CROCHET CAPYBARA: CLASSIC CAPYBARA AMIGURUMI

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Printable pattern, adapted in my own words from the free Loops and Love Crochet design listed in sources.txt. US crochet terms.

SKILL LEVEL

Confident beginner to intermediate

MATERIALS

- Worsted weight (4) yarn, for example WeCrochet Brava Worsted. About 80 to 90 yards in total. Most of the yardage is in a light brown or beige, with 5 to 10 yards in a darker brown. About 20 yards of an accent color is needed only if you make the hoodie version. A small amount of black yarn is needed for the eyes and face.
- Crochet hook: 3.5 mm, or the hook size that suits your yarn and gives firm stitches
- Fiber stuffing
- Yarn needle (a bent yarn needle works well for sewing amigurumi pieces together)
- Scissors
- Stitch marker

GAUGE

Not stated by the source, so no gauge figure is given here and none has been invented. Work with firm, even stitches so the stuffing does not show through.

FINISHED SIZE

Approximately 4.5 inches tall from head to feet, with the legs hanging straight. A different yarn or hook size will make the toy a little larger or smaller.

ABBREVIATIONS

ch: chain

sc: single crochet

sl st: slip stitch

st: stitch

inc: increase (work 2 sc in the same stitch)

inv dec: invisible single crochet decrease

MR: magic ring

PATTERN NOTES

- The body and head are worked as one piece in continuous rounds. Do not join at the end of a round. Use a stitch marker to mark the start of each round.
- The snout, ears, arms, legs, and optional hood are worked separately and sewn on.
- The pattern starts with a magic ring. Chain 1 after the ring does not count as a stitch.
- To change color, work the last stitch of the round as usual until the last yarn over, then yarn over with the new color and pull through to finish the stitch.
- Stuff the body and head as you go, keeping the stuffing a few rounds below the round you are working so it does not catch in your stitches. Add enough stuffing before the opening gets too small.

SNOUT

Using the darker brown, work a magic ring.

Round 1: Chain 1, work 6 sc into the ring. (6)

Round 2: Work 2 sc in each stitch around. (12)

Round 3: Repeat around: work 2 sc in the first stitch, then 1 sc in the next stitch. (18)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. With black yarn and your yarn needle, stitch a Y shape on the snout: start at the center, make two short stitches going up and out to the sides, then one straight stitch down. Knot the ends at the back. Set the snout aside.

BODY AND HEAD

Using the light brown, work a magic ring.

Round 1: Chain 1, work 6 sc into the ring. (6)

Round 2: Work 2 sc in each stitch around. (12)

Round 3: Repeat around: 2 sc in the first stitch, 1 sc in the next stitch. (18)

Round 4: Repeat around: 2 sc in the first stitch, 1 sc in each of the next 2 stitches. (24)

Round 5: Repeat around: 2 sc in the first stitch, 1 sc in each of the next 3 stitches. (30)

Round 6: Repeat around: 2 sc in the first stitch, 1 sc in each of the next 4 stitches. (36)

Rounds 7 to 12: Work 1 sc in each stitch around. (36)

If you are making the hoodie version, work rounds 10 to 16 in the hoodie color, then change back to the light brown after round 16.

Round 13: Repeat around: 1 inv dec, 1 sc in each of the next 4 stitches. (30)

Round 14: Work 1 sc in each stitch around. (30)

Round 15: Repeat around: 1 inv dec, 1 sc in each of the next 3 stitches. (24)

Round 16: Work 1 sc in each stitch around. (24)

The body section is complete. Stuff the lower body now, keeping the stuffing below the top of the work.

Round 17: Work 1 sc in the first 9 stitches, 2 sc in each of the next 6 stitches, 1 sc in the last 9 stitches. (30)

Round 18: Work 1 sc in the first 9 stitches, then repeat 6 times: 2 sc in the next stitch, 1 sc in the next stitch. Work 1 sc in the last 9 stitches. (36)

Rounds 19 to 26: Work 1 sc in each stitch around. (36)

Round 27: Repeat around: 1 inv dec, 1 sc in each of the next 4 stitches. (30)

Now add the face. With the front of the face toward you, place the snout in the center of the face, with its top one round down from the top round of stitches. Sew it in place by passing your needle in and out of each stitch around the snout, passing through the face each time. Make each eye with black yarn, working a stitch about 3 stitches wide between rounds 25 and 26, starting the eye in the 4th stitch away from the edge of the snout, so the eyes line up on the sides of the head. Weave in or tie off all ends and hide them inside the head. Add stuffing to the head, keeping it below the round you are working.

Round 28: Repeat around: 1 inv dec, 1 sc in each of the next 3 stitches. (24)

Round 29: Repeat around: 1 inv dec, 1 sc in each of the next 2 stitches. (18)

Round 30: Repeat around: 1 inv dec, 1 sc in the next stitch. (12)

Round 31: Work 1 inv dec in each stitch around. (6)

Fasten off. Use your yarn needle to sew the top of the head closed. Weave in the ends. Set the body aside.

EARS (make 2)

Using the darker brown, work a magic ring.

Round 1: Chain 1, work 6 sc into the ring. (6)

Round 2: Repeat around: 2 sc in the first stitch, 1 sc in each of the next 2 stitches. (8)

Fasten off with a slip stitch in the next stitch, leaving a tail for sewing. Set aside.

ARMS AND LEGS (make 4)

The arms and legs are worked the same. You need 4 in total.

Using the darker brown, work a magic ring.

Round 1: Chain 1, work 6 sc into the ring. (6)

Round 2: Repeat around: 2 sc in the first stitch, 1 sc in the next stitch. (9)

Change to the light brown. For the hoodie version, change to the hoodie color after round 2 for two of the four pieces only.

Rounds 3 to 4: Work 1 sc in each stitch around. (9)

Fasten off with a slip stitch in the next stitch, leaving a tail for sewing. Set aside.

HOOD (optional, only for the hoodie version)

Using the hoodie color, work a magic ring.

Round 1: Chain 1, work 6 sc into the ring. (6)

Round 2: Work 2 sc in each stitch around. (12)

Round 3: Repeat around: 2 sc in the first stitch, 1 sc in the next stitch. (18)

Round 4: Repeat around: 2 sc in the first stitch, 1 sc in each of the next 2 stitches. (24)

Round 5: Repeat around: 2 sc in the first stitch, 1 sc in each of the next 3 stitches. (30)

Round 6: Repeat around: 2 sc in the first stitch, 1 sc in each of the next 4 stitches. (36)

Round 7: Work 1 sc in each stitch around. (36)

Round 8: Work 1 sc in the first 12 stitches, chain 5, skip 4 stitches, work 1 sc in the next 4 stitches, chain 5, skip 4 stitches, work 1 sc in the last 9 stitches, chain 1, turn. The last 3 stitches of the round stay unworked. (25 sc plus 10 ch)

Round 9: Work 1 sc in the first 9 stitches, work 4 sc in the chain space, work 1 sc in the next 4 stitches, work 4 sc in the chain space, work 1 sc in the last 9 stitches. The last 6 stitches stay unworked. (30)

Round 10: Work 1 sc in each stitch across, then continue with 1 sc in the next 2 stitches down the side of the straight edge, 1 sc in each of the 6 stitches that were left unworked, then 1 sc in the next 2 stitches back up the edge on the other side. Join with a slip stitch to the top of the first sc at the top of the straight edge. (40)

Fasten off and weave in the ends, leaving a long tail for sewing. Set the hood aside.

ASSEMBLY

- Sew on the ears: place the ears toward the back of the head, starting about 4 stitches from each eye and one round up. If you are adding the hood, pin the ears in place first and check the placement against the ear openings in the hood.
- Sew on the legs: first sew two legs to the bottom front of the body, in rounds 4 to 6 up from the bottom, so the capybara can sit steadily. Pin them in place and test the sitting position before you sew. Then sew on the arms, one on each side of the body, 1 to 2 rounds below the head. For the hoodie version, the legs are all brown and the arms carry the accent color.
- Sew on the hood (optional): put the hood on the head with the ears pushed through the openings. Sew along the stitches at the bottom of the hood at the back of the capybara, lined up with the accent colored stitches of round 16, passing through a stitch on the capybara each time. For an optional tie, pass a strand of accent colored yarn through the last stitch at the bottom of the hood on one side, through the capybara, and out the other end of the hood, then bring the ends together and tie a knot or bow at the front.

FINISHING

- Weave in every yarn end and hide it inside the toy.

- Check the face from the front: the snout should sit centered, the eyes should line up on either side, and the ears should sit evenly.
- Check that the toy sits steadily and that every piece is sewn on firmly, with no loose ends.
- If the toy is for a baby or toddler, embroidered eyes are the safer choice. Safety eyes are not used in this design.

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