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CROCHET FINGER PUPPET THEATER

Materials

- * Thin yarn of various colors. For toddlers, cotton is preferable. For older children, you can use yarn of mixed composition.
- * Hook size 1.3 mm - 1.5 mm
- * Scissors
- * A small amount of polyester fiberfill (sintepon or holofiber) for stuffing
- * Beads or safety eyes
- * Embroidery floss (Mouliné) for embroidering noses/mouths
- * Regular sewing needle
- * Darning needle (recommended)
- * Stuffing tool (e.g., a chopstick, pencil, or skewer)

Abbreviations

- * **CH** - chain stitch
- * **SC** - single crochet
- * **SL ST** - slip stitch
- * **inc** - increase (2 SC in one stitch)
- * **dec** - decrease (crochet two stitches together as one SC)
- * *****...**** - repeat the instructions between the asterisks the specified number of times
- * **(...)** - the number in parentheses indicates the total number of stitches in the round

Instructions

Head (Doll, Hare, Bear, Piglet)



Crochet in a continuous spiral. Do not join rounds with a slip stitch or use a turning chain.

Crochet tightly to prevent stuffing from showing through.

****Start:**** 6 SC into a magic ring.

****Round 1:**** 6 inc (12)

****Round 2:**** *1 SC, inc* 6 times (18)

****Round 3:**** *2 SC, inc* 6 times (24)

****Round 4:**** *3 SC, inc* 6 times (30)

****Round 5:**** *4 SC, inc* 6 times (36)

****Rounds 6-11:**** 36 SC (6 rounds)

****Round 12:**** *4 SC, dec* 6 times (30)

****Round 13:**** *3 SC, dec* 6 times (24)

****Round 14:**** *2 SC, dec* 6 times (18). Stuff the head firmly.

****Round 15:**** *1 SC, dec* 6 times (12)

****Round 16:**** 6 dec (6). Fasten off, leaving a tail to weave through the final stitches and pull the hole closed.

Note: If your yarn is not very thin, you can skip rounds 5, 11, and 12.

****Head (Wolf or Fox)****

Start crocheting from the nose.

****Start:**** 6 SC into a magic ring.

****Round 1:**** *1 SC, inc* 3 times (9)

****Round 2:**** *2 SC, inc* 3 times (12)

****Round 3:**** *3 SC, inc* 3 times (15)

****Round 4:**** *4 SC, inc* 3 times (18)

****Round 5:**** 3 inc, 15 SC (21)

****Round 6:**** *1 SC, inc* 3 times, 15 SC (24). *Increases should be stacked on top of e

****Round 7:**** *2 SC, inc* 3 times, 15 SC (27)

****Round 8:**** *3 SC, inc* 3 times, 15 SC (30)



****Round 9:** *inc, 2 SC* 6 times, 12 SC (36)**

****Rounds 10-14:** 36 SC (5 rounds)**

****Round 15:** *4 SC, dec* 6 times (30)**

****Round 16:** *3 SC, dec* 6 times (24)**

****Round 17:** *2 SC, dec* 6 times (18). Stuff the head.**

****Round 18:** *1 SC, dec* 6 times (12)**

****Round 19:** 6 dec (6). Fasten off, leaving a tail to pull the hole closed.**

**Paws and Hands**

****Paws (for Bear, Wolf, etc.)****

Do not stuff.

****Start:** 6 SC into a magic ring.**

****Round 1:** 6 inc (12)**

****Rounds 2-5:** 12 SC (4 rounds). Fasten off.**

****Hands (with thumb, for Doll)****

Do not stuff.

****Start:** 6 SC into a magic ring.**

****Round 1:** 6 inc (12)**

****Round 2:** 12 SC**

****Round 3:** 3 CH, 12 SC**

****Round 4:** 5 SC into the chain arch, 12 SC**

****Round 5:** Skip the 5 SC worked into the arch, 12 SC**

****Rounds 6-7:** 12 SC (2 rounds). Fasten off.**

**Shirt**

This piece is worked flat in turning rows. Remember to make 1 CH and turn at the beginning of each row.



1. Chain a length that measures approximately 3 cm.
2. Work rows of SC until the piece is the desired height up to the armholes.
3. ****To form the first sleeve:**** At the beginning of the next row, CH 6, turn, work 1 SC in the 2nd ch from hook and in the next 4 ch (5 SC). Continue working SC across the main body of the shirt.
4. ****To form the second sleeve:**** At the end of the row, CH 6.
5. Turn, work 1 SC in the 2nd ch from hook and in the next 4 ch (5 SC). Continue working SC across the row.
6. Continue working rows of SC until the shoulder/sleeve section measures approximately 3.5 cm.
7. ****Shape the neckline:**** Stop working the last 5-6 stitches on each side to create the shoulder width.
8. Work another 3 cm for the front/back panel. Fasten off, leaving a long tail (approx. 40 cm) for sewing.

****Assembly****

1. Fold the shirt piece in half. With the right side facing out, sew up one side seam.
2. Insert a paw/hand into the sleeve opening and sew the end of the sleeve closed, stitching through the paw to secure it.
3. Weave the yarn tail up to the neckline and sew the head onto the body.
4. Weave the yarn tail across to the second sleeve, insert the other paw/hand, and sew it in place.
5. Sew the second side seam closed.
6. ****Collar:**** Use a contrasting color to embroider a rectangle at the neckline with 2-3 small crosses inside.
7. ****Belt:**** Chain approximately 40 CH. Weave the chain through the stitches at the waistline. This belt can be tightened or loosened to fit different finger sizes.

**Skirt for a Girl**

1. Make a short shirt (crochet only 1 row for the body before adding the sleeves). Assemble the shirt, head, and hands.
2. Attach a new color yarn for the skirt to the bottom edge of the shirt. Work one round of SC around.
3. Work 3 rounds in double crochet (DC), making 6-7 evenly spaced increases in each round with 3 CH and join with a SL ST. An approximate pattern is:

* ****Round 1:**** *2 DC. inc* around.



* **Round 2:** *3 DC, inc* around.

* **Round 3:** *4 DC, inc* around.

4. Decorate the bottom edge of the skirt with a "crab stitch" (reverse single crochet), picots, or scallops.

5. **Straps (optional):** Make a chain to the desired length. Work a row of SC back along the chain. Sew the straps to the dress.

6. **Belt:** Make a chain belt as described for the shirt and weave it through the first row of the skirt.

Finishing Touches

Sewing on Bead Eyes

To prevent "bug-eyed" characters, create indentations for the eyes.

1. Use a strong thread that matches the bead color and a needle that can pass through the bead. Tie a knot at the end of the thread.
2. Mark the eye positions. Insert the needle into the back of the head between stitches and bring it out at the first eye position. Pull so the knot is hidden inside the stuffing.
3. Push the needle through one strand of the fabric near the exit point and bring it out at the back of the head again.
4. Gently pull the thread to create an indentation.
5. Push the needle back into the same spot at the back of the head (without catching any yarn) and bring it out again at the eye position.
6. Thread a bead onto the needle and sew it securely by passing the needle and thread through the head to the back and back again, repeating twice for strength.
7. Bring the thread out at the location for the second eye. Make a small, secure knot.
8. Repeat the process to create an indentation and sew on the second eye. With the same thread, you can embroider eyelashes and eyebrows.
9. **Nose:** Use yarn in the same color as the head to make a few small horizontal stitches.
10. **Mouth:** Use embroidery floss to embroider a mouth.

Doll Hair



1. Cut 30-40 pieces of yarn to the same length (approx. 20 cm). It is helpful to wrap yarn around a notebook and then cut along one edge.
2. Lay the yarn strands across the top of the head to form a parting. Sew them in place along the parting line.
3. Secure the hair around the perimeter of the head from cheek to cheek with small stitches.
4. Embroider bangs if desired. Trim the ends evenly. The hair can be left loose or braided.

Character Decorations

Bear

* **Muzzle:**

- * **Start:** 6 SC into a magic ring.
- * **Round 1:** 6 inc (12)
- * **Round 2:** *1 SC, inc* 3 times (15)
- * **Round 3:** 15 SC. Lightly stuff before sewing.

* **Ear (Make 2):**

- * **Start:** 6 SC into a magic ring.
- * **Round 1:** 6 inc (12). SL ST in the next stitch to finish. Fasten off.

* **Assembly:** Sew on the muzzle first, then the eyes and ears. Embroider a nose with vertical stitches and a long stitch down the center of the muzzle.

Hare

* **Ear (Make 2):**

- * Chain 18.

* **Round 1:** Starting in 2nd CH from hook, 17 SC, 3 SC in the last stitch. Working on the other side of the chain, 16 SC, 3 SC in the last stitch.

- * **Round 2:** inc, 15 SC, inc, 1 SC, inc, 17 SC. Fasten off.

* **Assembly:** Sew on the ears and eyes, then embroider the muzzle.

Wolf



* ****Ear (Make 2):****

* CH 5.

* ****Rows 1-2:**** Starting in 2nd CH from hook, 4 SC. (CH 1, turn at the end of each row).

* ****Row 3:**** skip 1 stitch, 3 SC.

* ****Row 4:**** skip 1 stitch, 2 SC.

* ****Row 5:**** skip 1 stitch, 1 SC.

* Work a round of SC along the side edges to neaten. Fasten off.

* ****Assembly:**** Sew on the ears and eyes. Embroider the nose and frowning eyebrows for an angry expression.

****Piglet****

* ****Snout:****

* ****Start:**** 6 SC into a magic ring.

* ****Round 1:**** 6 inc (12)

* ****Round 2:**** Work 12 SC in the back loop only.

* ****Round 3:**** 12 SC. Lightly stuff.

* ****Ear (Make 2):****

* Make like the Wolf's ears, but start with 5 stitches instead of 4 for a slightly droopy look.

* Before sewing, gather the bottom edge of the ear to make it slightly cupped.

* ****Assembly:**** Sew on the snout and ears. Add eyes. Embroider eyebrows (optional) and two nostrils on the snout using French knots.

****Finger Puppet Kolobok (Round Ball Puppet)****

1. Crochet a ball following the pattern for the ****Head (Doll, Hare, Bear, Piglet)****, but stop when the opening is large enough for a finger to fit inside.

2. Begin stuffing the ball. Place small pieces of fiberfill around the edges and top of the inside of the ball. The more stuffing you add around the perimeter, the rounder the shape will be.



3. Continue crocheting from the opening to create an inner tube for the finger. Work rounds of SC without increases or decreases until the tube is slightly shorter than the height of the ball.

4. Finish the tube with two decrease rounds:

- * **Next Round:** *SC, dec* around.

- * **Final Round:** dec in each stitch around. Fasten off.

5. Turn the tube inside out and carefully push it up inside the ball. Use a stuffing tool to ensure the fiberfill is evenly distributed around the inner tube, creating a smooth, round shape on the outside.

6. **Nose:**

- * **Start:** 6 SC into a magic ring.

- * **Round 1:** 6 inc (12)

- * **Round 2:** 12 SC. Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.

7. Sew the nose onto the face. Embroider the mouth and bangs.

8. Add eyes. You can use beads, safety eyes, or cut them from felt. Add rosy cheeks with fabric paint or blush.

***Note:** An alternative method is to crochet the inner tube first and then increase to create the ball shape. This may be easier to stuff, but the top of the head might look less neat and may require a cap or hair to cover it.*

