Muffy Irish Dress Outfit
Dress, Sash, Panties, Wig, Crown, Socks and Shoes

Watch out Jean Butler and Michael Flatley…..
Here we come!
Start clicking your heels to Riverdance,
and make an Irish outfit.

My mother-in-law, Monica,
and Mary, Kippy and Margo (sisters-in-law) all had Muffy Bears.
Every year, I loved designing a new outfit for Muffy.
Monica was born and raised in Londonderry.
So, obviously, I had to make an Irish dress.
And the red hair was a given.
In the past, when I made a doll dress for *my* mother
(who by the way is also Irish),
she would always inspect to make sure that the doll had panties.
So of course, every respectable bear needs panties, too.
After all, this is not a Kilt.
Hope you enjoy it.
And may the luck of the Irish always be with you.
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The dress can be made different ways.
It can be plain without trim or insert or emblem.
It can have the insert just sewed on, or with a skirt overlap.
The sleeves can be made shorter by making less rounds.
You can have a snap or Velcro closure in the back.
If you prefer, you could crochet chain ties to the back at the neck and waist.
There is also an optional sash, shoes, socks, wig and a crown.

Materials:
Diamante Tammcrill (Fine Finger Yarn) 100g skein
~ 130 yds. For Dress, Crown, Sash and Panties (Green, Blue or Black)
~ 20 yds each For Socks and Shoes. (White and Black)
~ 30 yds of a Contrasting Color for Trim and Skirt-Insert OR Gold Crochet Thread size #10
3.75mm / F Hook
Snag Free Velcro (~ 1 ½") OR 2 Snaps for dress back
Invisible Thread OR Dress Color Thread
Sewing needle

For Emblem: you can use any motif, any yarn and any hook that you want.
I used only a small amount, maybe a couple yds of:
Diamante (Fine Finger Yarn) with a 2.25mm / B hook or 3.25mm / D hook
OR Crochet Thread size #10 1.5mm / ~ US #8 steel hook

For Hair: Jo-Ann Sensations Rainbow Boucle Yarn:
I'm guessing ~ 20 yds of Orange
5mm / H hook

For Tap Shoes:
~ 25 yds Diamante Black
3.75mm / F Hook

Size: Fits an 8" Muffy Bear

Gauge: 7 sc rows = 1"
5 sc sts = 1"
Diamanti finger yarn recommends a size 3mm hook.
Using a larger hook gives the yarn a bit more stretch and flexibility so gauge is not critical.

Abbreviations:
~ = Approximately
Beg = Beginning
Ch = Chain
DC = Double Crochet
FO = Fasten Off
GL-DC = Gapless double crochet
HDC = Half Double Crochet
HDC-Inc = 2 HDCs in same loop
Lp(s) = Loop(s)
MR = Magic Ring
Rem = Remaining
Rnd(s) = Round(s)
Sc = Single Crochet
Sk = Skip
Sp(s) = Space(s)
Ss = Slip Stitch
St(s) = Stitch(es)
TR = Treble
BLO = Back Loop Only
Dec = Decrease by crocheting 2 single crochets as one
Inc = Increase with 2 single crochets into one stitch
Xs = Times
YO = Yarn over

US Terminology

BLOUSE: Begin at Neckline
Row 1: [RT side] With **Dress Color** (3.75mm / F Hook):
    Note: This row only: Stitch in the back-ridge-bump. *(For a nicer edge).*
    Ch 30, Sc in the 2nd ch from hk and the next 2 chs, **(SC, Ch 2, SC)** in next ch,
    SC in next 7 chs, **(SC, Ch 2, SC)** in next ch,
    SC in next 5 chs, **(SC, Ch 2, SC)** in next ch,
    SC in next 7 chs, **(SC, Ch 2, SC)** in next ch,
    SC in last 3 chs. Turn. (33 sc and 4 ch-2 corners)
Row 2: Ch 1, SC in first 4 sc, **(SC, Ch 2, SC)** in the ch-2-sp,
    SC in next 9 sc, **(SC, Ch 2, SC)** in the ch-2-sp,
    SC in next 7 sc, **(SC, Ch 2, SC)** in the ch-2-sp,
    SC in next 9 sc, **(SC, Ch 2, SC)** in the ch-2-sp,
    SC in last 4 sc. Turn. (41 sc and 4 ch-2 corners)
Rows 3 - 6: Ch 1, SC in each sc across and work **(SC, Ch 2, SC)** in each ch-2-sp. Turn.
        (3=49, 4=57, 5=65, 6=73)
        Guide for # of Sts bet Corners:
            Row 3 = 5 + 11 + 9 + 11 + 5 = 41 + 8 sc in corners = Total 49 sc and 4 ch-2 corners
            Row 4 = 6 + 13 + 11 + 13 + 6
            Row 5 = 7 + 15 + 13 + 15 + 7
            Row 6 = 8 + 17 + 15 + 17 + 8
Row 7: [RT side] Arm-holes:
    Ch 1, SC in the first **9** sc, SC in the ch-2-sp, <u>**Ch 1**</u>, **sk 19 sc**, SC in the ch-2-sp, SC in next **17** sc,
    SC in the ch-2-sp, <u>**Ch 1**</u>, **sk 19 sc**, SC in the ch-2-sp, SC in last **9** sc. Turn. (39 sc and 2 ch-1)
    Note: Skipped stitched will be used later for sleeves.
Row 8: Ch 1, SC in each sc and ch across. Turn. (41 sc)
Row 9: Ch 1, SC in each sc across. Turn. (41 sc)
Row 10: Ch 1, SC in each sc across. Turn. DO <u>NOT</u> FO: continue to skirt. (41 sc)

***Note: Special stitch to alleviate the ch-3-gap:
    Begin with Ch 2.
    Insert hook into the second chain from hook, and pull up a loop (there will be 2 lps on hook now).
    Do not YO, insert hook in the first st (*bottom of the ch 3*), and pull up a lp. (3 lps now).
    (YO and pull through 2 lps) twice. Gapless dc made. **(GL-DC)**
    If you prefer or find it easier, you can just Ch-3 as your first dc.

SKIRT: (The first and last stitches of row 10 will be used to overlap the back closure).
Row 11: Ch-1, ss in the first and second sts.
    GL-DC in the same as the 2nd ss. *(counts as the first dc),*
    DC in same st again, DC in the next, 2 DC in next.
    (**2 DC in next**, DC in next, **2 DC in next**) 5xs.
    (**3 DC** in each of next 3 sts). *[Center front of Skirt for insert]*
    *Note: Mark the center dc *(that is the 5th dc of the last 9 sts)* for later placement of insert.
    (**2 DC in next**, DC in next, **2 DC in next**) 6xs. Turn. (69 dc)

Row 12: *(Joining Rnd)* Join yarn with a ss in the first dc *(the GL-DC)* of Row 11.
    GL-DC, DC in each dc across. Join with a, ss to top of GL-DC. **Turn**. (69 dc)

Rnds: 13 - 16: **GL-DC,** DC in each dc across. Join and Turn. (69 dc)
Rnd 17: Ch 1, SC in each dc around. Join with a ss. DO NOT TURN. (69 sc)
    *Note: Mark the 29th and 41st sc's of Rnd 17 for placement of the insert.

Rnd 18: Ch 1, Reverse SC in each sc around. FO, and weave in.
        Sew a narrow Velcro strip to each side at the back opening of dress.
        <u>Or</u> use snaps on rows 1 and 10.

SLEEVES: **Dress Color** (3.75mm / F Hook)
Note: When turning at the end of rounds be sure to skip the joining-stitch and the beginning chain:
        The first st will be in the last stitch of the last round.
        And do not miss the final SC, which is close to the beginning stitch.
        It might help to mark the first st of each round for joining at the end of the round.
        Also, if you choose, you can use gold or a contrasting color for the last round or two.

Rnd 1: With RT side facing, join yarn with a ss in the center ch-st underarm.
        Ch 1, 24 SC evenly around armhole, ss to join. **Turn.** (24 sc)

        Note only if needed: *Clarification for Rnd 1 of the sleeve:*
        First sc is in the center st under the arm.
        Next sc is between rows 7 and 8 of the Blouse.
        Next sc is in the ch-2 sp that joined the arm-holes from row 6.
        Then sc in the 19 skipped sts from row 7.
        The next sc is in the ch-2 sp (other side of same armhole).
        Final sc is between rows 7 and 8. Join to the first sc with a ss. Turn.

Rnds 2 - 9: Ch 1, SC around, ss to join. Turn. (24 sc)
Rnd 10: Ch 1, SC around, ss to join. DO NOT TURN. (24 sc)
Rnd 11: [RT side] Reverse SC around. Join. FO. (24 sc)

INSERT PANEL FOR SKIRT: **Gold** (3.75mm / F Hook)
Row 1: [RT side] Ch 4, 2 DC in the 1st ch. (3 dc)
Rows 2 – 5: Ch 3, turn. DC in base of ch-3, SC across, 2 DC in last dc. (Row 5 = 11 dc)
Row 6: Ch 1, turn. SC 2 in the first st, Sc in next 9 sts, 2 SC in last st. (13 sc)
Row 7:   Ch 1, turn, ss across. FO with an end to sew or tack in place on Skirt. (13 ss)

With RT side facing, place the Panel in place on Skirt.
Row 1 of the Panel will be placed at the marked st from Row 11 of Skirt.
The bottom (Row 7) of Panel will fit between marked sts of Rnd 17, just above the final Reverse sc rnd.
Tack or sew in place with the yarn end.
Then overlap the skirt a stitch or two over the outer **side**-**edges** of the Panel.
Use dress color or invisible thread to sew in place.
If you <u>do</u> use dress color thread, be careful to just catch only the back sts of the Panel across the bottom, so it will not show through the insert.

CELTIC APPLIQUE FOR CENTER FRONT OF DRESS:
You can put any kind of motif on the center front of the Blouse that you like.
Maybe a Tiny Irish Rose, a Shamrock, a Cross, a Heart or a Celtic motif.
There are also free crocheted fridgie and motif patterns that you can find on the web.

For the Yellow Dress:
A Tiny Shamrock: I used dark green Crochet Thread size #10 and a 2.25mm/ B hook.
       In a MR, (Ch 3, HDC, Ch 3, ss in the ring) 3xs.
       Ch 5, ss in the 2nd ch from the hook and the next 3.
       FO with end to sew or tack to front of dress.

***Note: *Special stitch:*

                        Ch 2. *Insert hook into 2nd ch from hook,*
                        and pull up a loop (2 lps on hook now).
                        Insert hook in the MR, and pull up a lp. (3 lps now).
                        (YO and pull through 2 lps) twice. Gapless dc made. **(GL-DC)**
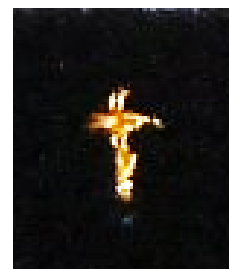**For the Panties** - a bit smaller version:
       In a MR, (**GL-DC**, Ch 2, ss in the ring) 3xs.
       Ch 5, ss in the 2nd ch from hook and the next 3.
       FO with end to sew or tack to front of panties.

For the Blue dress: I used white Diamanti finger yarn and a 3.25mm / D hook.
Rnd 1: In a MR, Ch 1, 6 SC. Join to the first sc.
Rnd 2: Ch 1, SC in first sc (same as the joined st)
       (Ch 3, ss in 2nd ch from the hook, Ch 1, SC in the next sc) 5xs.
       Ch 1, ss in 2nd ch from hook, Ch 2, ss to the first sc.
       FO with end to sew or tack to front of dress.

For the Black dress: I used Gold Crochet Thread size #10 and a 2.25 B hook.
I just surface-crocheted 3 sts up and 2 sts across for a tiny Cross.

On the Green Dress, which I made years ago, I think I used a motif that I found in an old Irish Crochet Book.

SASH: **Dress Color** (3.75mm / F Hook)
Note: Abbreviations used for **Sash** and **Panties**:
Dec = Decrease by crocheting 2 single crochets as one
Inc = Increase with 2 single crochets into one stitch

Row 1: (Leave ~10" length yarn at beg to sew to dress later)
Ch 3, SC in 2nd ch and the next. Turn. (2 sc)
Row 2: Ch 1, SC across. Turn. (2 sc)
Row 3: Ch 1, SC in first st, **INC** in next. Turn. (3 sc)
Row 4: Ch 1, **DEC, INC.** Turn. (3 sc)
Row 5: Ch 1, **INC, DEC.** Turn. (3 sc)
Row 6: Ch 1, **DEC, INC.** Turn. (3 sc)
Row 7: Ch 1, **INC,** SC in 2. Turn. (4 sc)
Row 8: Ch 1, **DEC,** SC, **INC.** Turn. (4 sc)
Row 9: Ch 1, **INC,** SC in 3. Turn. (5 sc)
Row 10: Ch 1, **DEC,** SC in 2, **INC.** Turn. (5 sc)
Row 11: Ch 1, **INC,** SC in 4. Turn. (6 sc)
Row 12: Ch 1, **DEC,** SC in 3, **INC.** Turn. (6 sc)
Row 13: Ch 1, **INC,** SC in 3, **DEC.** Turn. (6 sc)
Row 14: Ch 1, **DEC,** SC in 3, **INC.** Turn. (6 sc)
Row 15: Ch 1, **INC,** SC in 5. Turn. (7 sc)
Row 16: Ch 1, **DEC,** SC in 4, **INC.** Turn. (7 sc)
Row 17: Ch 1, **INC,** SC in 4, **DEC.** Turn. (7 sc)
Row 18: Ch 1, **DEC,** SC in 4, **INC.** Turn. (7 sc)
Row 19: Ch 1, **INC,** SC in 6. Turn. (8 sc)
Row 20: Ch 1, **DEC,** SC in 5, **INC.** Turn. (8 sc)
Row 21: Ch 1, **INC,** SC in 5, **DEC.** Turn. (8 sc)
Row 22: Ch 1, **DEC,** SC in 5, **INC.** Turn. (8 sc)
Row 23: Ch 1, **INC,** SC in 5, **DEC.** Turn. (8 sc)
Row 24: Ch 1, **DEC,** SC in 5, **INC.** Turn. (8 sc)
Row 25: [RT side} Ch 1, SC across. FO. (8 sc)

EDGING FOR SASH: Contrasting Color in Diamanti finger yarn or Crochet Thread
  (Continue using the 3.75mm / F Hook)
Row 1: Join yarn with a ss in top rt corner of sash.
   Ch 1, SC evenly around with 3 SC in corners. Join.
Row 2: Ch 1, Reverse SC across each sc, join. FO.

PANTIES: Dress Color (3.75mm / F Hook)
Front:
Row 1: [RT side] Ch 3, SC in 2nd ch and next. Turn. (2 sc)
   Note: Mark the last sc for joining the back.

Rows 2-3: Ch 1, SC in each across.   Turn. (2, 2)
Row 4: Ch 1, **INC** in each st. Turn. (4)
Rows 5-11: Ch 1, **INC** in first sc, SC across to last sc, **INC** in
last sc. Turn. FO. (6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18)
Row 12: Ch 1, SC across. FO. (18)
Back:
Row 1: [RT side] With Front Rt side facing and Row 1 at the top:
   Join yarn with a ss in the Marked sc.
   Ch 1, SC in ea of the 2 sts. Turn. (2 sc)
Row 2: Ch 1, **INC** in each st. Turn. (4)
Rows 3-12: Ch 1, **INC** in first sc, SC across to last sc, **INC** in last sc. Turn. (24)
Rnd 13: (Joining round)   Ch 1, Sc across the 24 sts. Do not Turn. Do not Ch 1.
   SC in each of the 18 sts across the top Row 12 of the Front.
   Join with a ss in 1st sc. **Turn**. (24 + 18 = 42 sc)
Rnd 14: Ch 1, SC in each st. Join. Turn. (42)
Rnd 15: Ch 1, **DEC** 2xs, SC in next 16 sts, **DEC** 3xs, SC in next 14 sts, **DEC**. Join. Do not turn. (36)
Rnd 16: Ss in each st around. FO and weave in. (36 ss)

Edging around Leg:
The crotch is formed by the beg rows with only 2 sts. Join yarn with a ss one of these sts.
Ch 1, SC in the same st and each st on the side of the rows up the back (or front) to the 13th row.
Skip Rnds 13 - 16 of the front and back.
Continue down the side of the rows of the front (or back) from the 12th row to the beg st.   Join. FO. (25)
Repeat for other leg.

IRISH TAP SHOES: Black Diamante yarn   (4mm / C hook)
Be sure to keep the joining stitches fairly tight to alleviate gaps.
Rnd 1: Ch 5, **2 HDC** in 3rd ch from hook, HDC in next, **6 HDC** in last ch.
   Working other side of ch: HDC in next, HDC in last (same as the first 2
sc's).
   Join to 1st hdc (not the beg chs) (11)
Rnd 2: Ch 1, **2 HDC** in the same joining st, **2 HDC** in next, HDC in next 2,
   2 HDC in each of next 5, HDC in next 2. Join. (18)
Rnd 3: Ch 1, **2 HDC** in each of first 4 sts,   HDC in next 4, **2 HDC** in each of first 6
sts, HDC in next 4.
   Join. (18)
Rnds 4 – 5: Ch 1, HDC around. Join. (28, 28)
Rnd 6: Ch 1, HDC in first 15, **(HDC next 2 tog)** 2xs, HDC in next, **(HDC next 2 tog)** 2xs, HDC in last 4.
   Join. (24)
Rnd 7: Ch 1, HDC in first 15, **HDC next 2 tog**, HDC in next 2, **HDC next 2 tog**, HDC in last 3. Join. (22)
Rnd 8: Ch 1, **SC** in first 15, **SC-Dec 3xs**, **SC** in last. Join. FO. (19)
You can add socks, if you wish.
SOCKS:
Rnd 1: [**BLO** this row] Join **White** with **SC** in the 1st st. Ch 1, **SC** in each around. Join. (19)
Rnds 2 – 5: Ch 1, **SC** in each around. Join. FO at end. (19)

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OPTIONAL IRISH BALLET SHOES: (If you prefer a tighter shoe for Muffy)
Uses: Diamante (Fine Finger Yarn) ~25 yds. each of Black and White and 2.5mm / C hook

Rnd 1: Ch 8, **2 SC** in 2nd ch fr hk, **SC** in each of next 2 chs, **HDC** in next 3, **7 DC** in last ch.
  Working other side of ch: **HDC** in 3, **SC** in 2, **2 SC** in last (same as the first 2 sc's).
  Join with a ss to first sc. (21)
Rnd 2: Ch 2 (does not count as hdc),
  2 HDC in the same joining st,
  HDC in next 7, **2 HDC** in each of next 5,
  HDC in next 7, **2 HDC** in last.
  Join with ss to first hdc (sk beg-ch-2). (28)
Rnd 3 – 7: Ch 1, **SC** in each st around. Join. FO. (28 sc)

SOCKS:
Rnd 1: [**BLO** this row] Join **White** with **SC** in the 2nd st (not the joining st).
  SC in next 9, **HDC next 2 tog, DC next 2 tog**,
  DC in next, **DC next 2 tog, HDC next 2 tog,**
  SC in last 9 (last st will be in the joined st from rnd 7). Join. (24)
Rnd 2: Ch 1, **SC** in first 9 sts, **sk next st,**
  DC next 2 tog, DC in next, **DC next 2 tog, sk next st, SC** in last 8. Join. (20)
Rnd 3 – 7: Ch 1, **SC** in each around. Join. FO at end. (20 sc)

LACES FOR SHOES:
Cut 12" of Black. Sew under the front stitches of row 7 of shoe.
Lace by stitching on the sides of black 3 times and wrap to the center-back and tie to secure.
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HAIR-CAP
Row 1: With **Orange** Bouncle and **5mm / H hook**,
  Ch 6, SC in 2nd ch and across. (5 sc)
Row 2: Ch 1, turn, 2 SC in 1st st, SC across with 2 SC in last st. (7 sc)
Row 3: Ch 1, turn, 2 SC in 1st st, SC across with 2 SC in last st. (9 sc)
Row 4: Ch 1, turn, SC even. (9 sc)
Row 5: Ch 1, turn, 2 SC in 1st st, SC across with 2 SC in last st. (11 sc)
Row 6: Ch 1, turn, SC even. (11 sc) FO.

CROWN
Rnd 1: With **Green** Diamante and **D** hook:
  Go back to 1st st on last row of hair, join with a ss, Ch 1, SC in same st,
  2 SC in each of next 9 sts, SC in last st, Ch 8, 2 SC in each of 5 sts on row 1 of hair,
  Ch 8, join to the beg sc.
Rnd 2: Ch 1, turn, SC in each of 8 chs, [Next sts in **BLO** of the 10 sts across the top] SC, HDC, DC, 2 DC in next,
  2 TR with Picot in next, 2 TR, 2 DC in next, DC, HDC, SC, SC in 8 chs, join to next st on bottom-back. FO.

HAIR:
Cut the # of strands of Bouncle yarn for each round of the Hair-cap and attach as follows:
Row 1 – Cut 5 strands – 11" long
Row 2 – Cut 7 strands – 10" long
Row 3 – Cut 9 strands – 9" long
Row 4 – Cut 9 strands – 8" long
Row 5 – Cut 11 strands – 7" long
Row 6 – Cut 11 strands – 6" long
To attach the strands to the Hair-Cap:
Fold the first strand in half. With wrong side of crown up and facing, start in the beg 5-sc of round 1.
Put the hook around (under and up) each stitch. Pull up a loop (from the center of the folded strand).
Catch the two loose ends of the strand with the hook and pull through the loop.
Pull the ends snug against the cap. When all strands are attached, trim hair evenly.