CROCHET FOX: PLUSH FOX 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

Not stated by the source. The pattern uses basic amigurumi stitches worked in continuous rounds, with simple increases and decreases, so it suits a confident beginner. Plush yarn can be hard to see while you work, so use a stitch marker and bright light.

MATERIALS

- Super bulky (5) plush yarn, for example Lion Brand Feels Like Bliss. About 130 yards in total: about 95 yards of orange (Peach), about 15 yards of grey (Slate), and about 20 yards of white.
- Crochet hook: 4 mm (or your preferred size for amigurumi or the yarn you use)
- Safety eyes: 12 mm
- Safety nose: size not stated by the source, or embroider the nose instead
- Fiber stuffing, such as Poly-fil
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Stitch marker or a short piece of contrasting yarn to mark the start of each round

GAUGE

Gauge is not critical for this pattern. For reference, the source gives about 11 single crochet stitches and 9 rows in a 2 inch square.

FINISHED SIZE

Approximately 10 inches tall from the bottom of the feet to the top of the ears.

ABBREVIATIONS

BLO: back loop only

ch: chain

dec: decrease (single crochet decrease)

inc: increase (2 single crochet in one stitch)

sc: single crochet

sl st: slip stitch

st: stitch

PATTERN NOTES

- Work in continuous rounds. Do not join at the end of a round, and mark the start of each round with a stitch marker.
- Start each piece with a magic circle: make a loop with the yarn, insert the hook, draw up a loop, chain 1, then work the first round into the ring and pull it tight.
- Color changes on the head switch between orange and white in the middle of rounds. Finish the last single crochet in the old color up to the last yarn over, then yarn over with the new color and pull through. Carry the inactive color under your stitches, keeping it toward the bottom of the stitches and snug enough not to show through, but not so tight that the work puckers.
- Stuff pieces as you go, before the opening gets too small.
- Safety eyes are not recommended for children under three years old. For toys for young children, embroider the eyes and nose instead.

SNOUT

Work in white yarn.

Round 1: Magic circle, 6 sc into the ring (6).

Round 2: 2 sc in each st around (12).

Round 3: *2 sc in first st, sc in next st, repeat from * around (18).

Rounds 4-5: Sc in each st around (18).

Sl st to the next stitch and fasten off, leaving a tail to sew the snout to the face. Place a safety nose through the center of the circle and secure the back, leaving room for it in the ring. If you are not using a safety nose, pull the ring tight and stitch the nose on later. Set the snout aside.

LEGS (make 2)

Round 1: In grey, magic circle, 6 sc into the ring (6).

Round 2: 2 sc in each st around (12).

Round 3: *2 sc in first st, sc in next st, repeat from * around (18).

Change to orange yarn.

Round 4: BLO sc in each st around (18).

Rounds 5-10: Sc in each st around (18).

Fasten off the first leg and set it aside. Repeat rounds 1 to 10 for the second leg, but do not fasten off. Stuff both legs about three quarters of the way up, leaving space at the top so stuffing does not catch in your stitches when you join the legs.

BODY AND HEAD

Round 1: Join the legs. On the second leg, chain 2, then join to the first leg with a sc in the next stitch after where you fastened off. Sc in each stitch around the first leg, sc in each of the 2 chain

stitches, sc in each stitch around the second leg, then sc in each of the 2 chain stitches on the other side (40).

Rounds 2-10: Sc in each st around (40).

Round 11: *Dec, sc in next 8 sts, repeat from * around (36).

Round 12: *Dec, sc in next 4 sts, repeat from * around (30).

Rounds 13-14: Sc in each st around (30).

Round 15: *Dec, sc in next 3 sts, repeat from * around (24).

Round 16: Sc in each st around (24).

Round 17: *Dec, sc in next 2 sts, repeat from * around (18).

Round 18: Sc in each st around (18).

Round 19: *Dec, sc in next st, repeat from * around (12).

Round 20: Sc in each st around (12).

This is the end of the body. The head now increases again, with orange and white worked together in rounds 21 to 29. The stitch counts for each color are given in brackets after the round instructions. O means orange, W means white. Start working over the white yarn at the start of round 21, and carry the inactive color through rounds 21 to 29.

Round 21: *2 sc in first st, sc in next st, repeat from * around (8 O, 6 W, 4 O) (18).

Round 22: *2 sc in first st, sc in next 2 sts, repeat from * around (10 O, 10 W, 4 O) (24).

Round 23: *2 sc in first st, sc in next 3 sts, repeat from * around (12 O, 15 W, 3 O) (30).

Round 24: *2 sc in first st, sc in next 4 sts, repeat from * around (14 O, 19 W, 3 O) (36).

Round 25: *2 sc in first st, sc in next 5 sts, repeat from * around (17 O, 22 W, 3 O) (42).

Round 26: *2 sc in first st, sc in next 6 sts, repeat from * around (20 O, 25 W, 3 O) (48).

Round 27: *2 sc in first st, sc in next 7 sts, repeat from * around (23 O, 28 W, 3 O) (54).

Rounds 28-29: Sc in each st around (23 O, 28 W, 3 O) (54).

The rest of the head is worked in orange only. Crochet over the white yarn until it is secure, then cut it.

Rounds 30-33: Sc in each st around (54).

Round 34: *Dec, sc in next 7 sts, repeat from * around (48).

Eyes: insert the safety eyes between rounds 30 and 31, about 9 stitches apart in the center of the face.

Snout: add a little stuffing to the snout, then place it in the center of the face with the top lining up with the center of the eyes. Sew around the outside of the snout, passing through a stitch on the face each time, then weave in the tail and cut the yarn.

Add stuffing to the body and head as you work the decreases below, before the opening gets too small.

Round 35: *Dec, sc in next 6 sts, repeat from * around (42).

Round 36: *Dec, sc in next 5 sts, repeat from * around (36).

Round 37: *Dec, sc in next 4 sts, repeat from * around (30).

Round 38: *Dec, sc in next 3 sts, repeat from * around (24).

Round 39: *Dec, sc in next 2 sts, repeat from * around (18).

Round 40: *Dec, sc in next st, repeat from * around (12).

Round 41: *Dec in each st around (6).

Fasten off. Use your yarn needle to sew the top of the head closed, weave in the ends, and cut the yarn. Set aside while you make the remaining pieces.

ARMS (make 2)

Round 1: In grey, magic circle, 6 sc into the ring (6).

Round 2: 2 sc in each st around (12).

Rounds 3-4: Sc in each st around (12).

Change to orange yarn.

Round 5: BLO sc in each st around (12).

Rounds 6-16: Sc in each st around (12).

Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Flatten the arm and sew the top closed by passing your yarn needle through both layers of the stitches across the top. Repeat for the second arm.

EARS (make 2)

Round 1: In grey, magic circle, 6 sc into the ring (6).

Round 2: *2 sc in first st, sc in next 2 sts, repeat from * around (8).

Change to orange yarn.

Round 3: *2 sc in first st, sc in next 3 sts, repeat from * around (10).

Round 4: *2 sc in first st, sc in next 4 sts, repeat from * around (12).

Round 5: *2 sc in first st, sc in next st, repeat from * around (18).

Rounds 6-7: Sc in each st around (18).

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. With white yarn, add the ear detail: make five long stitches that start in the top center of the ear, right where the grey meets the orange, and fan out to five stitches in the last round of the ear. Flatten the ear and close the top by passing your yarn needle and orange yarn through both layers of the stitches across the top. Repeat for the second ear.

TAIL

Round 1: In white, magic circle, 6 sc into the ring (6).

Round 2: *2 sc in first st, sc in next 2 sts, repeat from * around (8).

Round 3: *2 sc in first st, sc in next 3 sts, repeat from * around (10).

Round 4: *2 sc in first st, sc in next 4 sts, repeat from * around (12).

Round 5: Sc in each st around (12).

Change to orange yarn.

Round 6: BLO sc in each st around (12).

Round 7: *2 sc in first st, sc in next st, repeat from * around (18).

Round 8: *2 sc in first st, sc in next 2 sts, repeat from * around (24).

Rounds 9-10: Sc in each st around (24).

Add stuffing to the lower part of the tail, about three quarters of the way up.

Round 11: *Dec, sc in next 2 sts, repeat from * around (18).

Round 12: Sc in each st around (18).

Round 13: *Dec, sc in next st, repeat from * around (12).

Rounds 14-18: Sc in each st around (12).

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Flatten the tail and close the top by passing your yarn needle through both layers of the stitches across the top.

ASSEMBLY

Step 1: Sew the arms to the sides of the body, one round below the neck.

Step 2: Sew the ears to the top of the head, in rounds 4 to 10 from the top and center.

Step 3: Sew the tail to the back at the bottom of the fox, about 6 rounds above the top of the legs.

FINISHING

- Weave in every yarn end neatly and trim close.
- Check that all parts are sewn on firmly, especially for a toy made for a child.
- Check the finished fox: it should sit upright, hold its shape, and show no stuffing through the stitches.
- For a toy for a child under three, use embroidered eyes and nose instead of safety eyes and a safety nose.

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