

BASIC CROCHET MONSTER



WHAT YOU NEED:

Chunky wool or two strands of DK wool, (you can choose to mix the colours in your own way)

6mm crochet hook

Piece of felt or non-fray fabric

12cm zip in colour of your choice

Safety eyes, if using buttons please ensure that they are very, very firmly attached with strong thread

Toy stuffing – MUST BE SAFETY APPROVED ie. with a CE label, or British Standard number (BS) Please don't use any other type of stuffing

Embroidery thread or strong Sylko or other thread for sewing up

Knitted or crocheted ears, legs, arms or pieces of material firmly attached are great in order to make it creative. If using any other attachments please ensure they are very firmly attached with strong thread

INSTRUCTIONS:

Make a chain of 23 stitches, then make 1 double crochet (dc) in stitch one away from the hook, then make 1dc in next 21 chains (22 st)

Crochet 60 rows of dc.

Cast off.

Make mouth pocket:-

Cut a piece of felt (or none fray fabric) roughly 15 x 20cm

Take a 12cm zip and sew one 15cm edge of felt to one side of zip and other 15cm side of felt to the other side of the zip (makes a tube)



With zip facing out through mouth opening of knitting, sew one side of zip to top of mouth and the other side of the zip to the lower lip - work several rows to make sure all is secure.



Working on inside of body, fold the felt bag down towards the body and sew the bag edges to make the mouth pocket

Fold so mouth pocket sits flat inside monster head then decorate with eyes, fangs etc as you wish.

Sew up one side of monster head, then stuff gently and sew up other side of monster head.

Decorate with ears, horns, tentacles etc as you wish, but please ensure that these are knitted, crocheted or sewn on very firmly.

Easy tentacles: crochet chain 10-15 stitches then return along chain making 3 double crochets in each link. The tentacle will naturally curl. Cast off and sew to body securely.

If you are an experienced crocheter we'd like you if possible to add some arms, legs and ears/horns for your crocheted monster. This makes it possible for us to fit on a pair of pants (we have a stock of knitted pants here, or you could knit some for your own monster if you prefer – see pants pattern on the website page. NB. knitted pants stay put better than crocheted do!

There is no set pattern for these additions, please use your own ideas, and see below for some inspiration! You can also, if you wish, vary the number of rows to make your monster longer as in the ones below, completely optional, we like to receive a variety. Please note that therapists prefer the monsters to have 2 eyes rather than one, thanks.

