

# Hamthrax

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A crocheted model of the H1N1 virus with a bit of a twist. It is not only covered with beads representing the two proteins covering the surface of the virus, but it also has a snout. Send your loved ones the gift of swine flu.

## Materials:

Worsted weight yarn- pink in color

Size F crochet hook

2 colors of beads-

Sewing needle and thread that blends into yarn

Stuffing

Yarn needle

## Abbreviations:

MC- magic circle

SC- single crochet

Inc- increase

Dec- decrease

BPSC- back post single crochet

Ch- chain

Sl st- slip stitch

## Directions:

-Body, working in a spiral

1. MC, 6 sc in circle (6)
2. Inc around (12)
3. [sc, inc] around (18)
4. [sc, sc, inc] around (24)

5. [sc, sc, sc, inc] around (30)
6. [sc, sc, sc, sc, inc] around (36)
- 7 -12. Sc around (36)
13. [sc, sc, sc, sc, dec] around (30)
14. [sc, sc, sc, dec] around (24)
15. [sc, sc, dec] around (18)
16. [sc, dec] around (12), stuff firmly
17. Dec around (6)

Fasten off

#### -Snout

1. MC, 6 sc in circle (6)
2. Inc around, sl st to join to 1<sup>st</sup> sc of round (12)
3. Ch 1, BPSC around (12) this creates the ridge of the snout.
4. Sc around, sl st to join to 1<sup>st</sup> sc of round (12), fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing.

Sew snout onto body. I used it to cover up the hole in the body where I fastened off. Sew beads all over body in a random pattern. Feel free to get creative with placement and colors at this point. I used a fabric marker to make nostrils on the snout. You could also add eyes if you wanted to.

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