

## THE KNIT-FOR-NOWT CROCHET WORRY CAT!

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This is a variation on a “Worry Monster”, in that it has a deep pocket for the child to place worry papers in. Please ensure that your pocket is nice and deep so it could accommodate several pieces of paper.

### What you need:

- Chunky yarn or DK - use any colour of yarn. Can be plain, striped, or a mixture of both. Cream or white looks good for the cat’s muzzle and pink for the nose.
- Size 4mm crochet hook
- Black embroidery thread for the whiskers and eyes
- Stuffing – this must be approved for toys, and have a BS or CE marking on the packaging. Please note that for safety no other stuffings may be used



### Foundation Ring

Begin by dc6 into foundation ring (or magic ring)

Make slip knot and chain 2.

Insert hook into the first chain stitch and work a double crochet stitch 6 times into this same stitch

Pull tightly on the tail of the yarn to close the centre of the circle.

Mark end of rows will be needed later in pattern

Change yarn colour every three rows.

Dc = Double Crochet

### The body of the cat is crocheted in a circular piece

#### Body (starting at bottom of body)

Begin by dc6 into foundation ring see above or magic circle

#### Increase:

**Rnd 1** (Dc2 into next stitch) 6 times (12)

**Rnd 2** (Dc1, dc2 into next stitch) 6 times (18)

**Rnd 3** (Dc2, dc2 into next stitch) 6 times (24)

**Rnd 4** (Dc3, dc2 into next stitch) 6 times (30)

**Rnd 5** (Dc4, dc2 into next stitch) 6 times (36)

**Rnd 6** (Dc5, dc2 into next stitch) 6 times (42)

**Rnd 7** (Dc6, dc2 into next stitch) 6 times (48)

**Rnd 8** (Dc7, dc2 into next stitch) 6 times (54)

**Rnd 9** (Dc8, dc2 into next stitch) 6 times (60)

**Rnd 10** (Dc9, dc2 into next stitch) 6 times (66)

**Rnds 11 onwards until work measures 8 inches ending with front facing.**

#### **Decrease**

**Rnd 1** By 4 stitches (Dc16, dc2tog) (62)

**Rnd 2** (Dc1 into next stitch) to end of row, no decrease (62)

**Rnd 3** By 4 stitches (Dc15, dc2tog) (58)

**Rnd 4** (Dc1 into next stitch) to end of row, no decrease

**Rnd 5** By 4 stitches (Dc,14 dc2tog) (54)

**Rnd 6** (Dc1 into next stitch) to end of row, no decrease

**Rnd 7** By 4 stitches (Dc13, dc2tog) (52)

**Rnd 8** (Dc1 into next stitch) to end of row, no decrease

**Rnd 9** By 4 stitches (Dc11, dc2tog) (48)

**Rnd 10** (Dc1 into next stitch) to end of row, no decrease

**Rnd 11** (dc1 in next stitch) repeat to end of row (48)

**Rnd 12** (dc1 in next stitch) repeat to end of row (48)

#### **Increase**

**Rnd 13** By 4 stitches (Dc11, dc2 into next stitch) repeat (52)

**Rnd 14** (Dc1 in next stitch) repeat until end of row (52)

**Rnd 15** By 4 stitches ( Dc13, dc2 into next stitch) repeat (56)

**Rnd 16** (Dc1 in next stitch) repeat until end of row (56)

### **Opening for Mouth**

Establish front facing and where the mouth should be. From start and finish point of row (which should be marked), find centre point at front and work out how wide you want the mouth to be, to establish number of stitches needed. I use (22 stitches or 10cm)

**Rnd 17** (Dc1 in each stitch) repeat to beginning of mouth opening. Chain 22 then continue (Dc1 in each stitch) repeat to end (start and finish point should be marked)

**Rnd 18** (dc1 in next stitch) to end point of row

**Rnd 19** (dc1 in next stitch) to end point of row

**Continue until work measures 10 inches**

#### **Decrease**

**Rnd 20** (Dc9, dc2tog) repeat to end of row.

**Rnd 21** (Dc8, dc2tog) repeat to end of row.

**Rnd 22** (Dc7, dc2tog) repeat to end of row.

**Rnd 23** (Dc6,dc2tog) repeat to end of row.

**Rnd 24** (Dc1 into next stitch) repeat to end of row

**Rnd 25** (Dc5, dc2tog) repeat to end of row.

**Rnd 26** (Dc4, dc2tog) repeat to end of row.

**Rnd 27** (Dc1 into next stitch) repeat to end of row

**Rnd 28** (Dc3, dc2tog) repeat to end of row

**Rnd 29** (Dc2, dc2tog) repeat to end of row

**Rnd 30** (Dc1, dc2tog) repeat to end of row

**Rnd 31** (Dc2tog) to end cast off.

If you are using safety eyes, it's at this stage they need to be fitted to the head, through the mouth opening before the mouth pocket is sewn in place. Also at this stage the body and head are stuffed, again through the mouth opening.

Next sew on mouth pocket as instructed.

## Tail

Begin by Dc6 foundation ring

**Rnd 1** (Dc2 into next st) 6 times (12) (or for thicker tail make it 15 stitches)

**Rnd 2-26** Dc

## Arms and Legs

Make 4 the same

Begin by dc6 foundation ring

**Rnd 1** (Dc2 into next st) 6 times (12)

**Rnd 2** (Dc1, dc2 into next st) 6 times (18)

**Rnd 3** (Dc 2, dc2 into next st) 6 times (24)

**Rnds 4-7** Dc 4 rounds

**Rnd 8** (Dc2, dc2tog) 6 times (18)

**Rnd 9** (Dc 6, dc2tog) 3 times (15)

**Rnds 10** onwards until measures 6 inches

After stuffing make the paws of the cat more realistic by putting in a few stitches into each paw to divide it into sections.

## Mouth Pocket

Chain 22 stitches

(Dc1 into next row) until work measures 12 inches

Cast off

Crochet side and both to form pocket

Sew the mouth pocket to the top and bottom of the mouth opening. Make sure there is no gap at the sides where the stuffing could get through.

## Cat's Muzzle:

Make Two

Chain 4

**Rnd 1** (Dc1, into next stitch) 4 times (4)

**Rnd 2** (Dc2, into next stitch) 4 times (8)

**Rnd 3** (Dc1, into next stitch) 8 times (8)

**Rnds 4-9** (Dc1, into next stitch) 8 times (8)

**Rnd 10** (Dc2tog to end of row) (4)

Cast off.

May need small amount of stuffing

Attach each piece to the cats face by sewing them on length wise right about the opening of the cats mouth.

## Nose

Chain 4

Rnds 1-2 (Dc1, in next stitch) 4 times (4)

Rnd 3 (Dc2, in next stitch) 4 times (8)

Rnds 4-8 (Dc1, in next stitch) 8 times (8)

Rnd 9 (Dc1, in next two stitches) 4 times (4)

Finish off leaving long thread of yarn.

Thread yarn through stitches and pull gathers tightly.

Stuff slightly

Sew directly onto the cats face directly above the muzzle.

## Eyes

Embroider eyes using black thread. Place them close together, gives effective characterful look!

Two wraps of yarn running vertically through the same stitches across two rows. Using more wraps to create bigger eyes will make the cat look cuter. Where the eyes placed changes the character. If you wish you could use safety eyes, which need to be inserted before the stuffing goes in.

## Whiskers

Use black thread to embroider whiskers.

Use pink thread to make a few stitches over the join between the two halves of the muzzle.

## Ears

**Chain 15 (for bigger ears add more chain stitches)**

**Rnds 1-2** Dc1. (15)

**Rnd 3** Dc2tog, Dc1 to last 2 st, Dc2tog (13)

**Rnd 4** Dc1 (13)

**Rnd 5** Dc2tog, Dc1 to last 2 st, Dc2tog (11)

**Rnd 6** Dc1 (11)

**Rnd 7** Dc2tog, Dc1 to last 2 st, Dc2tog (9)

**Rnd 8** Dc1 (9)

**Rnd 9** Dc2tog, Dc1 to last 2st, Dc2tog (7)

**Rnd 10** Dc2tog, Dc1 to last 2 st, Dc2tog (5)

**Rnd 12** Dc2tog, Dc1 to last 2 st, Dc2tog (3)

**Rnd 13** Dc2tog, 1 st left fasten off

## Ear linings

(lighter colour for contrast)

**Chain 13 (for bigger ears add more chain stitches)**

**Rnds 1-2** Dc1. (13)

**Rnd 3** Dc2tog, Dc1 to last 2 st, Dc2tog (11)

**Rnd 4** Dc (11)

**Rnd 5** Dc2tog, Dc1 to last 2 st, Dc2tog (9)

**Rnd 6** Dc (9)

**Rnd 7** Dc2tog, Dc1 to last 2 st, Dc2tog (7)

**Rnd 8** Dc (7)

**Rnd 9** Dc2tog, Dc to last 2st, Dc2tog (5)

**Rnd 10** Dc2tog, Dc to last 2 st, Dc2tog (3)

**Rnd 11** Dc2tog, 1 st left fasten off

Should be slightly smaller than outer ear.

Sew ear linings onto the ears before sewing the ears onto the cat.

### **Alternative pattern for ears:**

#### **EARS - MAKE TWO**

Chain 30 and join into circle with slip stitch

**Rnd 1-4** Dc each round

**Rnd 5** (Dc 10, dc2tog) twice (22)

**Rnd 6** (Dc 9, dc2tog) twice (20)

**Rnd 7** (Dc8, dc2tog) twice 18)

**Rnd 8** Dc

**Rnd 9** (Dc7, dc2tog) twice (16)

**Rnd10** (Dc6, dc2tog) twice (14)

**Rnd 11** (Dc5, dc2tog) twice (12)

**Rnd 12** (Dc4, dc2tog) twice (10)

**Rnd 13** (Dc3, dc2tog) twice (8)

**Rnd 14** (Dc2, dc2 tog) twice (6)

**Rnd 15** (Dc1, dc2tog) twice (4)

**Rnd 16** Dc4tog

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