



Howie the Holiday Penguin

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Abbreviations

ch: chain
lp st: loop stitch
sc: single crochet
sc2tog: single crochet 2 stitches together
st(s): stitch(es)

Materials

Size H crochet hook
tapestry needle
two 12mm black animal eyes
a few handfuls of stuffing

Yarn

Less than 220 yards (1 skein) is required of each color. *For the yarn, I use 100% wool worsted weight (Ella Rae Classic the brand used in the sample). However, any worsted weight yarn can be substituted.*

MC- Black (Plymouth Galway Worsted color # 154)

SC- White (Ella Rae Classic color #01)

AC1- Yellow (Ella Rae Classic color #44)

AC2- Red (Ella Rae Classic color #31)

AC3- Blue (Ella Rae Classic color #83)

Directions

Gauge

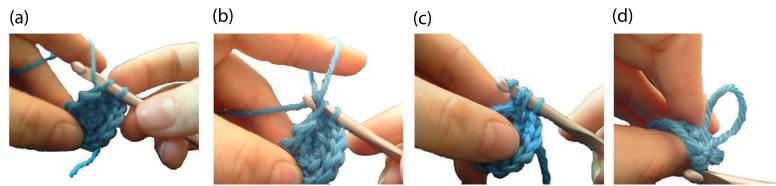
This pattern doesn't specify a gauge. It's a stuffed animal, and you don't need to be too picky about exact sizing. The most important thing is that you use a hook size that creates a nice looking fabric for your yarn. If you use the recommended hook size, and your fabric looks very loose (so that stuffing would show through), then you will want to use a smaller hook. Other than that, no measuring required!

The Loop Stitch

This pattern calls for the loop stitch (lp st). Here's how to do it: Put the index finger of your left hand (your non-hook-holding hand) behind your work. Insert the hook into the next stitch, as you would for single crochet. Wrap the yarn around the hook from front to back (a). To make the loop, loop the yarn over your index finger, ending with the yarn on the hook, then pull

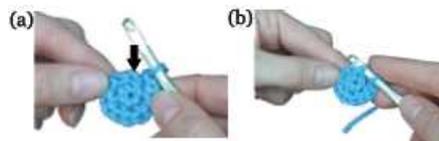
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both yarns through the first loop (b). Wrap the yarn over the hook, and pull through all three loops on the hook (c). This creates a loop on the back of the piece (d).



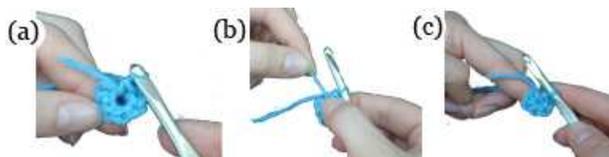
Stitch into the back

All stitches in the round are into the back loop, unless otherwise directed. Look at picture (a), and see how the arrow points to the back loop? You will stitch into this loop, as pictured in (b). Stitching into the back loop creates ridges on the right side of the piece. For rows, you will stitch into the front loop, unless otherwise directed. You can stitch into both loops if you desire, but this will change the look of the final product.



Starting out: the sloppy slip knot

Most pieces in this pattern (as they are based on circles) begin with stitching six times into one loop. We recommend the 'sloppy slip knot' to avoid creating a hole in the center (a). To do this, twist the yarn around the hook to begin, and crochet as directed. Once you have completed your first round, pull on the tail, while holding the loop you have created (b). The loop will end up tighter, as pictured in (c).

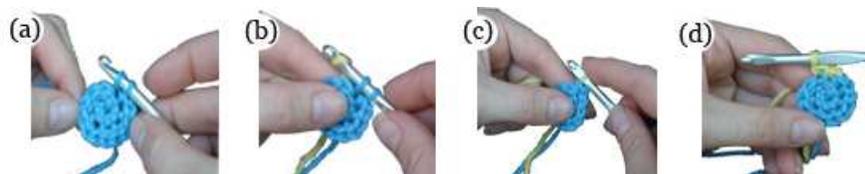


Color Changes

This pattern calls for switching from one color to another, but there is a trick to doing it so the change in color is very clean. Stitch up to 2 stitches before you are supposed to change colors

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(we are demonstrating here with the single crochet). In the next stitch (the last one of your current color), do not pull the final loop through, leaving as pictured in (a). Instead, loop the new color around your needle (b), and pull the loop through (c). Now, just stitch as normal. This technique leaves you with a clean color change, as shown in (d).



Attaching Parts Together

In this pattern, you will be instructed to attach two pieces together, usually attaching a smaller part (such as a leg) onto a larger part (like a body). The small part will have a row of stitches at the opening, and a long tail. Thread a tapestry needle with the long tail. Put the small part where it should go along the body, and pick up a stitch on the body. Keep going (one stitch on small part, one stitch on the body), until you have fully attached the part. When you are done, tie a knot to fasten off. Use the tapestry needle to pull the knot inside, so you don't have any loose ends sticking out.

Fasten off with long tail

What does this mean? It just means that when you are ending a piece, to leave a lot (about 6-9 inches) of extra yarn, as pictured. This will be used to attach this piece to another piece. To attach your piece to another, just thread the long tail through a tapestry needle, and stitch to the second piece.



The Pattern

Eye Circles

Make 2.

With AC3, ch 2

Round 1: sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook (6)

Round 2: sc twice in each st (12)

Round 3: * sc twice in next st, sc in next st. Repeat from * 5 times (18)

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Round 4: * sc twice in next st, sc in next 2 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (24)

Fasten off with long tail.

Feet

Make 2.

With AC1, ch 2

Round 1: sc 6 in 2nd ch from hook (6)

Round 2: sc twice in each st (12)

Round 3: * sc twice in next st, sc in next st. Repeat from * 5 times (18)

Rounds 4-5: sc in each st (18)

Fasten off with long tail.

Wings

Make 2.

With MC, ch 2

Round 1: sc 6 times in 2nd ch from hook (6)

Round 2: sc twice in each st (12)

Rounds 3-4: sc in each st (12)

Round 5: * sc twice in next st, sc in next st. Repeat from * 5 times (18)

Rounds 6-9: sc in each st (18)

Round 10: * sc2tog, sc in next st. Repeat from * 5 times (12)

Fasten off with long tail.

Beak

With AC1, ch 2

Round 1: sc 6 times in 2nd ch from hook (6)

Round 2: sc twice in each st (12)

Rounds 3-5: sc in each st (12)

Fasten off with long tail.

Tummy Circle

With SC, ch 2

Round 1: sc 6 times in 2nd ch from hook (6)

Round 2: sc twice in each st (12)

Round 3: * sc twice in next st, sc in next st. Repeat from * 5 times (18)

Round 4: * sc twice in next st, sc in next 2 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (24)

Round 5: * sc twice in next st, sc in next 3 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (30)

Round 6: * sc twice in next st, sc in next 4 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (36)

Round 7: * sc twice in next st, sc in next 5 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (42)

Round 8: * sc twice in next st, sc in next 6 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (48)

Fasten off with long tail.

Body

With MC, ch 2

Round 1: sc 6 times in 2nd ch from hook (6)

Round 2: sc twice in each st (12)

Round 3: * sc twice in next st, sc in next st. Repeat from * 5 times (18)

Round 4: * sc twice in next st, sc in next 2 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (24)

Round 5: * sc twice in next st, sc in next 3 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (30)

Round 6: * sc twice in next st, sc in next 4 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (36)

Round 7: * sc twice in next st, sc in next 5 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (42)

Round 8: * sc twice in next st, sc in next 6 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (48)

Round 9: * sc twice in next st, sc in next 7 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (54)

Round 10: * sc twice in next st, sc in next 8 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (60)

Rounds 11-21: sc in each st (60)

Round 22: * sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (54)

Round 23: sc in each st (54)

Round 24: * sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (48)

Round 25: sc in each st (48)

Round 26: * sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (42)

Round 27: sc in each st (42)

Round 28: * sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (36)

Round 29: sc in each st (36)

Round 30: * sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (30)

Round 31: sc in each st (30)
remove hook, but do not fasten off!



Flatten feet, and attach to round 7 of body.



Flatten wings, and attach to each side of body, at approximately round 22.



Attach eye circles to body. The bottom of the eye circles should be attached to round 21, and the top of the eye circles will reach round 27. Be sure that the two eye circles touch in the center.

Attach tummy circle to body. The bottom should be attached at round 9 (two rounds above the feet), and slightly overlap the bottom of the eye circles at the top.

Fasten eyes onto the head. To do so, insert post between desired stitches, and press washer onto back post to secure. . Plastic eyes should be positioned in the center of the eye circles.

Stuff beak slightly, and attach over the point where the eye circles and tummy circle meet.

Stuff penguin body.

Continue crocheting...

Round 32: * sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (24)

Round 33: * sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (18)

Round 34: * sc2tog, sc in next st. Repeat from * 5 times (12)

Round 35: * sc2tog. Repeat from * 5 times (6)

Round 36: sc2tog next and fourth sts, pulling knot to center. (1)

Fasten off.



At this point you have an adorable penguin! You can stop here for an all-year-round cutie... or keep reading to make his holiday hat!



Holiday Hat

With SC, ch 2

Round 1: sc 6 times in 2nd ch from hook (6)

Round 2: sc twice in each st (12)

Rounds 3-4: sc in each st (12)

Stuff this ball slightly

Round 5: * sc2tog. Repeat from * 5 times (6)

Rounds 6-8: With AC2, sc in each st (6)

Round 9: *sc twice in next st, sc in next st. Repeat from * 2 times (9)

Rounds 10-13: sc in each st (9)

Round 14: * sc twice in next st, sc in next 2 sts. Repeat from * 2 times (12)

Rounds 15-19: sc in each st (12)

Round 20: * sc twice in next st, sc in next st. Repeat from * 5 times (18)

Rounds 21-25: sc in each st (18)

Round 26: * sc twice in next st, sc in next 2 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (24)

Rounds 27-31: sc in each st (24)

Round 32: * sc twice in next st, sc in next 3 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (30)

Rounds 33-37: sc in each st (30)

Round 38: * sc twice in next st, sc in next 4 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (36)

Round 39: With SC, sc in each st (36)

Round 40: sc through front loop of each st (36)

Rounds 41-42: lp st in each st (36)

Fasten off with long tail.

Fold brim of hat upwards at round 40 (the row of front loop stitches will help the brim turn, and the loops will now be on the right side).

Thread long tail through tapestry needle, and whipstitch last round to round 36 of hat.

Tie knot when finished, and weave in ends.

With spare piece of yarn, attach hat to top of penguin's body.



At this point, weave in ends!

Congrats! You now have an adorable holiday penguin!

