

The Whimsical Hooker

Basic Instructions:

I highly recommend stitch markers, especially if you will be easily distracted like me.

To single crochet (sc): Yarn over, insert through the stitch (two yarns), yarn over, pull through two, pull through last two. One yarn should remain on the hook.

To increase (inc): Make two single crochets in one stitch.

To decrease (dec): Do not yarn over. Insert hook into front loop of next two stitches, yarn over, pull through two, pull through last two.

To half double crochet (hdc): Yarn over twice, insert through stitch, pull through two, pull through three.

To double crochet (dc): Yarn over twice, insert through stitch, pull through two, two, two.

To triple crochet (tc): Follow double, but yarn over three before inserting hook.

Front Loop Only (FLO) creates a new pattern in your work.

Back Loop Only (BLO) can be used in tandem with front loop to create a knitted look. BLO can also be used to create stitches on the front of the piece for ruffles or bordered edge for a shirt effect.

Most amigurumi patterns use single crochet, which is what my base pattern featured here follows.

Happy Crafting! I can't wait to see what you make with this basic pattern. 😊

Body:

1. Make a magic ring or ring of 6 sc.
2. Inc in each stitch to 12 sc.
3. (1 sc, 1 inc) around 6 times to 18 sc.
4. (2 sc, 1 inc) around 6 times to 24 sc.
5. (3 sc, 1 inc) around 6 times to 30 sc.
6. (4 sc, 1 inc) around 6 times to 36 sc.
7. (5 sc, 1 inc) around 6 times to 42 sc.
8. (6 sc, 1 inc) around 6 times to 48 sc.
9. (7 sc, 1 inc) around 6 times to 54 sc.
10. (8 sc, 1 inc) around 6 times to 60 sc.
- 11 - 20. 60 sc around.
21. (7 sc, dec) around 6 times to 54.
22. (6 sc, dec) around 6 times to 42.
23. (5 sc, dec) around 6 times to 36.
24. (4 sc, dec) around 6 times to 30.
25. (3 sc, dec) around 6 times to 24.
26. (2 sc, dec) around 6 times to 18.
- ** Stuff body here ** Make sure to shape as you stuff! The easiest way is to push the stuffing to the sides and fill in the middle last so you have an even shape. Be sure you don't overstuff so the stitches pull too far apart.
27. (1 sc, dec) around 6 times to 12.
28. (dec) around 6 times to close, slip stitch, bind off.

Head:

1. Magic circle or ring 6 sc.
2. Inc in each stitch to 12.
3. (1 sc, 1 inc) around 6 times to 18 sc.
4. (2 sc, 1 inc) around 6 times to 24 sc.
5. (3 sc, 1 inc) around 6 times to 30 sc.
6. (4 sc, 1 inc) around 6 times to 36 sc.
7. (5 sc, 1 inc) around 6 times to 42 sc.
8. (6 sc, 1 inc) around 6 times to 48 sc.
- 9 - 16. 48 sc around.
17. (6 sc, dec) around 6 times to 42 sc.
18. (5 sc, dec) around 6 times to 36 sc.
19. (4 sc, dec) around 6 times to 30 sc.
20. (3 sc, dec) around 6 times to 24.
21. (2 sc, dec) around 6 times to 18.

**** Add safety eyes if using before stuffing here **** I like to shape the piece and predict where the eyes should go based on where the nose or mouth would be. If you are making eyes from yarn, skip the safety eyes and stuff here.

22. (1 sc, dec) around 6 times to 12.
23. (dec) around to close, slip stitch, bind off. Leave a long tail to attach the head with the body.

Arms (make 2):

1. Magic Circle or ring 6 sc.

2. Inc in each stitch to 12.

* For smaller arms, make 2 rounds here. Stuff hand. Next, (2sc, dec) around to 9 stitches. Make rounds to length of arm desired. Lightly stuff arms if desired. Bind off.

* For larger arms, (1 sc, inc) around to 18. Stuff hand. Next, (1sc, dec) to 12. Make rounds to length of arm desired. Lightly stuff arm if desired. Bind off.

Legs (make 2):

1. Magic Circle or ring 6.

2. Inc in each stitch to 12.

3. (1sc, inc) around 6 times to 18.

4. (2 sc, inc) around 6 times to 24.

5. (2 sc, dec) around 6 times to 18.

**** Stuff here ****

6. (1 sc, dec) around 6 times to 12. Make desired rounds for length of leg, bind off.

Congratulations! You've made the parts for a basic amigurumi doll. You can add anything you'd like to make it something else. Adding hair and brushing it with a wire brush will make a lion. Adding a horn and a rounded nose will make a unicorn. Adding a large nose will make a hippo, etc.

If you need help with this pattern, please email me at lindsayklug20@yahoo.com. In the subject line, please specify pattern help. Thank you!