

the little green frog:

Sharon Maher - laughing purple goldfish designs



description:

- this simple creature stands approximately 12cm tall
- the body is worked in rounds from the base up, with clear and specific assembly instructions
- US crochet terminology used throughout

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materials:

- yarn: feel free to experiment with what you have on hand!
 - the creature photographed uses:
 - reclaimed 8ply/DK weight yarn
 - main colour (MC) Mid Green – 20g
 - colour 1 (C1) Light Green – 20g
 - colour 2 (C2) Cream – 5g
 - 2 x 25mm buttons for eyes
 - 10cm length of ribbon for mouth
 - thick felt for feet (eg. piece of a felted jumper)
 - 25g fibrefill stuffing
 - 4.5mm crochet hook
 - scissors
 - wool needle
 - stitch markers
 - sewing needle
 - sewing thread to match colours of felt and ribbon
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gauge:

- gauge not critical in this project
 - stitches should be tight enough that stuffing does not show though
 - gauge swatch worked in sc
 - use 4.5mm hook, and two strands of yarn worked together
 - 2 inches = 7 stitches, 2 inches = 7 rows
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special instructions:

adjustable magic ring

- make a loop of yarn by wrapping in a clockwise direction around two fingers on the left hand
- pinch the point where the yarn meets, between the thumb and forefinger
- slide fingers out so that the ring can be used
- place crochet hook into the centre of the ring, and pull a loop of the working yarn through - this is the starting point for the round
- work as the pattern instructs for the remainder of the round - all stitches are worked around both the ring and the tail
- when completed, the beginning tail can be pulled tight thus closing the ring

increase

- work 2sc into the same stitch

invisible decrease method

- put hook through the FRONT LOOP ONLY of the next stitch
- then bring the hook back to the front of your work again, this time put it through the FRONT LOOP ONLY of the following stitch (try to ignore the fact that it feels a little awkward)
- you should now have three stitches on your hook
- YO, pull through 2 loops; YO again, pull through remaining two loops



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INSTRUCTIONS

body:

- please note that the body is worked in spirals
- do NOT join the rounds
- use a stitch marker to keep track of the beginning of each round

start	begin at base use one strand of MC and one strand of C1 make an adjustable magic ring (<i>see special instructions</i>)
round 1	ch1, 8sc (8sc) tighten magic ring
round 2	increase in each st (16sc)
round 3	[increase, sc] 8 times (24sc)
round 4	sc in each st (24sc)
round 5	[increase, 2sc] 8 times (32sc)
round 6	sc in each st (32sc)
repeat	repeat round 6 another 9 times
dividing round	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • this step separates the head into two sections • first work one side of the head completely, then rejoin the yarn to work the other side work 16sc, place marker in the top of the 1 st sc (16sc)
next round	sc in same st as marker, work 15sc (16sc)
then	sc in each st (16sc)
repeat	repeat last round once
decrease	[invisible decrease] 8 times (8sc)
next round	sc in each st (8sc)
fasten off	sl st into next st fasten off both colours, leaving a 20cm tail of yarn

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close top	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ thread the tails of yarn onto a wool needle ○ work a running stitch around the opening ○ pull tightly to close over the hole ○ secure the ends and weave in the yarn tail
stuff	lightly stuff the body sections completed so far
rejoin yarn	rejoin the yarn and crochet the second side of the head to match the first
finish off	stuff the head and stitch closed

eyes: (make 2)

- please note that the eyes are worked in rounds
- each round is joined with a slip stitch

start	use two strands of C2 make an adjustable magic ring (<i>see special instructions</i>)
round 1	ch1, 8sc tighten magic ring join with a ss to the top of the 1 st sc (8sc)
round 2	ch1, increase in same stitch as joining ss increase in next 7 sts join with a ss to the top of the 1 st sc (16sc)
fasten off	fasten off C2, leaving a 30cm tail of yarn
attach	attach a button to the centre of each eye piece, the stitch the eyes securely to the frog

nostrils:

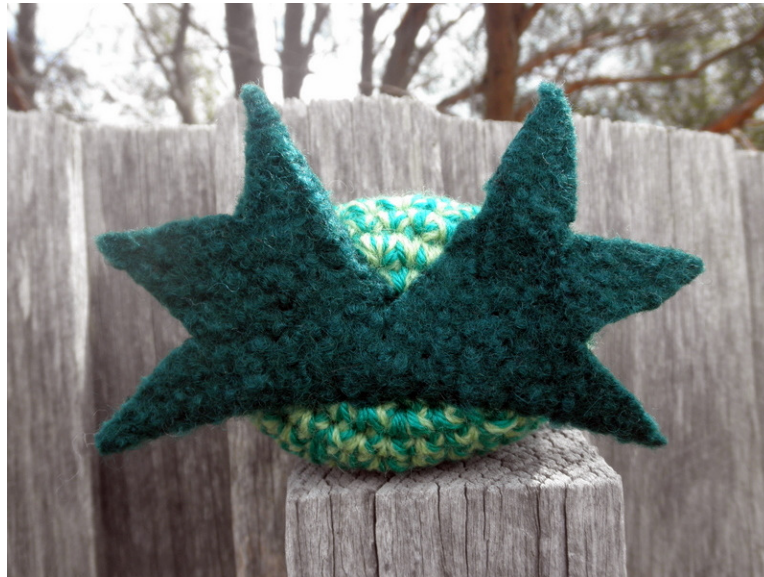
- first mark the positions of the nostrils
- they should sit 3 rows below each eye, with 4 full stitches between them
- use a double strand of yarn to work a french knot for each nostril

mouth:

- fold the red ribbon at the centre so that it curves into a mouth shape
- stitch in place with the matching sewing thread, tuck the raw edges at each end under (to prevent fraying)

feet:

- cut a semi circle shape from the thick felt
- then snip v-shapes into it to form the feet
- attach the feet securely under the body using the sewing needle with matching sewing thread, sew through the thickness of the felt



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