

BASIC CROCHET MONSTER (English terms)

This pictures show various different types of knitted and crocheted monsters.
The pattern for a knitted monster with the topknot can be found separately
on the Patterns Page of the website.



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

5" (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. Some ideas for these follow at the end of this pattern.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Make a chain of 23 stitches, then make 1double 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.

Please do decorate with ears, horns, tentacles etc as you wish, using your own creativity, (please ensure that these are knitted, crocheted or sewn on very firmly).

Here are some suggestions of additions sent in by Judith in East Yorkshire – use any or all of them to make your monster as whacky as possible! Children will relate best to a characterful monster.

OUTER EYES

Work 12 tr into adjustable ring, pull to shape, ss into 1st tr. Ch 2

Round 1: 2 tr into each 12 (24 st). Ss to 1st tr . Fasten off.

INNER EYES

Work 12 DC into adjustable ring, pull to shape, ss to 1st DC. Fasten off.

Attach inner eye to outer eye and attach to monster.

LEGS

Work 6 DC into an adjustable ring, pull to shape, ss into 1st DC. Ch 1.

Round 1: 2 DC into each DC(12 STS), ss into 1st DC. Ch 1.

Round 2: 2dc into next step, 1dc into next step (18 STS). Ch 1.

Round 3: 1 DC into next st (18 STS)

Continue for 4 rows or more depending on desired length. Stuff and attach to monster.

NOSE

Ch 6

Round 1: 1dc into 2nd Ch from hook, DC into each of 4 ch

Round 2: Ch 1, dc2tog, DC in next DC, dc2tog

Round 3: Ch 1, DC into each of next 3dc

Round 4: Ch 1, dc3tog, ss to close

Turn and work DC evenly around the edge of the triangle, ss into 1st DC and fasten off leaving a tail to see on with

EARS

Work 6 DC into adjustable ring, pull to shape, ss into 1st dc

Round 1: Ch 1. 2 DC into each st (12 st)

Round 2: Ch 1. 2 DC into each st (24 st)

Fasten off.

Fold ear in half and join along turning edges, attach to head.

HAIR

Take 6-8 strands of wool, fold in half, pull loops through corner of head with hook, feed ends through the hoops and pull tight to secure.

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.**