

John Barrowman Big and Cuddly



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Hello and welcome

This is an easy crochet pattern to make a cuddly John Barrowman in his Captain Jack Harkness costume! He is wearing his big grey coat (removable), blue shirt, suspenders, and grey pants. He also carries his gun (removable) in a holster at his waist, and his vortex manipulator on his wrist.

Print pages 3-6 double sided with two-pages-per-sheet, and you will have a 1 page portable version of the pattern to take with you. Later pages include details for doing hair/face etc

Measures 30cm tall, with an arm span of 25cm as an average for 8ply (DK) yarn. This will vary quite a bit depending on yarn choice.

Hope you enjoy creating him, and I would love to see any photos of your finished plushie if you would like to send it to me (pixelatedmushroom@gmail.com). Feel free to contact me if you have any worries or questions.

For the latest version of the pattern, re-download it from the patterns page on my blog:

<http://pixelatedmushroom.blogspot.com/p/knittingcrochet-patterns.html>

or from the ravelry page for this pattern

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/john-barrowman-big-and-cuddly>

Materials

Crochet hook (3mm)
Sharp needle with large eye
Stuffing

8ply (DK) yarn in colours:

[It's best to find these colours in the same brand of wool if possible]

Pink (very pale for skin)
Light blue (shirt, vortex manipulator)
Dark grey (coat and pants)
Mid brown (boots, belt, gun holster, vortex manipulator)
Dark brown (hair)
Black (face, gun, suspenders)
Light grey (suspenders)
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Stitches Needed (US crochet terms used)

Magic circle (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FHYVutk2iYY>)

Chain

Sc = Single crochet

Inc = Increase

Dec = Decrease

Hdc = Half-double crochet (www.youtube.com/watch?v=LxA2osb5Qfk)

Dc = Double crochet

Arms (make 2)

Using PINK

1) magic circle 6

2) inc every st = 12

3) inc every 2nd = 18

4) inc every 5th = 21

5) sc to end

6) sc to end

Change to LIGHT BLUE

7) dec every 4th = 17

8) sc to end

9) sc to end

10) dec every 4th = 14

11) dec every 6th = 12

12) sc to end

13) sc to end

14) sc to end

15) sc to end

16) sc to end

17) sc to end

Break yarn leaving a long tail and thread end through loop on hook



Head

Using PINK

1) magic circle 6

2) inc every st = 12

3) inc every 2nd = 18

4) inc every 3rd = 24

5) inc every 4th = 30

6) inc every 5th = 36

7) inc every 7th = 41

8) inc every 10th = 45

9) sc to end

10) sc2, inc1, inc every 11th = 49

11) sc to end

12) inc every 12th = 53

13) sc to end

14) sc to end

15) sc to end

16) sc to end

17) dec every 12th = 49

18) sc to end

19) sc2, dec1, dec every 11th = 45

20) sc to end

21) dec every 10th = 41

22) dec every 7th = 36



23) dec every 5th = 30

24) dec every 4th = 24

Break yarn leaving a long tail and thread end through loop on hook

Body

Using DARK GREY

1) magic circle 6

2) inc every st = 12

3) inc every 2nd = 18

4) inc every 3rd = 24

5) inc every 4th = 30

6) inc every 5th = 36

7) sc to end

8) sc to end

9) sc to end

10) sc to end

11) LIGHT BLUE dec every 15th = 34

12) sc to end

13) dec every 8th = 31

14) sc to end

15) sc to end

16) sc to end

17) sc to end

18) sc to end

19) sc to end

20) sc to end

21) dev every 4th = 25

22) dec every 3rd = 19

23) dec every 2nd = 13

24) sc to end

Break yarn leaving a long tail and thread end through loop on hook. Stuff head and sew to top of body.

Add the arms to the sides of the body also.



Legs (make 2)

using MID BROWN

1) magic circle 6

2) inc every st = 12

3) inc every 2nd = 18

4) inc every 3rd = 24

5) sc to end

6) sc to end

7) sc to end

8) sc to end

9) sc to end

10) sc to end

11) sc to end

12) turning ch1, sc14

13) turning ch1, sc14

14) DARK GREY sc the outside loop of each st = 24
(creates a raised ridge)

15) sc the inside loop of each st

16) sc15, dec2, sc5 = 22

17) sc to end

18) sc15, dec1, sc5 = 21

19) sc15, dec1, sc4 = 20

20) sc to end



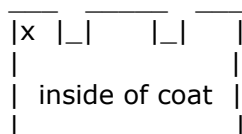
- 21) sc to end
- 22) dec every 9th = 18
- 23) sc to end
- 24) dec every 8th = 16
- 25) sc to end
- 26) sc to end
- 27) sc to end
- 28) dec every 7th = 14

Break yarn leaving a long tail and thread end through loop on hook.

Sew legs to base of body, towards the front side, so that he can easily sit down.

Overcoat Body

Using DARK GREY and working from the top of the right lapel downwards (x)
(v and ^ just help to indicate direction, down and up)



- 1) chain34 v
- 2) turning ch1, sc to end ^
- 3) turning ch1, sc26, hdc8 v
- 4) turning ch1, sc to end ^
- 5) turning ch1, sc23, dc11 v
- 6) turning ch1, sc to end ^
- 7) turning ch1, sc26, hdc8 v
- 8) turning ch1, sc28 = 28
(to make armhole) ^
- 9) turning ch1, sc28 v
- 10) turning ch1, sc28 ^
- 11) turning ch1, sc28 v
- 12) turning ch1, sc28, ch6
= 34 ^
- 13) turning ch1, sc23, dc11 v
- 14) turning ch1, sc to end ^
- 15) turning ch1, sc26, hdc8 v
- 16) turning ch1, sc to end ^
- 17) turning ch1, sc23, dc11 v
- 18) turning ch1, sc to end ^
- 19) turning ch1, sc to end v
- 20) turning ch1, sc to end ^
- 21) turning ch1, sc to end v
half way point
- 22) turning ch1, sc to end ^
- 23) turning ch1, sc to end v
- 24) turning ch1, sc to end ^
- 25) turning ch1, sc to end v
- 26) turning ch2, dc11, sc23 ^
- 27) turning ch1, sc to end v
- 28) turning ch2, hdc8, sc26 ^
- 29) turning ch1, sc to end v
- 30) turning ch2, dc11, sc23 ^
- 31) turning ch1, sc to end v
- 32) turning ch1, sc28 = 28
(to make armhole) ^
- 33) turning ch1, sc28 to end v
- 34) turning ch1, sc28 to end ^



v

- 35) turning ch1, sc28 to end v
 - 36) turning ch2, hdc8, sc20, ch6 = 34 ^
 - 37) turning ch1, sc to end v
 - 38) turning ch2, dc11, sc23 ^
 - 39) turning ch1, sc to end v
 - 40) turning ch2, hdc8, sc26 ^
 - 41) turning ch1, sc to end v
 - 42) turning ch1, sc to end ^
- Break yarn leaving a long tail and thread end through loop on hook

Overcoat Sleeves (make 2)

using DARK GREY

- 1) chain 25 and join row end to make a circle
- 2) sc to end
- 3) sc to end
- 4) dec every 10th = 23
- 5) sc to end
- 6) dec every 5th = 20
- 7-18) sc [12 rows of sc]

Break yarn leaving a long tail and thread end through loop on hook. Sew sleeves to the armholes of the coat. Try the coat on by pulling the arms into the coat sleeves.

With DARK GREY again, start at one lapel top and sc all across the top of the coat to make a neat edge, stopping at the top of the other lapel. There will be no clear chain to work into, just estimate and pick up stitches as you go. After trying on coat sc one more row if you feel it needs the extra height.

Using some MID BROWN, sew some buttons down the front of each side of the coat. You could also add 4 shoulder stripes on each side: arm >>>> head <<<< arm

Vortex Manipulator

Using MID BROWN

- 1) chain 8
- 2) turning ch1, sc8, chain7
- 3) turning ch1, sc15, chain6
- 4) turning ch1, sc14
- 5) turning ch1, sc8
- 6) turning ch1, slip8



Take some LIGHT BLUE wool and sew an oval in blanket stitch as shown in the image, and 1 stitch of MID BROWN over the oval. Place around the wrist of the plushie to check size, and sew long ends together

Gun

Using BLACK (leave a long tail here)

- 1) chain 8
- 2-7) turning ch1, sc (6 rows of this)
- 8) turning ch1, sc8, chain 3 extra sts = 11
- 9) turning ch1, sc11, chain 3 extra sts = 14
- 10) turning ch1, sc to end
- 11) turning ch1, sc to end
- 12) turning ch1, sc7

Cut off leaving a tail and pull through remaining loop on hook



Gun Holster

Using MID BROWN

- 1) magic circle 6

2) inc every st = 12

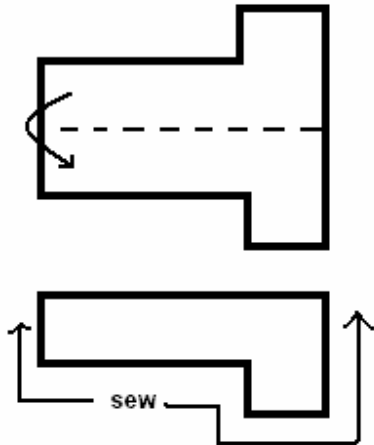
3-7) sc to end (5 rows)

turn work

8) turning ch1, sc4, slip 1 stitch

Break yarn leaving a long tail and pull through remaining loop on hook

Sew to belt on right side of body, and put gun into holster, it should fit snugly.



Hair

I have described this using the same way as for my David Tennant pattern as they have very similar hair. Perhaps trim the front strands a little shorter for Jack than for David at the end of these instructions



I'll tell you how I went about it – but you may have different or better ideas of how you want it to look.

I took a piece of card measuring about 15cm in width across the middle, and wound my brown wool around and around it



I then took a *sharp* needle with a large eye and backstitched across the centre a couple of times, binding the threads together like a hair-part.

(The reason the needle needs to be sharp is that it can go through the centre of threads, not only around them, making it more strongly bind together)

I then carefully removed the cardboard, holding the threads in place, and stitched the loose back threads to the front threads along the part again, so now you have a little wig ^_^



Place the hair on the head with the part running side to side (not front to back). Tilt the hair to a slight angle so that one side will be overlapping the right eye. Sew the part securely to the head using back stitch.

With scissors, cut the loops to free the ends of hair



Assembled body and overcoat



Hair positioned on head

Take hold of a chunk of hair at the front, using some from either side of the part



Use your sharp sewing needle and a length of brown wool to sew through the base of this chunk, back and forth, entering and exiting at random points to bind the bunch of hair together.

Once the portion of hair seems firmly held, use scissors to cut some shorter strands over where the ears would be (creating little sideburns)



Give the strands of hair a little trim so they don't all look the same length



Face

I tried a few options – some might be useful. I used black yarn and sewed on the features



Shirt Details

- Using MID BROWN yarn stitch a line around the waist for his belt
- Using GREY (I used light grey here but dark would be fine too) sew suspenders, straight at the front and crossed behind as shown below, leaving the row just above the belt free
- Using BLACK, make the little ^ shapes to join suspenders to the belt



And you're done!!



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