

CUTE CROCHET WORRY MONSTER

Pattern kindly donated by Helen in Kent



Supplies

3 mm crochet hook. I used this as it makes a denser fabric so that the stuffing is less likely to come through.

Double knitting wool (DK) – see colours above, or use your own ideas – ideally though the eyes should stand out against a plain colour, as in the picture.

I used Hayfields bonus dk but any double knitting wool would work.

Toy approved stuffing – note from Knit-for-Nowt – please ensure that the stuffing has a CE or BS label on the packaging and that it says it is suitable for toys. No other stuffing materials must be used, thanks.

Abbreviations (UK terms)

ch – chain

dc – double crochet

sl st – slip stitch

mr – magic ring

sts – stitches

2dc – make two double crochet stitches into the same stitch

Body

In main colour

Start with an oval

Ch 18 sts turn and dc into 2nd st and each remaining st in row. Dc 3 sts into last st in row.

Turn work then dc into every st in row until you get to last st. 3dc into last st in row. Turn.

Dc into every st in row until you get to last st in row. 2dc into last st in row. Turn.

Dc in next 2 stitches then 2dc into corner st.

Dc into every st until you get to last st in row. 2dc into last st in row.

Continue increasing by 4 sts every round by crocheting 2 dcs into every corner until work measures approximately 6 cms from top.

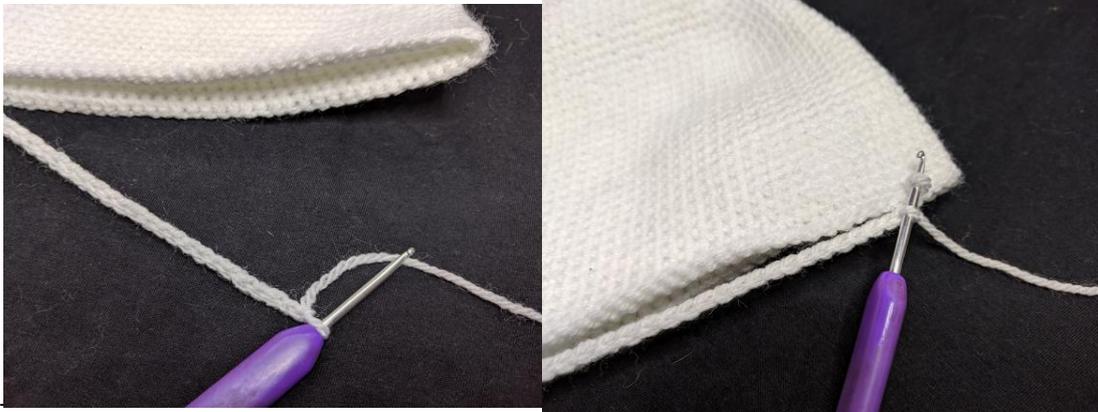


Continue without increasing by dc into every st until work measures approximately 15 cms from top.



To make mouth

Slightly flatten body so you can see the shape of the monster then approximately 3 cm from the edge ch30 sts. Rejoin ch to body about 3 cm from other side of body



Continue to dc into every stitch all the way round body. Work dc over ch 30 from previous row.

Continue in main colour for another two rows.

Join in new colour for body. I used lots of different colours of yarn and joined them together but you could use a multicoloured yarn or a plain one.

Continue without increasing until the whole thing measures about 24 cms.

Fasten off leaving a long end for sewing up.

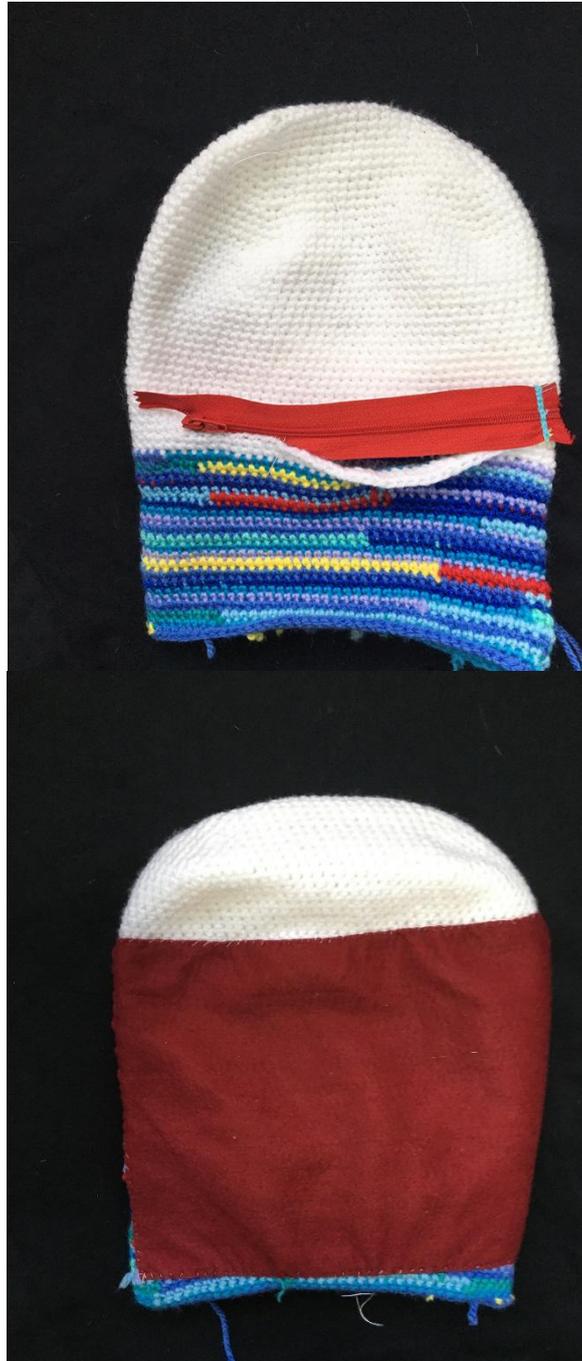
Sew zip into mouth. If zip is too long sew over teeth several times with a sewing machine to make the right length and cut to size (you can only do this with a zip with plastic teeth)



Sew zip into place by hand. I usually sew it on the inside as well to stop it moving about.

Turn monster inside out.

Cut rectangle of felt big enough to cover whole of mouth opening from the reverse side. It's better to be too big than too small.



Turn the right way round and stuff body.

Sew up bottom edge of body.

Arms (make 2)

Round 1: make magic ring, ch 1, 6 dc in ring, sl st to join (6 sts) After this row I didn't sl st to join the ends of rows. (you might find it helpful to use a stitch marker at the beginning of each row)

Round 2: ch 1 *2dc in each st in round, repeat from * to end (12 sts)

Round 3: *1 dc in next st, 2dc in next st, repeat from * to end (18 sts)

Round 4: *1 dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, repeat from * to end (24 sts)

Round 5: *1 dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, repeat from * to end (30 sts)

Round 6: *1dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st repeat from * to end (36 sts)

Round 7: 1 dc in every st (36 sts)

Repeat round 7 until arm is the desired length. The arms on this monster were about 9 cms

Fasten off leaving a long end for sewing up and onto the body of the monster.

Stuff arms and sew up.

Sew onto side of body. I usually sew on the legs first then line up the arms with the edge of the monster.



Make legs

In desired colour for foot

Round 1: make magic ring, ch 1, 6 dc in ring, sl st to join (6 sts) After this row I didn't sl st to join the ends of rows. (you might find it helpful to use a stitch marker at the beginning of each row)

Round 2: ch 1 *2dc in each st in round, repeat from * to end (12 sts)

Round 3: *1 dc in next st, 2dc in next st, repeat from * to end (18 sts)

Round 4: *1 dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, repeat from * to end (24 sts)

Round 5: *1 dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, repeat from * to end (30 sts)

Round 6: *1dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st repeat from * to end (36 sts)

Round 7: 1 dc in every st (36 sts)

Repeat round 7 until foot is desired length then cut yarn and join in new colour for leg. Continue without increasing until leg is desired length (on this monster it was about 10cms)

Stuff leg and sew up.

Sew onto bottom of body.



Hat

Round 1: Make magic ring, ch 1, 6 Dc in ring, sl st to join (6 sts) After this row I didn't sl st to join the end of the rows (you might find it helpful to use a stitch marker at the beginning of each row)

Round 2: ch 1, *2 dc in each stitch in round, repeat from * to end (12 sts)

Round 3: *1 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st repeat from * to end (18 sts)

Round 4: *1 dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st repeat from * to end (24 sts)

Round 5: 1 dc in every st don't sl st to join (24 sts)

Round 6: 1 dc in every st don't sl st to join (24 sts)

Round 7: 1 dc in every st don't sl st to join (24 sts)

Round 8: *1dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, repeat from * to end (36 sts)

Round 9: 1 dc in every st (36 sts)

Round 10: 1 dc in every st (36 sts)

Round 11: 1 dc in every st (36 sts) sl st to join in end and sew ends in

Eyes (make 2)

In white yarn

Round 1: make magic ring, ch 1, 7 dc in each st, sl st to join (7 sts)

Round 2: *2 dc in each st, repeat from * to end sl st to join (14 sts)

Round 3: ch1 *1dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, repeat from * to end sl st to join (21 sts)

Round 4: ch1 *1 dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, repeat from *to end sl st to join (28 sts)

Round 5: ch1 *1 dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, repeat from * to end sl st to join (35 sts)

Round 6: ch1 *1 dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st, repeat from * to end sl to join. (42 sts)

Fasten off and cut yarn

In contrast colour

Round 7: join yarn by pulling loop through one of the stitches, ch 1 then dc in every st to end, sl st to join. I try to crochet over the loose ends of yarn as I go.

Fasten off and cut yarn leaving long end to sew onto head.

Pupil

In black yarn

Round 1: make magic ring, ch 1, 6 dc in each st,sl st to join (6 sts)

Round 2: ch 1, 2 dc in each st, sl st to join (12 sts)

Round 3: ch 1, *1dc in next st, 2dc in next st, repeat from * to end, sl st to join (18 sts)

Fasten off and cut yarn leaving a long end to sew to white of eye

Sew pupil onto eye. I find it easier to do this before I sew on to body.

Sew a small white French knot or a couple of stitches onto pupil to give the eye a bit of sparkle.

Sew onto body

Sew hat onto top of head

If the yarn is too thick to sew hat on neatly I split the strands up to make a thinner thread