



CHARMANDER PLUSHIE





Ok, well. After many requests I finally managed to get around to making a Charmander. I know the pictures are terrible, but hey I'm not a photographer and neither my camera OR the weather are cooperating at the moment. So it's inside photos for now y'all... I'll try to get some other pics soon.

This pattern has two different 'versions'. The one you see in the pictures, with the open mouth, and also instructions for the closed mouth (which is a bit easier). Read all the way through the pattern before starting, so that you'll know which one you're going to do :D

Should you find any problems or typos, please let me know and I'll fix it as quickly as possible :D As always, if you have any questions, feel free to ask I'll get back with ya as soon as I can!

Charmander

MATERIALS:

WW yarn in pumpkin (or similar color) and tan/natural

G hook

Fiberfill

Felt scraps in black, blue, white, yellow, red and orange

Sewing needle and thread in colors close to the felt colors

Yarn Needle

NOTES:

Gauge isn't terribly important on this project, as long as your choice of yarn and hook and your individual tension result in an even, firm stitch so that the stuffing won't come through.

Numbers in () at the end of each round or row indicate the total number of stitches in that round or row.

There are two ways to make this doll, either with the open mouth (as shown) or with a 'closed' mouth where you would add embroidered mouth features. I'll include instructions for both types so that you can do the style you prefer.

HEAD/BODY:

(this is for the open mouth version of the head and body, if you would prefer to make the 'closed mouth' version (not shown in pictures) begin with the alternate head and body below)

Rnd 1: 8 sc in magic ring (8)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc around (16)

Rnd 3: sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc around (24)

Rnd 4: sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc around (32)

Rnd 5-11: sc in each sc around (32)

Rnd 12: sc in next 11 sc, Working in Front Loops only - 2 sc in each of next 10 sc, Working now through both loops again - sc in last 11 sc (42)

Rnd 13: sc in each sc around (42)

Rnd 14: sc in each of next 17 sc, dec over next 2 sc (repeat dec 3 more times, for a total of 4 decreases) sc in each of last 17 sc of the round (38)

Rnd 15: sc in each of next 13 sc, dec over next 2 sc, (repeat dec 5 more times, for a total of 6 decreases) sc in each of last 13 sc of the round (32)

Rnd 16: sc in each next 10 sc, chain 10, skip next 12 sc, sc in each of last 10 sc of the round (20 sc, 10 chs)

Rnd 17: sc in next 3 sc, dec over next 2 sc (when you reach the chains, treat them exactly as you would sc stitches and continue the sc 3, dec) to end of round (24)

Begin stuffing head at this point. Stuff to 'nose' and mouth opening, then continue stuffing as you progress. Stuff firmly, shaping nose and head/neck/body as you go.

Rnd 18: sc in each sc around (24)

Rnd 19: sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc around (30)

Rnd 20: sc in each sc around (30)

Rnd 21: sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc around (36)

Rnd 22-24: sc in each sc around (36)

Rnd 25: sc in next 11 sc, 2 sc in next sc around (39)

Rnd 26-34: sc in each sc around (39)

Rnd 35: sc in next 11 sc, dec over next 2 sc around (36)

Rnd 36: sc in next 4 sc, dec over next 2 sc around (30)

Rnd 37: sc in next 3 sc, dec over next 2 sc around (24)

Rnd 38: sc in next 2 sc, dec over next 2 sc around (18)

Rnd 39: sc in next sc, dec over next 2 sc around (12)

Rnd 40: dec over next 2 sc around (6)

F/O. Add any stuffing needed to finish the body shape. Weave tail through final round and tug to close the hole.

LOWER JAW:

Row 1: Ch 9, sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across (8)

Row 2: sc in each sc across (8)

Row 3: dec over first 2 sc, sc in each of next 4 sc, dec over last 2 sc (6)

Row 4: dec over first 2 sc, sc in each of next 2 sc, dec over last 2 sc (4)

Row 5: dec over next 2 sc, repeat decrease (2)

F/O.

Attach yarn to a corner of Row 1. Sc evenly around the sides and around the front to the opposite corner of Row1.

F/O. Weave in loose ends. Cut a piece of red felt to fit just inside the lower jaw area, and one to fit the 'upper' part of the mouth.

Using sewing thread and needle, sew the felt to both parts. If

desired, cut a small semi-oval of pink felt for the tongue and sew to the middle of the lower jaw. Pin the lower jaw to the opening of the 'mouth' on the head/body piece. Adjust to desired position. Sew securely in position across the outside along the neck, and also sew together the two pieces of felt inside the back of the mouth. This might require some 'patience' and little maneuvering but take your time and recheck your positioning frequently while sewing to make sure you're maintaining the position you want.

If needed, add more stuffing to shape out the mouth area. Don't overstuff though, or the inside of the mouth will pucker and bulge out.

Add two very tiny pieces of white felt for 'teeth' on upper and lower jaws.

ALTERNATE HEAD/BODY:

For the 'closed mouth' option:

Rnd 1-15: same as for head/body above.

Rnd 16: sc in each of next 10 sc, dec over next 2 sc (repeat decrease 5 more times for a total of six decreases) sc in each of remaining 10 sc of the round (26)

Rnd 17: sc in each of next 11 sc, dec over next 2 sc (repeat once more for a total of two decreases) sc in each of remaining 11 sc of round (24)

Rnd 18-40: same as for head/body above.

Remember when stuffing to shape head/neck area while stuffing.

Don't make a 'lower jaw' for this version of the doll.

HANDS/ARMS (make 2):

Rnd 1: 10 sc in magic ring (10)

Rnd 2: working in back loops only for this round - sc in each sc around (10)

Rnd 3-6: working again in both loops – sc in each sc around (10)

Rnd 7: sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc (12)

Rnd 8: sc in each sc around. (12)

F/O. Stuff arm moderately.

FINGERS/CLAWS:

Attach yarn to one of the 'free loops' from round 2 of arm. Chain 3, slip stitch in second ch from hook and next ch, slip stitch to next 'free loop', slip stitch in next free loop. Chain 3, slip stitch in second ch from hook and next ch, slip stitch to next 'free loop', slip stitch in next free loop. Chain 3, slip stitch in second ch from hook and next ch, slip stitch to next 'free loop', slip stitch in next free loop.

F/O. Weave in loose ends.

LEGS / FEET (make 2):

Rnd 1: 6 sc in magic ring (6)

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

Rnd 3: sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc around (18)

Rnd 4-6: sc in each sc around (18)

Rnd 7: sc in next sc, dec over next 2 sc around (12)

Stuff * very * lightly at this point. You only need enough stuffing to give the leg a little 'puff'. You'll need for one side of the leg to be flat against the body, so don't over-stuff as this will make the job of attaching the leg to the body difficult.

Rnd 8: dec over next 2 sc around (6)

F/O. Weave in ends.

FEET (make 2):

Rnd 1: 6 sc in magic ring (6)

Rnd 2: sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc around (9)

Rnd 3-6: sc in each sc around (9)

Rnd 7: sc in next sc, dec over next 2 sc around (6)

F/O. Do not stuff. Weave tail through final round of foot and tug to close. Weave in ends.

TOES:

Method 1:

Attach white yarn between round 2 and 3 of foot. Ch 3. Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and next ch, slip stitch between round 1 and 2, Ch 3, Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and next ch, slip stitch between round 1 and 2 on the other side of center, Ch 3, Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and next ch, slip stitch between round 2 and 3. F/O, weave in ends.

Method 2:

Cut the toe shapes from white felt and sew or glue to front of foot in position desired.

BELLY SPOT:

Using tan

While most of the doll can be made using either the joining method of rounds, or the continuous method of making rounds, this particular piece will not work well with continuous rounds. It's highly recommended that you join each round with a slip stitch in the top of the first sc of that round, Ch 1 and begin the new round in the same stitch as the joining slip stitch.

Rnd 1: 8 sc in magic ring, join (8)

Rnd 2: 3 sc in first sc, sc in next 2 sc, 3 sc in each of next 2 sc, sc in next 2 sc, 3 sc in last sc, join (16)

Rnd 3: 3 sc in first sc, sc in next 6 sc, 3 sc in each of next 2 sc, sc in next 6 sc, 3 sc in last sc, join (24)

Rnd 4: 3 sc in first sc, sc in next 10 sc, 3 sc in each of next 2 sc, sc

in next 10 sc, 3 sc in last sc, join (32)

Rnd 5: 3 sc in first sc, sc in next 14 sc, 3 sc in each of next 2 sc, sc in next 14 sc, 3 sc in last sc, join (40)

Rnd 6: sc in each sc around (40)

Rnd 7: 2 sc in first sc, sc in next 18 sc, 2 sc in each of next 2 sc, sc in next 18 sc, 2 sc in last sc, join (44)

F/O. Weave in ends. Pin to front of body centered evenly between arms and legs as shown.

TAIL:

Rnd 1: 6 sc in magic ring (6)

Rnd 2: sc in each sc around to last sc, 2 sc in last sc (7)

Rnd 3-20: repeat rnd 2 (increasing each round by one stitch) (25)

Rnd 21: sc in each sc around.

F/O and stuff tail moderately firm.



TAIL STRIPE:

Using tan:

Row 1: Ch 2, sc in second ch from hook (1)

Row 2: 2 sc in sc (2)

Row 3-4: sc in each sc across (2)

Row 5: sc in first sc, 2 sc in last sc (3)

Row 6-7: sc in each sc across (3)

Row 8: sc in first 2 sc, 2 sc in last sc (4)

Row 9-10: sc in each sc across (4)

Row 11: sc in first 3 sc, 2 sc in last sc (5)

Row 12-13: sc in each sc across (5)

Row 14: sc in first 4 sc, 2 sc in last sc (6)

Row 15-16: sc in each sc across (6)

Row 17: sc in first 5 sc, 2 sc in last sc (7)

Row 18-19: sc in each sc across (7)

Row 20: sc in first 6 sc, 2 sc in last sc (8)

Row 21-22: sc in each sc across (8)

Row 23: sc in first 7 sc, 2 sc in last sc (9)

Row 24-30: sc in each sc across (9)

Row 31: sc in first 7 sc, dec over last 2 sc (8)

Row 32: sc in first 6 sc, dec over last 2 sc (7)

Row 33: sc in first 5 sc, dec over last 2 sc, (6)

Row 34-38: sc in each sc across (6)

You may need to adjust the number of rows between 34-38 (either add or subtract) to get your stripe to fit from tip of tail to just past the center of the bottom of the body. It is recommended that you first pin and sew all the other body parts before making the tail stripe, so that you'll have a definite length that will be easier to work with.

F/O and stuff tail moderately firm.

FINAL ASSEMBLY:

Arms are flattened on the open end and attached to the upper body as shown. Pin them first so that you can be sure of the placement and position before sewing.

The Feet are sewn to bottom of leg as shown, and the legs are attached to the lower body as shown. Pin first to be sure of placement and position before sewing.

Tail is sewn to back of lower body. Belly plate is sewing to center of front of body between arms and legs as shown. Tail stripe is sewn to the underside of the tail, with point at the tip of the tail, and larger end just meeting up with the belly plate at the bottom of the lower body.

Tail flames are just different sizes of 'flame shapes' cut from red, orange and yellow felt... placed together at slightly different angles and sewn together at the base of the flames, then sewn to the top of the tip of the tail. (see pics for help)

Eyes are cut from white felt, then black, with blue 'scoops' at the bottom. Small white ovals create the 'catch lights' at the upper end of the eye (it really helps to find some good pictures online, and see how the eyes are done)

Eyebrow and nostrils are simply straight stitches with either black or dark brown yarn placed as shown (here again, a good picture from online will be very helpful with the placement of these features). If you're making the closed mouth version, you may wish to look again

at some pictures to determine if you want to embroider a mouth and if you do, what design to use.

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