sts.

RND 8: [Sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st, sc in next st] 6 times—30 sts.

RND 9: Sc in next 11 sts; change to white, sc in next 9 sts; change to orange, sc in next 10 sts—30 sts.

RND 10: Sc in next 12 sts; change to white, sc in next 7 sts; change to orange, sc in next 11 sts—30 sts.

RND 11: [Invdec, sc in next 3 sts] twice, invdec, sc in next st; change to white, sc in next 2 sts, invdec, sc in next st; change to orange, sc in next 2 sts, [invdec, sc 3] 2 times—24 sts.

• Cut the white yarn

• Insert safety eyes 6 sts apart between rnds 7 and 8, above the corners of the white patch. **(Fig. A)**

RND 12: [Sc in next st, invdec] 3 times, sc in next st; change to white, invdec twice; change to orange, sc in next st, [invdec, sc in next st] 3 times—16 sts.

• Stuff the head.

RND 13: Invdec 8 times—8 sts.

RND 14: [Sc in next st, inc in next st] 4 times—12 sts.

RND 15: [Inc in next st, sc in next 3 sts] 3 times—15 sts.

RNDS 16–18 (3 RNDS): Sc in each st—15 sts.

RND 19: [Invdec, sc in next 3 sts] 3 times—12 sts.

• Using a pair of tweezers, insert more fiberfill stuffing into the head to make sure it is firmly stuffed, then stuff the body.

RND 20: Invdec 6 times—6 sts.

• Fasten off and use the yarn end to close hole.

Fig. A

Fig. B

Fig. C

Fig. D

Fig. E

Fig. F

Muzzle

RND 1: With white, make an adjustable ring and sc 6.

• Pull tail to close ring.

• Place a marker for beginning of rnd.

RND 2: [Inc in next 2 sts, sc in next st] twice—10 sts.

RND 3: Sc in each st—10 sts.

• Sl st in next st and fasten off leaving a long yarn end.

• Attach 6 mm eye to the muzzle between rnds 1 and 2 for nose. If necessary, use a wire cutter to clip off the stem of the safety eye below the washer.

• Pin the muzzle to the face, so that the top is at rnd 7, and sew it on using the yarn end, stuffing as you go. **(Fig. B on page 19)**

• With white yarn, make two short oblique stitches above and outside of the eyes, to create the eyebrows. **(Fig. C on page 19)**

• Using embroidery needle and 6 strands of pink embroidery floss, make 2 small horizontal stitches under each eye.

Ears (Make 2)

RND 1: With orange, make an adjustable ring and sc 4.

• Pull tail to close ring.

• Place a marker for beginning of rnds.

RND 2: [Inc in next st, sc in next st] twice—6 sts.

RND 3: [Inc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] twice—8 sts.

RND 4: [Inc in next st, sc in next 3 sts] twice—10 sts.

• Sl st in next st and fasten off, leaving a long yarn end.

• Flatten the ears.

• Pin and sew the ears to the head over rnds 3–6. **(Fig. D)**

Inner Ears (Make 2)

ROW 1: With white, make a slip knot, ch 3. Working in the back ridge loops, sc in the 3rd ch from hook—1 st.

• Fasten off, leaving a long yarn end.

• Sew (or glue) these tiny white triangles to the fronts of the ears.

Fig. G

Fig. H

Fig. I

Front Legs (Make 2)

RND 1: With white, make an adjustable ring and sc 6.

- Pull tail to close ring.
- Place a marker for beginning of rnds.

RND 2: Sc in next st, change to orange, sc in next 5 sts—6 sts.

- Cut the white yarn.

RNDS 3–5 (3 RNDS): Sc in each st—6 sts.

- Sl st in next st and fasten off, leaving a long yarn end. Do not stuff the legs.
- Pin and sew the legs to the body with 2 sts between them so that the top of leg is one row below the neck. **(Fig. E on page 20)**

Rear Legs (Make 2)

RND 1: With white, make an adjustable ring and sc 6.

- Pull tail to close ring.
- Place a marker for beginning of rnds.

RND 2: Sc, change to orange, sc in next 5 sts—6 sts.

- Cut the white yarn.

RNDS 3 AND 4: Sc in each st—6 sts.

- Sl st in next st and fasten off, leaving a long yarn end. Do not stuff the legs.

- Pin and sew the legs to the body so that they point forward and out, and the white 'paws' just touch the front paws. **(Fig. F on page 20)**

Tail

ROW 1: With orange, leaving a long yarn end, make a slip knot and ch 10. Working into the back ridge loops, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 8 ch—9 sts.

ROW 2: Ch 1. With the same side facing, rotate the piece to insert hook through the front loop of next sc and the foundation ch. **(Fig. G)** Working in this way, sl st all 9 sts—9 sts.

- Fasten off and weave in end.
- Sew base of tail to bottom of body, then curl tail into a circle. **(Fig. H)**

Belly Patch

ROW 1: With white, make a slip knot, ch 5. Working into the back ridge loops, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 3 sts—4 sts.

- Fasten off, leaving a long yarn end.
- Pin this stripe to body between the front legs, and sew on, attaching at neck and the lowest point at belly. **(Fig. I)**

Pug

THESE WRINKLY MOUTH-BREATHERS have hearts of gold!

#PUG LIFE

CUTE FACTS

- **SIGNATURE FEATURES:** Pug bug eyes and rolls for days
- Snores louder than your grandpa
- Most likely to be voted class clown

#Rolls4Dayz #crochetthememe

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- Worsted weight yarn in beige and black
- Pink embroidery floss
- Fiberfill stuffing
- Small piece of white felt
- Two 7.5 mm black plastic safety eyes
- One 6 mm black plastic glue-on eye (or a safety eye with the shaft cut off)
- Small amount of glue
- E-4 (3.5 mm) crochet hook
- Yarn needle
- Embroidery needle

FINISHED SIZE: About 2 ½" tall

INSTRUCTIONS

Eye Preparation

Pierce a hole into the middle of a small square of white felt, and push stem of a 7.5 mm safety eye through. Cut the felt off around the eye. Repeat for the second eye. **(Fig. A)**

Fig. A

Head and Body

RND 1: With beige, make an adjustable ring and sc 6.

• Pull tail to close ring.

• Place a marker for beginning of rnds.

RND 2: Inc in next 6 sts—12 sts.

RND 3: [Sc in next st, inc in next st] 6 times—18 sts.

RND 4: [Inc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] 6 times—24 sts.

RNDS 5 AND 6: Sc in each st—24 sts.

RND 7: Sc in next 8 sts; change to black, sc in next 2 sts; change to beige, sc in next 4 sts; change to black, sc in next 2 sts; change to beige, sc in next 8 sts—24 sts.

RND 8: [Sc in next st, inc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] twice; change to black, sc in next st, inc in next st; change to beige, sc in next 4 sts; change to black, inc in next st, sc in next st; change to beige, [sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st, sc in next st] twice—30 sts.

RND 9: Sc in next 11 sts; change to black, sc in next 8 sts; change to beige, sc in next 11 sts—30 sts. **(Fig. B)**

Fig. B

RND 10: Sc in each st—30 sts.

RND 11: [Invdec, sc in next 3 sts] 6 times—24 sts.

• Insert safety eyes 6 sts apart between rnds 7 and 8. **(Fig. C)**

RND 12: Invdec 12 times—12 sts.

• Stuff the head.

RND 13: [Inc in next 2 sts, sc in next st] 4 times—20 sts.

RNDS 14–17 (4 RNDS): Sc in each st—20 sts.

RND 18: [Invdec, sc in next 3 sts] 4 times—16 sts.

• Using a pair of tweezers, insert more fiberfill stuffing

Fig. C

Fig. D

Fig. E

Fig. F

into the head to make sure it is firmly stuffed, then stuff the body.

RND 19: Invdec 8 times—8 sts.

• Fasten off and use the yarn end to close the hole.

Muzzle

RND 1: With black, make an adjustable ring and sc 6.

• Pull tail to close ring.

• Place a marker for beginning of rnds.

RND 2: Inc in next st, work 3 hdc in next st, ch 1, sl st in next 2 sts, ch 1, work 3 hdc in next st, inc in next st—14 sts including chs.

• Sl st in next st and fasten off, leaving a long yarn end.

• Pin and sew the muzzle to the face so that the indentation created by the slip stitches in rnd 2 is at the bottom and the top is at rnd 7 of the head. **(Fig. D)**

• Glue the stemless eye to the muzzle for the nose.

• Using embroidery needle and 6 strands of pink embroidery floss, make two small horizontal stitches under each eye.

Ears (Make 2)

ROW 1: With black, make a slip knot, ch 4, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc, inc in next st, ch 2, inc in the last ch, **(Fig. E)** continue working around into the other side of the foundation chain: sc in next 2 sts—10 sts including ch.

• Fasten off, leaving a long yarn end. Weave in the other end.

• Pin and sew the base of the ears to the head over rnds 4–7 allowing them to stick out. **(Fig. F)**

• Fold the ears toward the face and fix them in this position with a stitch between ear tip and head. **(Fig. G)**

Front Legs (Make 2)

RND 1: with beige, make a magic ring and sc 6.

• Pull tail to close ring.

RNDS 2–4 (3 RNDS): Sc in each st—6 sts.

• Sl st in next st and fasten off leaving a long yarn end. Do not stuff the legs.

• Pin and sew the legs to the body so that their tops are 2 rows below the neck, with 3 sts between them. **(Fig. H)**

Rear Legs (Make 2)

RND 1: With beige, make an adjustable ring and sc 6.

• Pull tail to close ring.

• Place a marker for beginning of rnds.

RNDS 2 AND 3: Sc in each st—6 sts.

• Sl st in next st and fasten off, leaving a long yarn end. Do not stuff the legs.

• Pin and sew the rear legs to the body so that they point forward and out, and the tips are just touching the front legs.

Tail

ROW 1: With beige, make a slip knot, ch 5. Working into the back ridge loops, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 3 ch—4 sts.

• Fasten off, leaving a long yarn end.

• Sew base of tail to bottom of body, then curl tip towards the back. **(Fig. I)**

Fig. G

Fig. H

Fig. I

Corgi

THESE LOVABLE LOW-RIDERS are known for their sassy waddle and resemblance to Wonderbread.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- 💙 Worsted weight yarn in orange and white
- 💙 Fiberfill stuffing
- 💙 Two 7.5 mm black plastic safety eyes
- 💙 One 6 mm black plastic glue-on eye
- 💙 Small amount of glue
- 💙 E-4 (3.5 mm) crochet hook
- 💙 Yarn needle

FINISHED SIZE: About 3¾" long

CORGI LOAF

CUTE FACTS

- BFFs with Queen Elizabeth
- Heart-shaped rump

#Rolls4Dayz #crochetthememe
#CrochetTheMeme

SPECIAL STITCH

4-double-crochet-popcorn (4dc-pc)

Work 4 dc into the same st. Drop the open loop from hook and insert hook in first dc of group. Catch the dropped loop and pull it through the st, then ch 1 to secure the popcorn. **(See Fig. N and O on page 11.)**

INSTRUCTIONS

Head and Body

RND 1: With orange, make an adjustable ring and sc 6. Pull tail to close.

• Place a marker for beginning of rnds.

RND 2: Inc in each st—12 sts.

RND 3: [Sc in next st, inc in next st] 6 times—18 sts.

RND 4: [Inc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] 6 times—24 sts.

RND 5: Sc in next 5 sts, inc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, inc in next st, sc in next 6 sts—26 sts.

RNDS 6–8 (3 RNDS): Sc in each st—26 sts.

RND 9: Sc in next 2 sts, 4dc-pc in next st, sc in next 20 sts, 4dc-pc in next st, sc in next 2 sts—26 sts. **(Fig. A)**

RNDS 10–18 (9 RNDS): Sc in each st—26 sts.

• Stuff the front part of the body.

• Position the safety eyes on each side of the foundation ring, between rnds 3 and 4, making sure they are aligned with the popcorn st paws. **(Fig. B)** Remove the fiberfill stuffing and put the washers on the eye stems to secure the eyes. Replace stuffing.

• Sc in next few sts to begin the next round at the middle of the belly. This will ensure that all 4 paws will be aligned properly. **(Fig. C)**

RND 19: Sc in next 3, 4dc-pc in nest, sc in next 18 sts, 4dc-pc in next st, sc in next 3 sts—26 sts. **(Fig. D on page 28)**

Fig. A

Fig. B

Fig. C

Fig. D

Fig. E

Fig. F

RND 20: Sc in each st—26 sts.

RND 21: Sc in next 2 sts, invdec twice, sc in next 4 sts, invdec, sc in next 2 sts, invdec, sc in next 4 sts, invdec twice, sc in next 2 sts—20 sts.

RND 22: Sc in next st, invdec twice, sc in next st, [invdec, sc in next st] 3 times, invdec twice, sc in next st— 13 sts.

• Stuff the corgi.

RND 23: Invdec 3 times, sc in next st, invdec 3 times—7 sts.

• Fasten off.

• Using a pair of tweezers to get into the corners at the paws, insert more fiberfill stuffing, being sure to emphasize the loaf shape. **(Fig. E)**

• Use yarn end to close hole.

Muzzle and Face Marking

RND 1: With white, make an adjustable ring and sc 6.

• Pull tail to close ring.

• Place a marker for beginning of rnds.

RND 2: [Inc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] twice—8 sts.

RND 3: Sc in next 4 sts, ch 4 and, working into the back ridge loops, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 sts, **(Fig. F)** continue working into the sts of rnd 2, sc in next 4 sts—15 sts including chains.

• Sl st in next st and fasten off, leaving a long yarn end.

• Stuff the muzzle lightly.

• Pin and sew the piece to the face, so that the top of the muzzle is at the center of the foundation ring, and the white stripe reaches upwards. **(Fig. G on page 29)** When there is a small gap left finish stuffing with a pair of tweezers, then complete the sewing.

• Glue the 6 mm eye to the tip of the muzzle for the nose.

Ears (make 2)

RND 1: With orange, make an adjustable ring and sc 4.

- Pull tail to close ring. .
- Place a marker for beginning of rnds.

RND 2: [Inc in next st, sc in next st] twice—6 sts.

RND 3: [Inc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] twice—8 sts.

RND 4: Sc in next 4 sts, sl st in next st—5 sts plus 3 sts unworked.

- Fasten off, leaving a long yarn end.
- Flatten the ears.
- Pin and sew the ears to the head 4 sts apart over rnd 6. **(Fig. H)**

Rump Patch

ROW 1: With white, make a slip knot, ch 6, hdc in 3rd ch from hook, dc in next 2 sts, work 3 dc in last ch, ch 2 and sl st into the same ch, ch 2, 3 dc still into the same ch, continue working into the free loops of the foundation chain, at the base of the previous sts as follows: dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next st, ch 1 and sl st into the same ch as the last hdc. **(Fig. I)**

- Fasten off, leaving a long yarn end.
- Pin and sew patch to the rump with the lowest part (the side with the hdc) at ground level. **(Fig. J)**

Fig. G

Fig. H

Fig. I

Fig. J

Fat Cat

CATS MIGHT BE the original cute animal of the internet. There are too many varieties to capture them all. Use different colors of yarn to create your own favorite style of kitty.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- 💙 Worsted weight yarn in gray and white
- 💙 Pink embroidery floss
- 💙 Fiberfill stuffing
- 💙 Two 5 mm black plastic safety eyes
- 💙 E-4 (3.5 mm) crochet hook
- 💙 Yarn needle
- 💙 Embroidery needle

FINISHED SIZE: About 3" long

INSTRUCTIONS

Back

RND 1: With gray, make an adjustable ring and sc 6.

• Pull tail to close ring.

• Place a marker for beginning of rnds.

RND 2: Inc in each st—12 sts.

RND 3: [Sc in next st, inc in next st] 6 times—18 sts.

RND 4: [Inc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] 6 times—24 sts.

• Sl st in next st and fasten off, leaving a long yarn end.

Head

RND 1: With gray, make an adjustable ring and sc 6.

• Pull tail to close ring.

• Place a marker for beginning of rnds.

RND 2: Inc in each st—12 sts.

RND 3: [Sc in next st, inc in next st] 6 times—18 sts.

RNDS 4–6 (3 RNDS): Sc in each st—18 sts.

• Place marker in 4th st of rnd 6.

• To join back and head pieces, holding back beside head, skip tnext 2 sts of back and work the first st of rnd 7 into 3rd st from the last sl st of the back. **(Fig. A)**

RND 7: Sc in next 21 sts of back, then starting from the marked st, sc in next 15 sts of head—36 sts. **(Fig. B)**

RNDS 8 AND 9: Sc in each st—36 sts.

• Turn piece upside down so you can see the inside of work. Using the long yarn end from the back, sew the opening between head and back pieces closed. **(Fig. C)**

• Insert safety eyes 4 sts apart between rnds 4 and 5 of the head. **(Fig. D on page 32)**

• Stuff the head.

RND 10: [Sc in next 2 sts, invdec, sc in next 2 sts] 6 time—30 sts.

Fig. A

Fig. B

Fig. C

Fig. D

RND 11: [Invdec, sc in next 3 sts] 6 times—24 sts.

RND 12: [Sc in next 2 sts, invdec] 6 times—18 sts.

RND 13: [Invdec, sc in next st] 6 times—12 sts.

• Stuff the cat.

RND 14: Invdec 6—6 sts.

• Fasten off and use yarn end to close hole.

Muzzle

RND 1: With white, make an adjustable ring and sc 7.

• Pull tail to close ring.

• Sl st in next st and fasten off, leaving a long yarn end.

• Pin muzzle to face so that the top is at rnd 4, and sew on using the yarn end. **(Fig. E)**

• With embroidery needle and 4 strands of pink floss, make 3–4 tiny horizontal stitches to create the nose.

Ears (Make 2)

ROW 1: With gray, make a slip knot, ch 3. Working into the back ridge loop, hdc in the 3rd ch from hook—1 st.

• Fasten off, leaving a long yarn end.

• Sew ears to head, over rnds 3 and 4. **(Fig. F)**

Legs (Make 4)

RND 1: With gray, make an ajustable ring and sc 6.

• Pull tail to close ring.

RND 2: Sc in each st—6 sts.

• Sl st in next st and fasten off, leaving a long yarn end. Do not stuff the legs.

• Pin legs to body with tops of front legs at rnd 10 (counted from the foundation ring of the head) and tops of rear legs at the 7th rnd above foundation ring of back.

• Sew on legs. **(Fig. G on page 33)**

Fig. E

Fig. F

Tail

RND 1: With gray, make an ajustable ring and sc 6.

• Pull tail to close ring.

RNDS 2–5 (4 RNDS): Sc in each st—6 sts.

• Sl st in next st and fasten off, leaving a long yarn end. Do not stuff the tail.

• Pin and sew tail to rump, over rnds 3 and 4 of back. **(Fig. H)**

IF IT FITS

I SITS

Fig. G

Fig. H

Raccoon

THE CRAFTY NEIGHBORHOOD THIEF has been rebranded by the internet as the adorable "trash panda!"

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- 💙 Worsted weight yarn in gray, charcoal, white, and green
- 💙 Pink embroidery floss
- 💙 Fiberfill stuffing
- 💙 Two 7.5 mm black plastic safety eyes
- 💙 One 6 mm black plastic safety eye
- 💙 Craft foam sheet (or cardboard) in a neutral color
- 💙 E-4 (3.5 mm) crochet hook
- 💙 Yarn needle
- 💙 Embroidery needle

FINISHED SIZE: About 4" tall

INSTRUCTIONS

Head and Body

RND 1: With gray, make an adjustable ring and sc 6.

• Pull tail to close ring.

• Place a marker for beginning of rnds.

RND 2: Inc in each st—12 sts.

RND 3: [Sc in next st, inc in next st] 6 times—18 sts.

RND 4: [Inc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] 6 times—24 sts.

RND 5: Sc in each st—24 sts.

RND 6: Sc in next 9 sts; change to charcoal, sc in next 2 sts; change to gray, sc in next 2 sts; change to charcoal, sc in next 2 sts; change to gray, sc in next 9 sts—24 sts.

RND 7: Sc in next 8 sts; change to charcoal, sc in next 8 sts; change to gray, sc in next 8 sts—24 sts.

RND 8: Sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, inc in next st; change to charcoal, sc in next 3 sts, inc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, inc in next st, sc in next 2 sts; change to gray, sc in next st, inc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, inc in next st, sc in next st—30 sts.

RND 9: Sc in next 9 sts; change to charcoal, sc in next 12 sts; change to gray, sc in next 9 sts—30 sts.

• Cut the charcoal yarn

RND 10: Sc in each st—30 sts.

RND 11: [Invdec, sc in next 3 sts] 6 times—24 sts.

• Insert safety eyes 8 sts apart between rnds 8 and 9 and 2 sts from edge of dark mask. **(Fig. A)**

RND 12: [Invdec, sc in next st] 12 times—16 sts.

• Stuff the head.

RND 13: Invdec 8 times—8 sts.

RND 14: [Sc in next st, inc in next st] 4 times—12 sts.

RND 15: [Inc in next st, sc in next 3 sts] 3 times—15 sts.

RNDS 16–18 (3 RNDS): Sc in each st—15 sts.

RND 19: [Invdec, sc in next 3 sts] 3 times—12 sts.

• Using a pair of tweezers, insert more fiberfill stuffing in head to make sure it is firmly stuffed.

• Stuff the body.

RND 20: Invdec 6 times—6 sts.

• Fasten off and use yarn end to close hole.

Muzzle

RND 1: With white, make an adjustable ring and sc 6.

• Pull tail to close ring.

• Place a marker for beginning of rnds.

RND 2: [Inc in next 2 sts, sc in next st] twice—10 sts.

RND 3: Sc in each st—10 sts.

• Sl st in next st and fasten off leaving a long yarn end.

Fig. A

Fig. B

Fig. C

Fig. D

- Attach 6 mm eye to the muzzle, between rnds 1 and 2 for nose. Clip off stem of eye beyond the washer to fit. (A wire cutter can be used for this.)
- Pin and sew muzzle to face, so that the top is at rnd 8. When there is only a small gap, stuff the muzzle, then finish sewing. **(Fig. B)**
- Using embroidery needle and 6 strands of pink embroidery floss, make two small horizontal stitches under each eye.
- With white yarn, embroider chain stitch lines on outer edges of the mask. Bring up the needle at the bottom corner of mask, insert again at same place and bring it out a stitch length ahead, **(Fig. C)** pass needle through loop and tighten stitch **(Fig. D)**, continue until you reach the upper corner of the mask. Repeat for other side.

Ears (Make 2)

RND 1: With charcoal, make an adjustable ring and sc 4.

- Pull tail to close ring.
- Place a marker for beginning of rnds.

RND 2: [Inc in next st, sc in next st] twice—6 sts.

RND 3: [Inc in next st, sc in next st] 3 times—9 sts.

RND 4: Sc in each st —9 sts.

- Sl st in next st and fasten off, leaving a long yarn end.
- Flatten the ears.
- Pin and sew ears to head over rnds 4–7. **(Fig. E on page 37)**

Legs (Make 4)

RND 1: With charcoal, make an adjustable ring and sc 6.

- Pull tail to close ring.

Place a marker for beginning of rnds.

RND 2: Sc in each st—6 sts.

- Change to gray.

RNDS 3–5 (3 RNDS): Sc in each st—6 sts.

- Sl st in next st and fasten off, leaving a long yarn end. Do not stuff the legs.

- Pin and sew legs to body with the front legs just below the neck, pointing forward and up, and the rear legs under the body. **(Fig. F)**

Tail

RND 1: With charcoal, make an adjustable ring and sc 6. Pull tail to close ring.

- Place a marker for beginning of rnds.

RND 2: Sc in next st; change to gray, sc in next st, inc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st—8 sts.

RND 3: Change to charcoal, sc in each st—8 sts.

RND 4: Change to gray, sc in each st—8 sts.

RND 5: Change to charcoal, sc in each st—8 sts.

RND 6: Change to gray, sc in each st—8 sts.

RND 7: Change to charcoal, sc in each st—8 sts.

RND 8: Change to gray, [sc, invdec, sc] 2 times (6)

- Sl st in next st and fasten off, leaving a long yarn end. Do not stuff the tail.

- Pin and sew tail to rump. **(Fig. G)**

Fig. E

Fig. F

Fig. G

TRASH PANDA

Trash Can

ROW 1: With green, make a slip knot, ch 14. Sc in the 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 12 ch—13 sts.

ROWS 2–30 (29 ROWS): Ch 1, turn, working in BLO, sc in next 13 sts—13 sts.

- Measure this crochet rectangle and cut a piece of foam sheet the same size.

ROW 31: Ch 1, turn. Fold piece to back behind rnd 30, to sl st the sc of rnd 30 together with the foundation chain sts. **(Fig. I on page 39)**—13 sts.

Bottom of Trash Can

- Turn piece inside out so that slip stitch seam is inside work. Continue working along the edge.

RND 1: Ch 1, work 1 sc into edge of each row—30 sts.

RND 2: In BLO, [sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog] 6 times—24 sts. **(Fig. J on page 39)**

RND 3: [Sc in next st, invdec, sc in next st] 6 times—18 sts.

RND 4: [Invdec, sc in next st] 6 times—12 sts.

RND 5: Invdec 6 times—6 sts.

- Fasten off and use the yarn end to close hole.

TOP EDGE OF TRASH CAN

RND 1: Insert hook through a st in open edge near sl st seam; with green, pull up a loop and ch 1, then work 1 sc into the edge of each row—30 sts.

RND 2: Sl st in each st—30 sts.

- Fasten off and weave in the yarn ends.

Trash Can Lid

RND 1: With green, make an adjustable ring and sc 6.

• Pull tail to close ring.

• Place a marker for beginning of rnds.

RND 2: Inc in next 6 sts—12 sts.

RND 3: [Sc in next st, inc in next st] 6 times—18 sts.

RND 4: [Sc in next st, inc in next st, sc in next st] 6 times—24 sts.

RND 5: [Inc in next st, sc in next 3 sts] 6 times—30 sts.

RND 6: [Sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] 6 times—36 sts.

RND 7: In BLO, sc in each st—36 sts.

RND 8: Sl st in each st—36 sts.

• Fasten off, leaving a long yarn end.

Lid Handle

ROW 1: With green, make a slip knot, ch 6. Sl st in the 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 4 ch.

• Fasten off, leaving a long yarn end.

• Sew handle to lid over first 2 rnds. **(Fig. K)**

• Use yarn end from lid to attach lid to trash can.

• Optional: Roll foam sheet into a tube and insert it in can. **(Fig. L)**

Fig. I

Fig. J

Fig. K

Fig. L

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- ♥ Worsted weight yarn in beige and brown
- ♥ Pink embroidery floss
- ♥ Fiberfill stuffing
- ♥ Two 7.5 mm black plastic safety eyes
- ♥ One 6 mm black plastic glue-on eye
- ♥ Small amount of glue
- ♥ E-4 (3.5 mm) crochet hook
- ♥ Yarn needle
- ♥ Embroidery needle

FINISHED SIZE: About 3 ¾" long

Sea Otters

DID YOU KNOW THAT otters hold hands when they sleep so they don't drift apart? This might be the cutest thing in the entire animal kingdom.

INSTRUCTIONS

Head, Body and Tail

RND 1: With beige, make an adjustable ring and sc 6.

• Pull tail to close ring.

• Place a marker for beginning of rnds.

RND 2: Inc 6 times— 12 sts.

RND 3: [Sc in next st, inc in next st] 6 times—18 sts.

RND 4: [Inc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] 6 times—24 sts.

RNDS 5–7 (3 RNDS): Sc in each st—24 sts.

RND 8: [Inc in next st, sc in next 3 sts] 6 times—30 sts.

RNDS 9 AND 10: Sc in each st—30 sts.

RND 11: [Invdec, sc in next 3 sts] 6 times—24 sts.

• Insert safety eyes 6 sts apart between rnds 7 and 8. **(Fig. A)**

RND 12: [Invdec, sc in next st] 8 times—16 sts.

• Stuff the head.

RND 13: Invdec 8 times—8 sts.

• Change to brown.

RND 14: [Sc in next st, inc in next st] 4 times—12 sts.

RND 15: [Inc in next st, sc in next 3 sts] 3 times—15 sts.

RNDS 16–18 (3 RNDS): sc in each st—15 sts.

RND 19: [Invdec, sc in next 3 sts] 3 times—15 sts.

• Using a pair of tweezers, insert more fiberfill stuffing into head to make sure it is firmly stuffed, then stuff the body.

RND 20: Invdec 6 times—6 sts.

RNDS 21–24 (4 RNDS): Sc in each st—6 sts. **(Fig. B on. page 42)**

• Fasten off and use the yarn end to close.
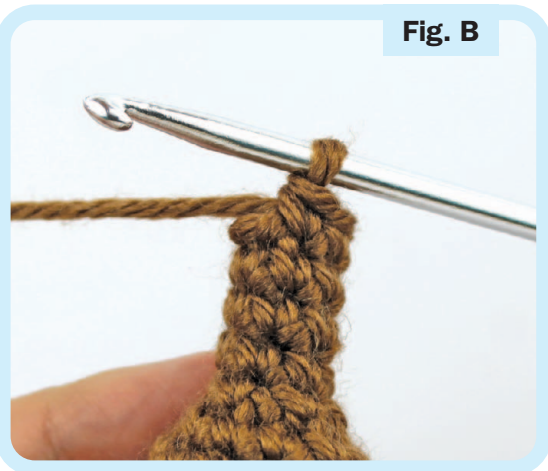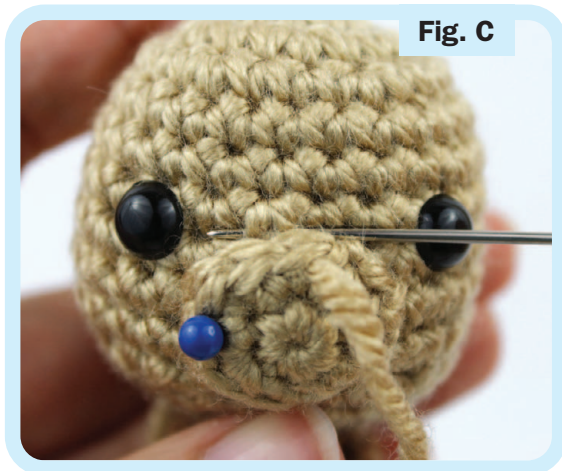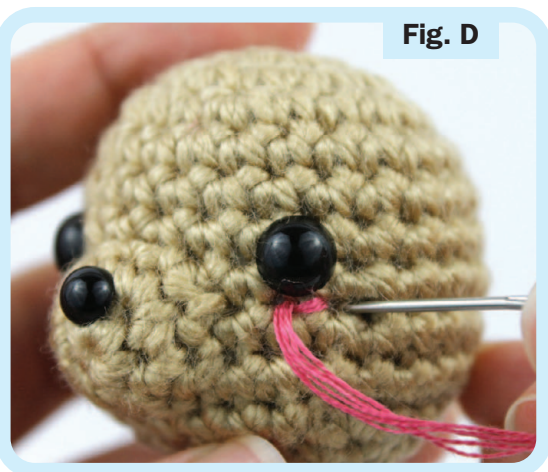
Fig. B

Fig. C

Fig. D

Fig. E

Muzzle

RND 1: With beige, make an adjustable ring and sc 6. Pull tail to close ring.

RND 2: [Sc in next st, inc in next 2 sts] twice—10 sts.

- Sl st in next st and fasten off, leaving a long yarn end.
- Pin and sew muzzle to face, so that the top is at rnd 7. **(Fig. C)** When there is a small gap left to be sewn, insert a small bit of fiberfill stuffing, and sew closed.

- Glue 6 mm eye to muzzle for the nose.
- Using embroidery needle and 6 strands of pink embroidery floss, make 2 small horizontal stitches under each eye. **(Fig. D)**

Ears (Make 2)

- With brown, make a slip knot, ch 2 and fasten off, leaving a long yarn end.
- Sew ears to sides of head over rnds 5 and 6. **(Fig. E)**

Rear Feet (Make 2)

RND 1: With brown, make an adjustable ring and sc 6. Pull tail to close ring.

• Place a marker for beginning of rnds.

RND 2: Sc in each st—6 sts.

RND 3: Sc in next 3 sts, sl st in next st—4 sts, plus 2 unworked sc.

• Fasten off leaving a long yarn end. Do not stuff the feet.

• Pin and sew the feet to the body so that the open ends are at the base of the tail. **(Fig. F)**

Arms (Make 2)

RND 1: With brown, make an adjustable ring and sc 6. Pull tail to close ring.

RNDS 2–4 (3 RNDS): Sc in each st—6 sts.

• Sl st in next st and fasten off leaving a long yarn end.
Do not stuff the arms.

• Pin and sew the arms to body, either both pointing towards the belly, or one arm held out so that the otter can 'hold hands' with its partner. **(Fig. G)**

YOU'RE MY OTTER HALF

CUTE FACTS

• Otters also have a "pocket" under their arm where they keep their favorite stones.

#OttersHoldingHands   #SignificantOtter
#CrochetTheMeme

Fig. F

Fig. G

Raptor

THEY MIGHT BE EXTINCT but the internet has brought back the fierce raptor in the role of cute and curious "philoso-raptor."

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- 💙 Worsted weight yarn in green
- 💙 Pink embroidery floss
- 💙 Fiberfill stuffing
- 💙 Two 7.5 mm black plastic safety eyes
- 💙 E-4 (3.5 mm) crochet hook
- 💙 Yarn needle

For the optional claws:

- 💙 Size 8 pearl cotton thread or size 20 crochet cotton in dark olive
- 💙 1.75 mm steel hook
- 💙 Embroidery needle

FINISHED SIZE: About 2.5" long

INSTRUCTIONS

Head and Body

RND 1: Make an adjustable ring and sc 6.

• Pull tail to close ring.

• Place a marker for beginning of rnds.

RND 2: Inc in next 6 sts—12 sts.

RND 3: Sc in next st, inc in next 3 sts, sc in next 3 sts, inc in next 3 sts, sc in next 2 sts—18 sts.

RND 4: Sc in next 3 sts, inc in next 2 sts, sc in next 7 sts, inc in next 2 sts, sc 4—22 sts.

RND 5: Sc in next 4 sts, inc in next 2 sts, sc in next 9 sts, inc in next 2 sts, sc in next 5 sts—26 sts.

RND 6: Sc in next 5 sts, inc in next 2 sts, sc in next 11 sts, inc in next 2 sts, sc in next 6 sts—30 sts. **(Fig. A)**

RNDS 7–11 (5 RNDS): Sc in each st—30 sts.

RND 12: Sc in next 4 sts, invdec, sc in next st, invdec twice, sc in next st, invdec, sc in next 16 sts—26 sts.

RND 13: Sc in next 2 sts, invdec, sc in next st, invdec twice, sc in next st, invdec, sc in next 14 sts—22 sts.

• Stuff the head.

• Insert safety eyes on the sides of head between rnds 8 and 9, making sure that the placement looks symmetrical from the front and from above. **(Figs. B and C)**

• Remove the fiberfill stuffing to put on washers to secure the eyes, then replace stuffing.

RND 14: Invdec 5 times, sc in next st, invdec 5 times, sc in next st—12 sts.

RND 15: [Inc in next st, sc in next 3sts] 3 times—15 sts.

RNDS 16–19 (4 RNDS): Sc in each st —15 sts.

RND 20: [Invdec, sc in next 3 sts] 3 times—12 sts.

• Push more fiberfill stuffing into the head to make sure it is firmly stuffed, then stuff the body.

RND 21: Invdec 6 times.

Fig. A
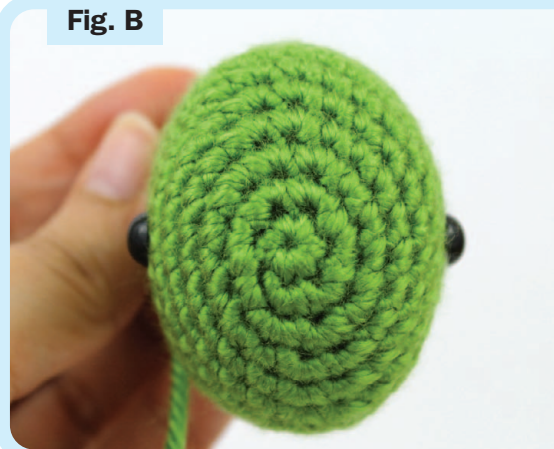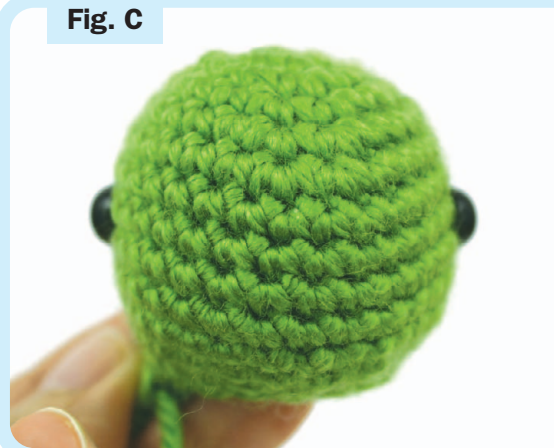

Fig. B

Fig. C

Fig. D

Fig. E

Fig. F

- Fasten off and use yarn end to close hole.
- With embroidery needle and 6 strands of pink embroidery floss, make 2 small horizontal stitches under each eye. **(Fig. D)**

Rear Legs (Make 2)

RND 1: Make an adjustable ring and sc 6.

- Pull tail to close ring.
- Place a marker for beginning of rnds.

RNDS 2–5 (4 RNDS): Sc in each st –6 sts.

- Fasten off, leaving a long yarn end. Do not stuff the legs.
- Pin and sew rear legs to body so that they point forward and out. **(Fig. E)**

Arms (Make 2)

ROW 1: Make a slip knot, ch 5. Working into the back ridge loops, sl st in the 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 3 ch—4 sts.

- Fasten off, leaving a long yarn end.
- Sew left arm to side of body.
- Sew right arm to side of body close to the front, so that tip can reach the chin. **(Fig. F)**

Tail

RND 1: Make an adjustable ring and sc 4.

- Pull tail to close.
- Place a marker for beginning of rnds.

RND 2: Inc in next st, sc in next 3 sts—5 sts.

RND 3: Sc in each st—5 sts.

RND 4: Inc in next st, sc in next 4 sts—6 sts.

RNDS 5 AND 6: Sc in each st—6 sts.

RND 7: Inc in next st, sc in next 5 sts—7 sts.

RND 8: Sc in each st—7 sts

- Sl st in next st and fasten off, leaving a long yarn end. Do not stuff the tail.
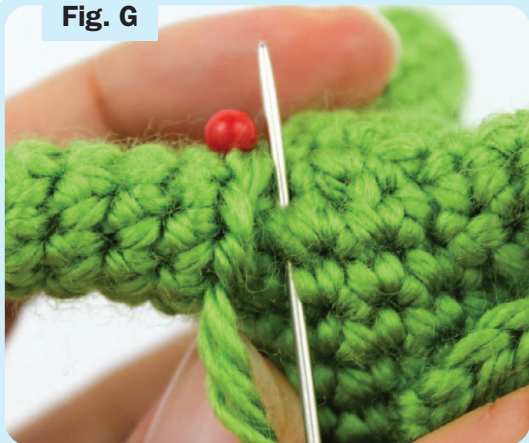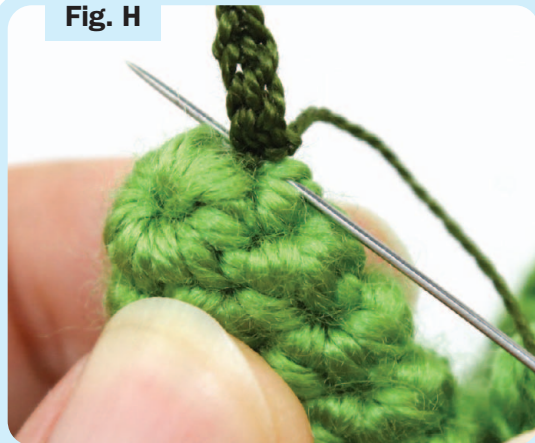- Pin and sew tail to body. **(Fig. G)**

Fig. G

Fig. H

Claws (optional, make 2)

ROW 1: With thread and steel hook, make a slip knot, ch 5. Working into the back ridge loops, sl st in the 3rd ch from hook, sl st 2.

• Fasten off, leaving a long end.

• Sew the claws to tips of rear legs. **(Fig. H)**

CLEVER GIRL

CUTE FACTS

• **INTERNET ALIAS:** "Philoso-raptor" and "Clever Girl"

• **FAVORITE PHILOSOPHER:** Socrates

• **FAVORITE ACTIVITIES:** Pedicures

#Philosoraptor #CleverGirl
#CrochetTheMeme

Owl

FROM ANCIENT GREECE TO lollipop ads, people have respected these wise birds. But when they let their cool austere veneer sip, these serious raptors become seriously cute!

HOO YOU LOOKING AT?

CUTE FACTS

- **FAVORITE HOLIDAY:** Superb Owl Sunday…er, Super Bowl Sunday
- **FAVORITE QUESTION:** Who?

#SuperbOwlSunday #OwlWho
#CrochetTheMeme

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- 💙 Worsted weight yarn in beige, cream, orange and (optionally) brown
- 💙 Fiberfill stuffing
- 💙 Two 9 mm black plastic glue-on eyes
- 💙 Small amount of glue
- 💙 E-4 (3.5 mm) crochet hook
- 💙 Yarn needle

FINISHED SIZE: About 2 ¾" tall

Fig. A

Fig. B

INSTRUCTIONS

Head and Body

RND 1: With beige, make an adjustable ring and sc 6.

• Pull tail to close ring.

• Place a marker for beginning of rnds.

RND 2: Inc in next 6 sts—12 sts.

RND 3: [Sc in next st, inc in next st] 6 times—18 sts.

RND 4: [Inc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] 6 times—24 sts.

RND 5: Sc in next 6 sts, 4dc-pc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, 4dc-pc in next st, sc in next 5 sts—24 sts. **(Fig. B)**

RNDS 6 AND 7: Sc in each st—24 sts.

RND 8: [Inc in next st, sc in next 3 sts] 6 times—30 sts.

RNDS 9 AND 10: Sc in each st —30 sts.

RND 11: [Invdec, sc in next 3 sts] 6 times—24 sts.

RND 12: [Invdec, sc in next st] 8 times—16 sts.

• Stuff the head.

RND 13: Invdec 8 times—8 sts.

RND 14: [Sc in next st, inc in next st] 4 times—12 sts.

Fig. C

Fig. D

Fig. E

Fig. F

RND 15: [Inc in next st, sc in next 3 sts] 3 times—15 sts.

RNDS 16–18 (3 RNDS): Sc in each st—15 sts.

RND 19: [Invdec, sc in next 3 sts] 3 times—12 sts.

• Using a pair of tweezers, insert more fiberfill stuffing into the head to make sure it is firmly stuffed, then stuff the body.

RND 20: Invdec 6 times—6 sts.

• Fasten off and use the yarn end to close.

Facial Disk 1

RND 1: With cream, make an adjustable ring and sc 6.

• Pull tail to close ring.

• Place a marker for beginning of rnds.

RND 2: Inc in next 6 sts—12 sts.

RND 3: [Inc in next st, sc in next st] 3 times, inc, in next st, sl st in next st and fasten off —12 sts plus 4 unworked sts.

• Fasten off leaving a long yarn end.

• Place a marker into the 3rd st from the sl st.

Facial Disk 2

RND 1: With cream, make an adjustable ring and sc 6.

• Pull tail to close ring.

• Place a marker for beginning of rnds.

RND 2: Inc in next 6 sts—12 sts.

RND 3: [Inc in next st, sc in next st] 4 times, hdc in next st, dc in next st.

• Leaving last 2 sts of rnd unworked, continue to crochet into disc 1 as follows: dc into the marked st, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in next st. **(Figs. C and D)**

• Fasten off leaving a very long yarn end.

• Using the yarn end of disc 1, sew together 3 sts of each disc, counting from the dc. **(Fig. E)**

Beak

ROW 1: With orange, make a slip knot, ch 2 (does not count as hdc), working into 2nd ch from hook, work a 3hdc-pc.

- Cut the yarn, leaving a long end, then tug the loop on hook to pull the end through.
- Sew beak to face patch, between the 2 dc stitches. **(Fig. F)**
- Glue plastic eyes to the centers of the foundation rings.
- Pin and sew face patch to head with the highest point at rnd 5. **(Fig. G)**

Fig. G

Feet (make 2)

ROW 1: With orange, make a slip knot, ch 2 (does not count as hdc), working into 2nd ch from hook, work a 3hdc-pc.

- Cut the yarn, leaving a long end, then tug the loop on hook to pull the end through.
- Pin and sew feet 2 sts apart to front of body. **(Fig. H)**

Wings (make 2)

RND 1: With beige, make an adjustable ring and sc 6.

- Pull tail to close ring.

RND 2: Inc in next st, (hdc, dc) in next st, ch 3, sl st in the back ridge loop of the 2nd ch from hook, sc in the next ch, continuing into the sts of rnd 1, (dc, hdc) in next st **(See Fig. J of Cockatiel on page 55)**, sc in next st, sl st in next st—13 sts including chains, plus 1 unworked st)

- Fasten off, leaving a long yarn end. Weave in the other end.
- Pin the wings to the sides of the body. Sew front halves to the body **(Fig. I)**, leaving the other half, including the tip, free.
- Using yarn needle embroider eyebrows with brown yarn and hairlines with cream yarn.

Fig. H

Fig. I

Cockatiel

BIRDS SOMETIMES have a tough time competing against fuzzy mammals when it comes to being the cutest, but this tufted topped cockatiel holds his own!

R U PUNK 2?

CUTE FACTS
- **FAVORITE HAIRSTYLE:** Mohawk
- **FAVORITE MUSIC:** Punk Rock

#Tweethearts #CockatielCrochet #CrochetTheMeme

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- 💙 Worsted weight yarn in yellow, white, peach and orange
- 💙 Fiberfill stuffing
- 💙 Two 7.5 mm black plastic safety eyes
- 💙 E-4 (3.5 mm) crochet hook
- 💙 Yarn needle

FINISHED SIZE: About 2½" tall

SPECIAL STITCH

Double-crochet/treble-crochet-popcorn (dc/tr-pc)

Work (1 dc, 4 tr, 1 dc) into same st. Drop the open loop from hook and insert hook into first st of group. Catch dropped loop and pull it through the st, then ch 1 to secure popcorn. **(See Fig. B of Narwhal on page 57.)**

3-half-double-crochet-popcorn (3hdc-pc)

Work 3 hdc into same st or ch. Drop the open loop from hook and insert hook into first hdc of group. Catch dropped loop and pull it through the st, then ch 1 to secure popcorn. **(See Fig. A of Owl on page 49.)**

INSTRUCTIONS

Head and Body

RND 1: With yellow, make an adjustable ring and sc 6.

• Pull tail to close ring.

• Place a marker for beginning of rnds.

RND 2: Inc in next 6 sts—12 sts.

RND 3: [Sc in next st, inc in next st] 6 times—18 sts.

RND 4: [Inc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] 6 times—24 sts.

RNDS 5–7 (3 RNDS): Sc in each st—24 sts.

RND 8: [Inc in next st, sc in next 3 sts] 6 times—30 sts.

RNDS 9 AND 10: Sc in each st—30 sts.

RND 11: [Invdec, sc in next 3 sts] 6 times—24 sts.

• Change to white.

• Insert safety eyes 6 sts apart between rnds 7 and 8. **(Fig. A)**

RND 12: Invdec 12 times—12 sts.

• Stuff the head.

RND 13: [Inc in next 2 sts, sc in next st] 4 times—20 sts

RNDS 14–17 (4 RNDS): Sc in each st —20 sts.

Fig. A

Fig. B

Fig. C

Fig. D

Fig. E

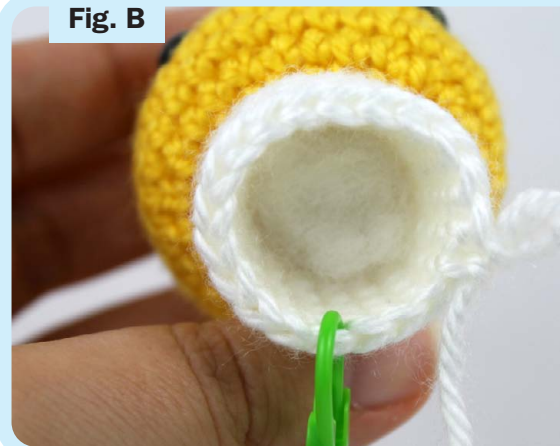**Fig. F**

- Place marker in st at middle of back. **(Fig. B)**
- Begin next rnd 3 sts from marker, note that you might need to make or rip some sts. **(Fig. C)**

RND 18: Invdec, sc in next st, remove marker and dc/tr-pc in marked st for cockatiel's tail, **(Fig. D)** continue to work around as follows: sc in next st, [invdec, sc in next 3 sts] 3 times—16 sts.

- Using a pair of tweezers, insert more fiberfill stuffing into head to make sure it is firmly stuffed, then stuff the body.

RND 19: Invdec, skip the popcorn st, sc in next st, invdec 6 times—8 sts.

- Fasten off and use yarn end to close hole.

Beak

ROW 1: With peach, make a slip knot, ch 3, 2 dc in 3rd ch from hook, then ch 2 and sl st in the same st. **(Fig. E)**

- Fasten off, leaving a long yarn end.
- Pin and sew beak to face so that tops of dc sts are at rnd 7 and the tip is at rnd 10. **(Fig. F)**

Cheek Patches (Make 2)

- With orange, make an adjustable ring and sc 6.
- Pull tail to close ring.
- Sl st in next st and fasten off, leaving a long yarn end.
- Pin and sew patches to face just below and outside eyes. **(Fig. G on page 55)**

Crest

The 3 prongs of the crest are worked in a continuous piece. Work every sl st into the **back ridge loops** of the chains.

ROW 1: With yellow, make a slip knot, ch 5, sl st in 3rd ch from hook, sl st in next 2 ch, ch 6, sl st in 3rd ch from hook, sl st in next 3 ch, ch 7, sl st in 3rd ch from hook, sl st in next 4 ch.

- Fasten off, leaving a long yarn end.
- Pin and sew crest to top of head so that center prong is over foundation ring. **(Fig. H on page 55)**

Feet (Make 2)

- With peach, make a slip knot, ch 2 (does not count as a hdc), working into 2nd ch from hook, make a 3hdc-pc.
- Cut the yarn leaving a long end, then tug the loop on hook until end is pulled through.
- Pin and sew feet 3 sts apart to tfront of body. **(Fig. I)**

Wings (Make 2)

RND 1: With white, make an adjustable ring and sc 6.

- Pull tail to close ring.
- Place a marker for beginning of rnds.

RND 2: Inc in next st, (hdc, dc) in next st, ch 3, sl st in back ridge loop of 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, **(see Fig. H of Owl on page 51.)** (dc, hdc) in next st **(Fig. J)**, sc in next st, sl st in next st—13 sts including chains, plus 1 unworked.

- Fasten off, leaving a long yarn end. Weave in the other end.
- Pin wings to sides of body. Sew front halves to body, leaving the other half, including the tip, free. **(See Fig. I of Owl on page 51.)**

Fig. G

Fig. H

Fig. I

Fig. J

Narwhal

FROM OBSCURE ARCTIC WHALE to Internet sensation, the narwhal's unique unicorn horn has made it an adorable symbol of magic and optimism.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- Worsted weight yarn in ice blue and cream
- Pink embroidery floss
- Fiberfill stuffing
- Two 7.5 mm black plastic safety eyes
- E-4 (3.5 mm) crochet hook
- Yarn needle
- Embroidery needle

FINISHED SIZE: About 4" long

SPECIAL STITCHES

6-double-crochet-popcorn (6dc-pc)

Work 6 dc into the same st. Drop open loop from hook and insert hook in first dc of group. Catch dropped loop and pull through st, then ch 1 to secure the popcorn. **(Fig. A)**

Double-crochet/treble-crochet-popcorn (dc/tr-pc)

Work (1 dc, 4 tr, 1 dc) into the same st. Drop open loop from hook and insert hook in first st of group. Catch dropped loop and pull through st, then ch 1 to secure the popcorn. **(Fig. B)**

INSTRUCTIONS

Head and Body

RND 1: With blue, make an adjustable ring and sc 6.

• Pull tail to close ring.

• Place a marker for beginning of rnds.

RND 2: Inc in each st—12 sts.

RND 3: [Inc in next st, sc in next st] 6 times—18 sts.

RND 4: [Sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st] 6 times—24 sts.

RND 5: Sc in each st—24 sts.

RND 6: [Inc in next st, sc in next 3 sts] 6 times—30 sts.

RNDS 7–10 (4 RNDS): Sc in each st—30 sts.

RND 11: Sc in next 3 sts, 6dc-pc in next st, sc in next 22 sts, 6dc-pc in next st, sc in next 3 sts—30 sts. **(Fig. C)**

RND 12: Sc in each st—30 sts.

RND 13: Sc in next 5 sts, [invdec, sc in next 4 sts] 4 times, sc in next st—26 sts.

RND 14: Sc in next 7 sts, [invdec, sc in next 3 sts] 3 times, sc in next 4 sts—23 sts.

• Stuff the head.

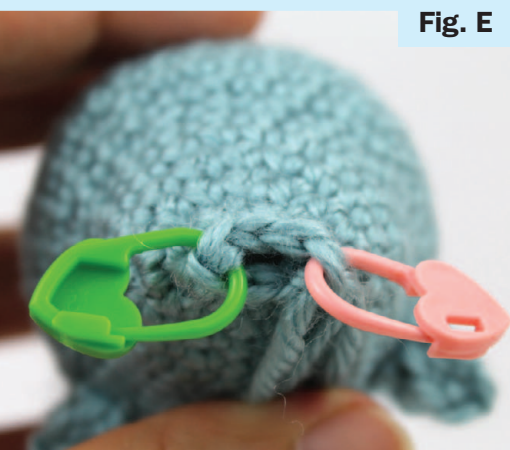Fig. C

Fig. D

Fig. E

Fig. F

- Insert safety eyes 18 sts apart between rnds 7 and 8. **(Fig. D)**
- Remove the fiberfill stuffing and put on the washers to secure the eyes, replace stuffing.

RND 15: Sc in next 6 sts, [invdec, scin next st] 4 times, sc in next 5 sts—19 sts.

RND 16: Invdec, sc in next 17 sts —18 sts.

RND 17: Sc in each st—18 sts.

RND 18: [Sc in next 2 sts, invdec, sc in next 2 sts] 3 times—15 sts.

RND 19: [Sc in next sts3, invdec] 3 times—12 sts.

- Stuff the body.

RND 20: Invdec 6 times—6 sts.

- Flatten tail end from top to bottom, and mark sts at corners. **(Fig. E)**

RND 21: Sc to nearest marker, dc/tr-pc in marked sts. **(Fig. F)** Sc in next 2 sts, dc/tr-pc in the next marked st. **(Fig. G on page 59)**

- Sl st to the next st and fasten off.
- Use yarn end to close hole. **(Fig. H on page 59)**

Tusk

Rnd 1: With cream, make an adjustable ring and sc 4.

- Pull tail to close ring.
- Place a marker for beginning of rnds.

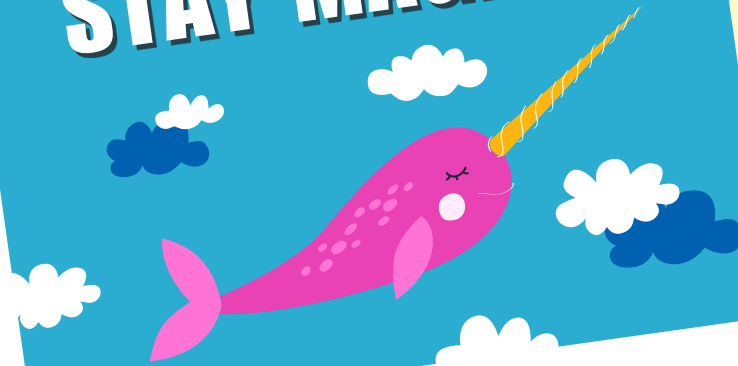**Rnd 2:** Inc, sc in next 3 sts—5 sts.

Rnds 3–4 (2 rnds): Sc in each st—5 sts.

Rnd 5: Inc, sc 4—6 sts.

Rnd 6: Sc in each st—6 sts.

- Sl st in next st and fasten off, leaving a long yarn end. Do not stuff the tusk.
- Pin and sew tusk to head over rnds 3 and 4. **(Fig. I on page 59)**
- Using embroidery needle and 6 strands of pink embroidery floss, make 2 small horizontal stitches under each eye. **(Fig. J on page 59)**

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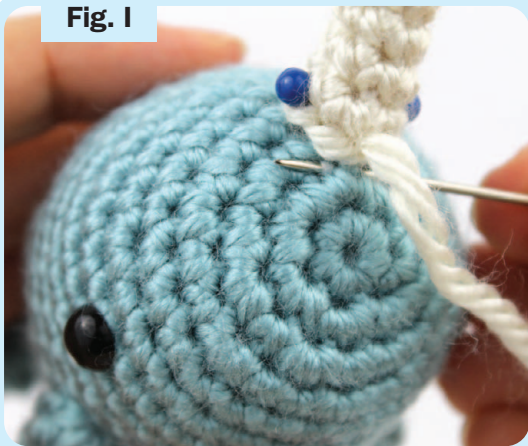
Fig. G

Fig. H

Fig. I

Fig. J

Baby Seal

BABY SEALS have always been cute but on the internet these roly-poly water-dogs can offer their "seal of approval" or tell the haters to "seal with it!"

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- Worsted weight yarn in white
- Two 7.5 mm black plastic safety eyes,
- One 6 mm black plastic glue-on eye
- Small amount of glue
- E-4 (3.5 mm) crochet hook
- Yarn needle
- Fiberfill stuffing

FINISHED SIZE: About 4" long

SPECIAL STITCH

Double-crochet/treble-crochet-popcorn (dc/tr-pc)

Work (1 dc, 4 tr, 1 dc) into the same st. Drop open loop from hook and insert hook into first st of group. Catch dropped loop and pull through tst, then ch 1 to secure the popcorn. **(See Fig. B of Narwhal on page 57.)**

INSTRUCTIONS

Head and Body

RND 1: Make an adjustable ring and sc 6.

• Pull tail to close ring.

• Place a marker for beginning of rnds.

RND 2: Inc in each sc—12 sts.

RND 3: [Inc in next st, sc in next st] 6 times—18 sts.

RND 4: [Sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st] 6 times—24 sts.

RNDS 5–9 (5 RNDS): Sc in each st—24 sts.

• Insert safety eyes between rnds 3 and 4, on each side of foundation ring. **(Fig. A)**

RND 10: [Invdec, sc in next st] 8 times—16 sts.

RND 11: [Inc in next, sc in next 3 sts] 4 times—20 sts.

RNDS 12–17 (6 RNDS): Sc in each st—20 sts.

RND 18: [Invdec, sc in next 3 sts] 4 times—16 sts.

RNDS 19 AND 20: Sc in each st—16 sts.

RND 21: [Sc in next st, invdec, sc in next st] 4 times—12 sts.

• Stuff the seal.

RND 22: Invdec 6 times—6 sts.

• Flatten tail end from top to bottom (use the eyes for orientation), and mark the sts at corners. **(Fig. B)**

RND 23: Sc to nearest marker, dc/tr-pc in marked st, **(Fig. C on page 62)** sc in next 2 sts, dc/tr-pc in 2nd marked st, **(Fig. D on page 62)** sl st to the next st and fasten off.

• Use the yarn end to close hole. **(Fig. E on page 62)**

Fig. C

Fig. D

Fig. E

Fig. F

Fig. G

Fig. H

Muzzle

RND 1: Make an adjustable ring and sc 6.

• Pull tail to close ring.

• Place a marker for beginning of rnds.

RND 2: [Sc in next st, inc in next 2 sts] twice—10 sts.

• Sl st in next st and fasten off, leaving a long yarn end.

• Pin and sew muzzle to face so that top is at the center of the foundation ring. **(Fig. F on page 62)** When there is only a small gap, insert a small amount of fiberfill stuffing, then finish sewing. **(Fig. G on page 62)**

• Glue 6 mm eye to muzzle for nose.

Flippers (Make 2)

RND 1: Make an adjustable ring and sc 4.

• Pull tail to close ring.

• Place a marker for beginning of rnds.

RND 2: [Inc in next st, sc in next st] twice—6 sts.

RND 3: [Inc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] twice—8 sts.

RND 4: Sc in each st—8 sts.

RND 5: [Invdec, sc in next 2 sts] twice—6 sts.

• Sl st in next st and fasten off, leaving a long yarn end.

• Flatten the flippers.

• Pin and sew flippers to body 5 sts apart, right below the neck. **(Fig. H on page 62)**

SEAL WITH IT!

CUTE FACTS

• **FAVORITE DANCE:** The Worm

• **FAVORITE WORD:** Bork!

#SealOfApproval #SealWithIt #CrochetTheMeme

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