CROCHET MOUSE: BEAUTIFUL TINY AMIGURUMI IN 23 SIMPLE ROUNDS

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FINISHED SIZE

One size: 3 in (7.5 cm) tall.

SKILL LEVEL

Easy. You need chains, single crochet, and the single crochet decrease, all worked in continuous rounds, plus basic sewing and embroidery for the ears and nose.

TIME

The source pattern gives no exact time. The body is a single small piece of 23 rounds, so most crocheters finish one mouse in a single evening.

MATERIALS

- Lion Brand Vanna's Choice yarn, 1 ball in Linen (A) for the body and outer ears, and 1 ball in Pink (B) for the inner ears and the embroidered nose. Vanna's Choice is a 4-ply worsted weight 100 percent acrylic yarn. Each solid ball is 3.5 oz (100 g) and holds 170 yd (156 m). You will use only a small part of each ball for one mouse.
- Lion Brand crochet hook, Size G-6 (4.0 mm)
- Lion Brand stitch markers
- Large eyed blunt needle
- 2 plastic safety eyes, 9 mm diameter
- Fiberfill stuffing
- Scissors

ABBREVIATIONS (US terms)

beg: beginning. ch: chain. rep: repeat. rnd(s): round(s). sc: single crochet. sc2tog: single crochet 2 together, a decrease. Insert hook into stitch and draw up a loop. Insert hook into next stitch and draw up a loop. Yarn over, draw through all 3 loops on hook. st(s): stitch(es).

NOTES

This pattern is written in US crochet terms. Work in continuous rounds: do not join or turn unless otherwise instructed. Place a marker to indicate the beginning of the round and move it up as each round is completed.

GAUGE

Exact gauge is not essential for this project. Be sure to check your gauge: work tightly enough that the stuffing does not show through. If your mouse comes out larger than 3 in tall, try a smaller hook.

BODY

With A, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Work 6 sc in first ch. Place a marker to indicate the beginning of the round; move the marker up as each round is completed. (6 sc)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sc)

Rnd 3: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc; rep from * around. (18 sc)

Rnd 4: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc; rep from * around. (24 sc)

Rnd 5: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc; rep from * around. (30 sc)

Rnds 6-19: Sc in each sc around. (30 sc in each round) Work 14 rounds even.

Rnd 20: *Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sc; rep from * around. (24 sc)

Following package directions, attach the safety eyes.

Rnd 21: *Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sc; rep from * around. (18 sc)

Stuff the piece.

Rnd 22: *Sc2tog, sc in next sc; rep from * around. (12 sc)

Rnd 23: (Sc2tog) around. (6 sc)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Weave the tail through the last round and gather tightly. Knot to secure.

OUTER EARS (make 2)

With A, ch 2.

Rnd 1: Work 6 sc in first ch. Place a marker to indicate the beginning of the round; move the marker up as each round is completed. (6 sc)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sc)

Rnd 3: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc; rep from * around. (18 sc)

Fasten off.

INNER EARS (make 2)

With B, repeat Rnds 1 and 2 of the Outer Ear. (12 sc)

Fasten off.

FINISHING

Sew an Inner Ear to each Outer Ear. Sew the Ears to the head. With B, embroider a straight stitch nose. Tie a length of A to the rear of the Mouse for the tail. Trim to the desired length and knot the end. Weave in all ends.

CARE

The source pattern gives no care instructions. Treat the mouse gently: spot clean with mild detergent and lay flat to dry. Do not bleach. If the mouse is for a young child, use embroidered eyes instead of safety eyes.

TIPS FOR A NEAT MOUSE

- Work tightly. Loose stitches let the stuffing show through and make the mouse larger than 3 in tall.
- Move your stitch marker up every round. The even rounds all look alike, and the marker is the only way to know where Round 19 ends and the decreases begin.
- Attach the safety eyes before the last rounds close the body, as the pattern directs. Once the backs are on, they cannot be moved.
- Stuff before Round 22. The opening is only 12 stitches wide after Round 22, so stuffing later is much harder.
- Sew the ears on firmly and evenly. Pin them in place first and check the mouse from the front before you sew.

Pattern adapted from the free pattern by Lion Brand Yarn: Amigurumi Mouse, Pattern Number 70590AD, https://cdn.accentuate.io/4679058718813/12378270040157/Crochet-Pattern-Amigurumi-Mouse-70590AD-v1591868342888.PDF

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