CROCHET PIG: A BEAUTIFUL 13 INCH AMIGURUMI PIG TOY

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FINISHED SIZE

About 13 inches (33 cm) tall, using worsted-weight (#4) yarn and a 3.5 mm hook. Sizes are approximate and will vary a little with your yarn and tension.

SKILL LEVEL

Easy to Intermediate. You need a magic circle, single crochet, increases, invisible decreases, chain stitches and double crochet, and you need to join two legs into the body as you work and sew the head, nose, ears, arms and tail on at the end. The source pattern calls this skill level Easy/Intermediate and describes it as a beginner friendly pattern with some sewing of parts.

TIME

The source pattern gives no exact time. A 13 inch amigurumi with joined legs and several sewn parts is a weekend project for most crocheters: allow a few relaxed evenings, a little longer the first time.

MATERIALS

- Worsted-weight (#4) yarn, light pink, about 150 g: body, head, ears, and the upper legs and arms
- Worsted-weight (#4) yarn, dark pink, a small amount: hooves, nose, lower arms and tail
- 3.5 mm crochet hook
- 15 mm safety eyes, 1 pair
- Black crochet or embroidery thread for the eyelashes (optional)
- Polyester stuffing, a good amount for a 13 inch toy
- Tapestry needle (a yarn needle, bent tip if you have one)
- Stitch markers (a piece of scrap yarn works well)
- Scissors

ABBREVIATIONS (US terms)

MC: magic circle. ch: chain. sc: single crochet. inc: increase (2 sc in the same stitch). inv dec: invisible decrease (single crochet 2 stitches together). dc: double crochet. sl st: slip stitch. st(s): stitch(es). Rnd: round. BLO: back loop only. FO: fasten off.

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. Use invisible decreases for a cleaner finish. The source pattern gives no gauge. Gauge is not vital for a toy, but it affects the finished size and how much yarn you need: work tightly enough that the stuffing does not show through, and go down a hook size if your stitches look loose. Stuff firmly as you go, a little at a time, so the shape stays smooth.

LEGS AND BODY

Legs: make 2. Work the first 10 rounds in dark pink for the hooves, then change to light pink.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in MC (6)

Rnd 2: inc in each st around (12)

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

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

Rnd 5: working in BLO, sc in each st around (24). This round makes the neat line where the dark pink hoof meets the light pink leg.

Rnd 6-10: sc in each st around (24), 5 rounds

Change to light pink after Rnd 10.

Rnd 11-21: sc in each st around (24), 11 rounds

Fasten off Leg 1 with an invisible join and set it aside. Work Leg 2 the same way but do NOT fasten off after Rnd 21: the body starts from Leg 2. Stuff both legs lightly now, and keep adding a little stuffing every few rounds of the body so the legs stay full.

Body: continue with light pink and the 3.5 mm hook, starting from Leg 2.

Rnd 22: Ch 3, join to Leg 1 with a sc in its first st, sc in the remaining 23 sts of Leg 1, sc in each of the 3 ch, sc in each of the 24 sts of Leg 2, sc in each of the 3 ch on the other side (54). This round joins the legs and starts the body. Count 54 before you go on: 24 + 3 + 24 + 3.

Rnd 23-38: sc in each st around (54), 16 rounds

Rnd 39: [7 sc, inv dec] x 6 (48)

Rnd 40: sc in each st around (48)

Rnd 41: [6 sc, inv dec] x 6 (42)

Rnd 42: sc in each st around (42)

Rnd 43: [5 sc, inv dec] x 6 (36)

Rnd 44: sc in each st around (36)

Rnd 45: [4 sc, inv dec] x 6 (30)

Rnd 46-47: sc in each st around (30), 2 rounds

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing the head on later. Stuff the body firmly, adding the stuffing a little at a time so the shape stays smooth.

NOSE

Work with dark pink and the 3.5 mm hook.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in MC (6)

Rnd 2: inc in each st around (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: working in BLO, sc in each st around (30)

Rnd 7-8: sc in each st around (30), 2 rounds

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. With a small amount of light pink yarn, add two nostrils by passing once or twice through a stitch on the front of the nose.

HEAD

Work with light pink and the 3.5 mm hook.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in MC (6)

Rnd 2: inc in each st around (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: [7 sc, inc] x 6 (54)

Rnd 10: [8 sc, inc] x 6 (60)

Rnd 11-21: sc in each st around (60), 11 rounds

Place the safety eyes 8 stitches apart between Rnds 18 and 19. If you want eyelashes, add them with the black thread before you secure the backs of the eyes.

Sew the nose centered between the eyes, adding a little stuffing between the nose and the face as you sew.

Rnd 22: [8 sc, inv dec] x 6 (54)

Rnd 23: [7 sc, inv dec] x 6 (48)

Rnd 24: [6 sc, inv dec] x 6 (42)

Rnd 25: [5 sc, inv dec] x 6 (36)

Rnd 26: [4 sc, inv dec] x 6 (30)

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

Rnd 28: [2 sc, inv dec] x 6 (18). Keep stuffing the head firmly as you close it.

Rnd 29: [sc, inv dec] x 6 (12)

Rnd 30: inv dec x 6 (6)

Fasten off and sew the remaining opening closed. Weave in the end.

EARS (make 2)

Work with light pink and the 3.5 mm hook. Do not stuff the ears.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in MC (6)

Rnd 2: sc in each st around (6)

Rnd 3: inc in each st around (12)

Rnd 4: sc in each st around (12)

Rnd 5: [sc, inc] x 6 (18)

Rnd 6-8: sc in each st around (18), 3 rounds

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

ARMS (make 2)

Work the first 7 rounds in dark pink, then change to light pink. Stuff lightly at the bottom only.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in MC (6)

Rnd 2: inc in each st around (12)

Rnd 3: [2 sc, inc] x 4 (16). Note: the source says "repeat around" without a repeat count; from 12 stitches the repeat runs 4 times, which gives 16.

Rnd 4-7: sc in each st around (16), 4 rounds

Change to light pink after Rnd 7.

Rnd 8-23: sc in each st around (16), 16 rounds

At the end of Rnd 23, pinch the arm flat and make 8 sc across the top to close it. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

TAIL

Work with dark pink and the 3.5 mm hook.

Ch 10, 3 dc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across (27). The extra stitches make the tail curl into a tight spiral all by itself.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the ears onto the head, starting at about round 5 with a slight curve to about round 12, so they flop forward.

2. Sew the head onto the body, making sure the facial features are centered. Add extra stuffing as you go to keep it firm and stop the head from wobbling.

3. Sew the arms onto the body at about round 46, centered with the head.

4. Sew the tail onto the back of the body.

Your pig is complete. Happy crocheting!

Pattern adapted from the free pattern by Grace and Yarn: Amigurumi Pig, A Free Crochet Pattern, https://www.graceandyarn.com/2019/02/amigurumi-pig-free-crochet-pattern.html

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