Monica Mouse

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Monica Mouse is a sweet and loving little mouse, who likes lots of company and swapping cheese recipes with friends.

To make your own Monica you will need double knitting weight yarn as follows:

Grey for mouse

Colour of your choice for the dress

Red for the heart

Oddments of black for embroidery of the face

3mm hook

Bead for nose

Toy stuffing

PATTERN

(English terms used)

dc (English) = sc (American)

tr (English) = dc (American)

Finished size – approximately 22 cm (8 ½ inches) from top to toes. 13 cm (5 inches) in sitting position .

Head and body

With grey and 3 mm hook make 2 chain.

1st round: 6 dc (US = sc) into 2nd chain from hook. Join with a slip st into 1st dc.

2nd round: 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, [2 dc into next dc] 5 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (12 dc)

3rd round: 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, 1 dc into next dc, [2 dc into next dc, 1 dc into next dc] 5 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (18 dc)

4th round: 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, 1 dc into next 2 dc, [2 dc into next dc, 1 dc into next 2 dc] 5 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (24 dc)

5th – 9th rounds: 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc.

10th round: 1 ch, [dc2tog, 1 dc into next 2 dc] 6 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (18 dc)

Stuff head

11th round: 1 ch, 2 dctog, 1 dc into next 1 dc, [2 dctog, 1 dc into next 1 dc] 5 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (12 dc)

12th round : increase for body as follows - 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, 1 dc into next dc, [2 dc into next dc, 1 dc into next dc] 5 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (18 dc)

13th round: 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc.

14th round: 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, 1 dc into next 2 dc, [2 dc into next dc, 1 dc into next 2 dc] 5 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (24 dc)

15th – 17th rounds : 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc.

18th round: 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, 1 dc into next 3 dc, [2 dc into next dc, 1 dc into next 3 dc] 5 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (30 dc)

19th – 26th rounds: 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc.

27th round: 1 ch, 2 dctog, 1 dc into next 3 dc, [2 dctog, 1 dc into next 3 dc] 5 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (24 dc)

28th round: 1 ch, [dc2tog, 1 dc into next 2 dc] 6 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (18 dc)

29th round: 1 ch, 2 dctog, 1 dc into next 1 dc, [2 dctog, 1 dc into next 1 dc] 5 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (12 dc)

Stuff body

30th round: 1 ch, [2 dctog,] 6times. Sl st into 1st dc. (6 dc). Fasten off and close opening.

Nose

With grey and 3 mm hook make 2 ch.

1st round: 4 dc into 2nd chain from hook. Join with a slip st into 1st dc.

2nd round: 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, [2 dc into next dc] 3 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (8 dc)

3rd round: 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc.

4th round: 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, 1 dc into next dc, [2 dc into next dc, 1 dc into next dc] 3 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (12 dc)

Fasten off and stuff very lightly. Attach to front of head. Attach a wooden bead to the end of the nose and embroider whiskers and eyes onto the face.

Ears

With grey and 3 mm hook make 2 chain.

1st round: 6 dc into 2nd chain from hook. Join with a slip st into 1st dc.

2nd round: 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, [2 dc into next dc] 5 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (12 dc)

Fasten off. Attach ears to top of head.

Legs

With grey and 3 mm hook make 2 chain.

1st round: 6 dc (US = sc) into 2nd chain from hook. Join with a slip st into 1st dc.

2nd round: 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, 1 dc into next dc, [2 dc into next dc, 1 dc into next dc] 2 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (9 dc)

3rd round: 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc.

4th round: 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, 1 dc into next 2 dc, [2 dc into next dc, 1 dc into next 2 dc] 2 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (12 dc)

5th – 6th rounds: 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc.

7th round: 1 ch, 1 dc into same stitch as chain, 1 dc into next 7 dc, turn.

8th round: 1 ch, 1 dc into same stitch as chain, 1 dc into next 3 dc, turn.

9th round: 1 ch, 1 dc into same stitch as chain, 1 dc into next 7 dc, sl st into next dc.

10th round: 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc. (12 dc)

11th – 26th rounds: Without out joining at the end of each round, work in a spiral for 16 rounds.

Stuff lightly.

27th round: 1 ch, [2 dctog,] 6times. Sl st into 1st dc. (6 dc). Fasten off and close opening.

Attach to base of body so that mouse can easily be positioned in a sitting pose.

Arms

With grey and 3 mm hook make 2 chain.

1st round: 6 dc (US = sc) into 2nd chain from hook. Join with a slip st into 1st dc.

2nd round: 1 ch, 2 dc into same stitch as chain, 1 dc into next dc, [2 dc into next dc, 1 dc into next dc] 2 times. Sl st into 1st dc. (9 dc)

3rd round: 1 ch, 1 dc into each stitch to end, sl st into first dc.

4th – 15th rounds: Without out joining at the end of each round, work in a spiral for 12 rounds.

Stuff lightly.

16th round: 1 ch, [2 dctog,] 5times. Sl st into 1st dc.

Fasten off and close opening.

Attach to sides of body so that they can curve around to the front.

Tail

Using grey, make a twisted cord with two strands of yarn. Attach to base of body.

Dress

Using colour of choice and 3 mm hook, ch 29.

Row 1: 1 dc into 2nd ch from hook, 1 dc into each ch to end, turn. (28 sts)

Row 2: 3 ch (counts as first tr), 1 tr (US = dc) into next 5 dc, 2 ch,, sl st into next 4 dc, 2 ch, 1 tr into next 8 dc, 2 ch, sl st into next 4 dc, 2 ch, 1 tr into next 6 dc, turn.

Row 3: 3 ch (counts as first tr), 1 tr into next 5 tr, 1 tr into top of 2 ch, 2ch, miss sl sts, 1 tr into top of next 2 ch, 1 tr into next 8 tr, 1 tr into top of 2 ch, 2 ch, miss sl sts, 1 tr into top of next 2 ch, 1 tr into next 6 tr, turn.

Row 4: 3 ch (counts as first tr), 1 tr into next 6 tr, 4 tr into next 2ch space, 1 tr into next 10 tr, 4 tr into next 2ch space, 1 tr into next 7 tr, turn. (32 tr)

Row 5: Eyelet row. 3 ch (counts as first tr), [1 tr, 1 ch, miss 1 tr] to last tr, 1 tr in last tr, turn.

Row 6: 3 ch (counts as first tr), [3 tr into next ch sp] 15 times, miss 1 tr, 1 tr into last tr, turn. (47 sts)

Row 7: 3 ch (counts as first tr), 1 tr into same place, [1 tr in next 3 tr, 2 tr in next tr] 10 times, 1 tr in next 4 tr, 2 tr in last tr, turn. (58 sts)

Row 8: 3 ch (counts as first tr), 1 tr into same place, [1 tr in next 4 tr, 2 tr in next tr] 10 times, 1 tr in next 5 tr, 2 tr in last tr, turn. (69 sts)

Row 9: Shell pattern. 3 ch (counts as first tr), 2 tr into same place, [miss 1 tr, 1 dc into next tr, miss 1 tr, 5 tr into next tr] 16 times, miss 1 tr, 1 dc inot next tr, miss 1 tr, 3 tr into last tr, turn.

Row 10: 1 dc into 1st tr, [miss 2 tr, 5 tr into next dc, miss 2 tr, 1 dc into next tr] 17 times, turn.

Row 11: 3 ch (counts as first tr), 2 tr into same place, [miss 2 tr, 5 tr into next dc, miss 2 tr, 1 dc into next tr] 16 times, miss 2 tr, 3 tr into last tr. Fasten off.

Fit dress on mouse and then sew up the back seam. Thread a ribbon through the eyelets and tie in a bow at the back.

Heart

Make 2 pieces

Using red make 4 ch.

1st round: 11 tr into 1st of the 4 ch. The other 3 ch count as first tr. Sl st into top of 3ch.

2nd round: sl st into next tr, (1 dc , 2 tr) into next tr, (2 tr, 1 dc) into next tr, sl st into next tr, (1dc, 2 tr) into next tr, (2 tr, 1 dc) into next tr, sl st into next 3 tr, (1 dc, 1 tr, 1 dc) into next tr, sl st into next 3 tr.

Fasten off

Place hearts back to back and join together around the edges, stuffing very lightly before completely closing.

Attach the heart to the mouse between the ends of the arms.

She may look sweet and innocent, but keep an eye on the cheese!

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