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Little Red Crab

A little crab, made one stitch at a time.

PROJECT
Amigurumi

TERMS
US crochet

FORMAT
Written PDF

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Before you begin

Make your crab with the written instructions and original construction pictures in this pattern.

Read through the materials, stitch terms and finishing steps before you begin. Keep the yarn colours and hook size together so you can follow each section in order.

Small parts need care. For an item intended for a young child, use securely embroidered features and leave off detachable accessories.

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Materials

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Width: 3 1/2 in including Legs

Fine cotton and acrylic yarn(50% Acrylic, 50% Cotton; 1.75oz/50g, 158yds/145m)

• A:Brick - 1 ball

• B: White - 1 ball

• C: Black - 1 ball Hook: US Size B-1 (2.25 mm) or size needed to obtain gauge Notions: Tapestry needle, removable stitch markers, stuffing



Original pattern reference

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Pattern instructions

GAUGE

24 sts x 24 rnds = 4” before stuffing Save time, check your gauge. Skills/techniques used in this pattern: Chain, slip stitch and single crochet • stitch.

• Magic ring.

• Invisible single crochet decrease.

• Double crochet 2 stitches together.

• Seaming.

STITCH GUIDE

Magic Ring: Wrap yarn around your left middle finger twice, leaving a 6” tail. Insert hk under both strands and pull up a lp. Ch 1 and beg working directly into center of ring. This ring can be tightened later by pulling on the yarn tail. Inv-dec (invisible single crochet decrease): Insert hk in front lp only of each of next 2 sts, yo and draw through both sts, yo and draw through 2 lps on hk (1 st dec’d).

PATTERN NOTES

Join with slip stitch to first stitch unless otherwise indicated. When working in continuous rounds, place a marker in first stitch to indicate beginning of the round. Move marker up as each round begins.

CRAB

Body (make 2)

With A, create a Magic Ring.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous rnds - 6 sc.

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around - 12 sc.

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Rnd 3: *Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around - 18 sc.

Rnd 4: *Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around - 24 sc.

Rnd 5: *Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around - 30 sc.

Rnd 6: *Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around - 36 sc.

Rnd 7: *Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around - 42 sc.

Rnd 8: Sc in each st around, join. Fasten off.

Eye Lid (make 2)

With A, create a Magic Ring.

Rnd 1: 4 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous rnds - 4 sc.

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around - 8 sc.

Rnd 3: *Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around - 12 sc.

Rnd 4-5: Sc in each st around. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Eye

With B, create a Magic Ring.

Rnd 1: 4 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous rnds - 4 sc.

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around - 8 sc.

Rnd 3: *Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around - 12 sc.

Rnd 4-5: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 6: *Sc in next st, inv-dec; rep from * around - 8 sc. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. Stuff Eye. Thread tapestry needle with long tail and run needle through sts of Rnd 6, pulling tightly to close. Fasten off. Pupil With C, create a Magic Ring.

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Pattern instructions



Rnd 1: 3 sc in ring, join - 3 sc. Fasten off leaving a long tail. Split a length of B and using 2 plies, thread tapestry needle. Using embroidery running st to add detail to each eye.

Claw (make 2)

Part 1 With A, create a Magic Ring.

Rnd 1: 4 sc in ring, do not join - 4 sc.

Rnds 2-3: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 4: 2 sc in each st around - 8 sc.

Rnds 5-6: Sc in each st around.

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Pattern instructions

Rnd 7: 3 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts - 10 sc.

Rnd 8: Sk next 3 sc, sc in next 7 sts - 7 sc.

Rnd 9: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 10: Inv-dec, sc in next 5 sts - 6 sc. Stuff Claw.

Fasten off leaving a long tail. Thread tapestry needle with long tail and stitch Rnd 10 closed. Part 2

Row 1: Working in 3 skipped sts on Rnd 8, insert hk in first st on right, ch 2, dc2tog over next 2 sts, join with sl st to beg ch-2. Fasten off leaving a long tail. Thread tapestry needle with long tail and pull through center of Rnd 1 and leave to sew on Body.

Legs (make 6)

With A, ch 5.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hk and in each ch across, turn - 4 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 3: Ch 1, working through Row 1 and 2 together to form Leg, sl st in next 3 sts, closing Leg. Do not st over the last st. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

FINISHING

Sew Body panels together, stuffing before closing. Using photo as a guide, sew Claw and Legs on Body. Sew Eyelids on Eyes. Sew Pupil on Eye. Sew completed Eyes together in center and then on top of Body. Weave in ends.

Abbreviations

beg begin(ning) ch chain dc double crochet dc2tog double crochet 2 sts together (1 st dec'd)

dec'd decreased ; hk: hook ; lp(s): loop(s) ; rem: remaining ; rep: repeat ; rnd(s): round(s) ; sc: single crochet ; sk: skip ; sl st: slip stitch ; st(s): stitch(es) ; yo: yarn over

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