CROCHET MONKEY: CHEEKY AMIGURUMI MONKEY

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FINISHED SIZE

About 22 cm (8.6 inches) high and about 13 cm (5.1 inches) wide, using DK yarn and a 3.5 mm hook. Sizes are approximate and will vary a little with your yarn and tension.

SKILL LEVEL

Intermediate. You need a magic ring, single crochet, increases, decreases, chain stitches and slip stitches, plus colour changing. The face needs colour changes in rounds 12 to 20 of the head, so this pattern suits a confident beginner with some amigurumi experience.

TIME

The source pattern gives no time estimate.

MATERIALS

- DK yarn in caramel (Colour A), 86 g (129 m / 141 yds): body, head, ears, arms, legs, tail
- DK yarn in nougat cream (Colour B), 25 g (37.5 m / 41 yds): face, muzzle, inner ears, hands, feet
- 3.5 mm (E) crochet hook
- 8 mm black safety eyes, 1 pair
- Black embroidery thread: nose
- Polyester stuffing
- Yarn needle
- Stitch marker
- Scissors
- Pins

ABBREVIATIONS (US terms)

MR: magic ring. ch: chain. sc: single crochet. inc: increase (2 sc in the same stitch). dec: invisible decrease (single crochet 2 stitches together). sl st: slip stitch. st(s): stitch(es). Rnd: round. BLO: back loop only. FLO: front loop only. ccA: change to Colour A. ccB: change to Colour B.

NOTES

Work in continuous rounds. Do not join rounds and do not turn, unless the pattern says so. Place a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up as you finish the round. The number in brackets at the end of each round is the stitch count you should have, so count your stitches at the end of every increase and decrease round. This pattern uses US crochet terms throughout. If you are used to UK terms, remember that a US single crochet is a UK double crochet, so do not convert the stitches in this pattern. Change colour in the last yarn over of the stitch before the new colour is stated, so the colour changes stay straight. Gauge is not required for this pattern. For reference, the source gauge is 11 single crochet stitches and 11 rows to 5 cm (1.96 inches).

BODY (Colour A, caramel)

Work in continuous rounds. Stuff firmly as you go.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in MR (6)

Rnd 2: [inc] x 6 (12)

Rnd 3: [sc, inc] x 6 (18)

Rnd 4: [2 sc, inc] x 6 (24)

Rnd 5: [3 sc, inc] x 6 (30)

Rnd 6: [4 sc, inc] x 6 (36)

Rnd 7: [5 sc, inc] x 6 (42)

Rnd 8: [6 sc, inc] x 6 (48)

Rnd 9-20: sc in each st around (48), 12 rounds

Rnd 21: [6 sc, dec] x 6 (42)

Rnd 22: sc in each st around (42)

Rnd 23: [5 sc, dec] x 6 (36)

Rnd 24: sc in each st around (36)

Rnd 25: [4 sc, dec] x 6 (30)

Rnd 26: sc in each st around (30)

Rnd 27: [3 sc, dec] x 6 (24)

Rnd 28: [2 sc, dec] x 6 (18)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing the head to the body.

HEAD (Colour A caramel and Colour B nougat)

Work in continuous rounds. Start with Colour A. Stuff firmly as you go.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in MR (6)

Rnd 2: [inc] x 6 (12)

Rnd 3: [sc, inc] x 6 (18)

Rnd 4: [2 sc, inc] x 6 (24)

Rnd 5: [3 sc, inc] x 6 (30)

Rnd 6: [4 sc, inc] x 6 (36)

Rnd 7: [5 sc, inc] x 6 (42)

Rnd 8: [6 sc, inc] x 6 (48)

Rnd 9-11: sc in each st around (48), 3 rounds

Now work the face in Colour B. Change colour in the last yarn over of the stitch before the new colour.

Rnd 12: 19 sc, ccB 2 sc, ccA 4 sc, ccB 2 sc, ccA 21 sc (48)

Rnd 13: 18 sc, ccB 3 sc, ccA 4 sc, ccB 3 sc, ccA 20 sc (48)

Rnd 14: 18 sc, ccB 4 sc, ccA 2 sc, ccB 4 sc, ccA 20 sc (48)

Rnd 15: 17 sc, ccB 5 sc, ccA 2 sc, ccB 5 sc, ccA 19 sc (48)

Rnd 16: 17 sc, ccB 12 sc, ccA 19 sc (48)

Rnd 17: 17 sc, ccB 12 sc, ccA 19 sc (48)

Rnd 18: [6 sc, dec] x 2, 1 sc, ccB 5 sc, dec, 6 sc, ccA dec, [6 sc, dec] x 2 (42)

Rnd 19: [5 sc, dec] x 2, 2 sc, ccB 3 sc, dec, 5 sc, dec, ccA [5 sc, dec] x 2 (36)

Rnd 20: [4 sc, dec] x 2, 2 sc, ccB 2 sc, dec, 4 sc, dec, ccA [4 sc, dec] x 2 (30)

Rnd 21: [3 sc, dec] x 6 (24)

Rnd 22: [2 sc, dec] x 6 (18)

Rnd 23: [sc, dec] x 6 (12)

Rnd 24: [dec] x 6 (6)

Insert the 8 mm safety eyes between Rnd 16 and Rnd 17, about 5 stitches apart, before you finish stuffing the head. The lighter colour sticks out slightly in Rnd 18, but it matches up with the mouth when the mouth is sewn on. Fasten off, leaving a short tail. Weave the tail through the front loops of the last 6 stitches and pull tight to close the gap, then weave the end inside the head to hide it.

MOUTH (Colour B, nougat)

Do not stuff this piece. Start with a chain, then work around both sides of the chain. Slip stitches and chains are not counted in the stitch totals.

Start: 11 ch

Rnd 1: Starting in the 2nd ch from the hook, 2 sc in ch, sc in next 8 ch, 2 sc in next ch, continue working along the other side of the chain, 2 sc in next ch, sc in next 8 ch, 2 sc in next ch, sl st to first sc (24)

Rnd 2: ch, 2 sc in same st (as the sl st from Rnd 1), sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, sl st to first sc (26)

Rnd 3: ch, sc around, sl st to join (26)

Rnd 4: ch, sc around, sl st to join (26)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

EARS (make 2, Colour B nougat and Colour A caramel)

Do not stuff. Start with Colour B.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in MR (6)

Rnd 2: [inc] x 6 (12)

Rnd 3: [sc, inc] x 6 (18)

Change to Colour A.

Rnd 4: [2 sc, inc] x 6 (24)

Rnd 5: BLO sc in each st around (24)

Rnd 6: [2 sc, dec] x 6 (18)

Rnd 7: [sc, dec] x 6 (12)

Rnd 8: [dec] x 6 (6)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Weave the tail through the front loops of the last 6 stitches and pull tight to close the gap. Weave the remaining tail through any corner stitch between Rnd 5 and Rnd 6, ready for sewing. Repeat to make a second ear.

ARMS (make 2, Colour B nougat and Colour A caramel)

Start with Colour B. Stuff the hand firmly and the arm lightly, up to Rnd 12 only.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in MR (6)

Rnd 2: [inc] x 6 (12)

Rnd 3: [sc, inc] x 6 (18)

Rnd 4-6: sc in each st around (18), 3 rounds

Rnd 7: [sc, dec] x 6 (12)

Change to Colour A.

Rnd 8-12: sc in each st around (12), 5 rounds

Rnd 13-21: sc in each st around (12), 9 rounds

Rnd 22: Fold the sides together, ch 1, then sc 6 across to join both sides together (6)

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Repeat to make a second arm.

LEGS (make 2, Colour B nougat and Colour A caramel)

Start with Colour B. Stuff the foot firmly and the leg lightly.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in MR (6)

Rnd 2: [inc] x 6 (12)

Rnd 3: [sc, inc] x 6 (18)

Rnd 4: [2 sc, inc] x 6 (24)

Rnd 5: BLO sc in each st around (24)

Rnd 6: sc in each st around (24)

Rnd 7: 6 sc, [dec, sc] x 4, 6 sc (20)

Rnd 8: 4 sc, [sc, dec] x 4, 4 sc (16)

Rnd 9: 5 sc, [dec, sc] x 2, 5 sc (14)

Change to Colour A.

Rnd 10-14: sc in each st around (14), 5 rounds

Rnd 15-18: sc in each st around (14), 4 rounds

Rnd 19: Fold the sides together, ch 1, then sc 7 across to join both sides together (7)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. You may need to add or remove a stitch or two in Rnd 19 so the closed leg sits flat and horizontal compared with the back of the foot. Repeat to make a second leg.

TAIL (Colour A, caramel)

Stuff firmly as you go.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in MR (6)

Rnd 2: [inc, 2 sc] x 2 (8)

Rnd 3-31: sc in each st around (8), 29 rounds

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

ASSEMBLY

Pin every piece in place before you sew, so the ears sit level and the arms and legs match on both sides.

1. Sew the mouth to the head using the tail from the mouth. Stuff the mouth firmly when you have sewn halfway across. The mouth sits between Rnd 18 and Rnd 22 of the head, and the Colour B section of the face should sit in the middle of the mouth.

2. Sew the ears to the head. Sew about 4 stitches of each ear to each side of the head, on a slight angle between Rnd 12 and Rnd 15, with the Colour B section of each ear facing the front. There are about 20 stitches between the tops of the ears and 22 stitches between the bottoms of the ears.

3. Sew the head to the body using the tail from the body. The head sits on an angle, with Rnd 23 and Rnd 24 at the front of the head attached to the body, and Rnd 21 and Rnd 22 at the back of the head sitting at the back of the body.

4. Sew the arms to the body using the tail from each arm. The arms sit between Rnd 25 and Rnd 26 of the body, with about 9 stitches between the arms across the front of the body.

5. Sew the legs to the body using the tail from each leg. The legs sit between Rnd 7 and Rnd 8 of the body, with about 1 stitch between the legs across the front of the body.

6. Sew the tail to the body using the tail from the tail. The tail sits in the middle at the back of the body, between Rnd 6 and Rnd 10.

7. Embroider the nose. Using black embroidery thread, embroider a nose on the top of the mouth.

SAFETY NOTE

Safety eyes are not suitable for children under 3 years old, because small parts can come loose and be a choking hazard. For a monkey a small child will play with, embroider the eyes with

black yarn instead: stitch two small vertical ovals in the same position, between Rnd 16 and Rnd 17 of the head, about 5 stitches apart. Check every part is secure before giving the monkey to a child, and do not add beads or buttons, which can also come loose.

TIPS FOR A NEAT MONKEY

- Count at the end of the increase rounds. The body and head both grow by 6 stitches on every increase round. If your count is off by 6, you have missed or added one repeat; if it is off by 1 or 2, check the round you just worked before going on.
- Change colour in the last yarn over of the stitch before the new colour. This keeps the colour changes on the face straight instead of stepped.
- Stuff in small pinches. Little bits at a time give a smooth, even shape with no lumps. Stuff the head firmly so the face stays round, and stuff the arms and legs lightly so they flop a little.
- Pin before you sew. Pin the ears, arms, legs, and tail in place first, then look at the monkey from the front and the side before you sew anything down.
- Keep the tail long and even. The tail is 29 rounds of 8 stitches, so it is easy to lose count. Use a stitch marker and count the rounds as you go.

VARIATIONS

- Grey and cream monkey: work the body in grey instead of caramel and keep the face, muzzle, hands, and feet in cream. The rounds stay exactly the same.
- A bigger monkey: use chunky chenille yarn and a larger hook and follow the same rounds. The monkey will come out much larger and softer. Remember to change your hook size to match the yarn you choose.
- A jungle set: make two or three monkeys in different colours and sit them together on a shelf.

Pattern adapted from the free pattern by Cilla Richards (Cilla Crochets): Milo the Monkey Amigurumi, https://www.cillacrochets.com/free-crochet-patterns/free-monkey-crochet-pattern/

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