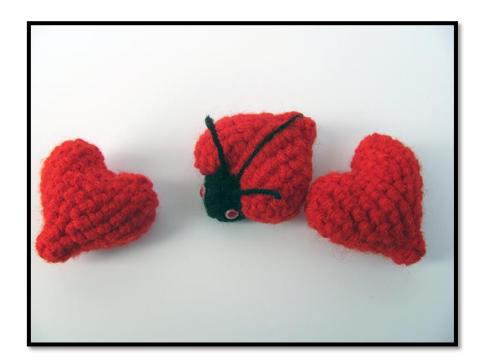
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Amigurumi Love Bug

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Materials Needed:

Worsted weight yarn:

Red, Black

Poly-fill stuffing

6mm pink safety eyes

(6mm pair of "google" eyes would work well too)

Equipment Needed:

Size 2.75mm Crochet Hook

Scissors

Yarn needle

Stitch marker (optional)

Abbreviations: Pattern is in US Crochet Terms

ch: chain stitch

st: stitch

sc: single crochet

(*): when you see instructions written between parenthesis you will work these instructions as many times

as the pattern tells you to. **inc:** single crochet increase

dec: single crochet decrease

slst: slip stitch **FO:** fasten off

Designer Note:

When I crochet amigurumi I let the wrong side face outwards. All the photos you will see in this tutorial are worked this way and it is my personal preference when it comes to making amigurumi. If you choose to crochet with the traditional right side facing outwards there will be no significant difference regarding how the finished piece will turn out so feel free to crochet this amigurumi however you like.

Body (in red yarn)

Rnd 1: start 4 sc in a magic ring [4]

Rnd 2: (inc, sc in next st) repeat 2 times [6]

Rnd 3: (inc, sc in next 2 st) repeat 2 times [8]

Rnd 4: (inc, sc in next st) repeat 4 times [12]

Rnd 5: (inc, sc in next 2 st) repeat 4 times [16]

Rnd 6: (inc, sc in next 3 st) repeat 4 times [20]

Rnd 7: (inc, sc in next 4 st) repeat 4 times [24]

Rnd 8: sc in all 24 st [24]

Rnd 9: sc in next 6 st, skip 12 st, sc in remaining 6 st

[12]

Rnd 10: (dec, sc in next 2 st) repeat 3 times [9]

Rnd 11: dec 4 times, sc in last st [5]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Using your yarn needle, weave the yarn tail through the front loop of each remaining stitch and pull it tight to close.

Note: Now stuff your work good before finishing the last part of the body.

(Reattach your red yarn at an unworked st from rnd 9.)

Rnd 1: sc in all unworked st from rnd 9 [12]

Rnd 2: (dec, sc in next 2 st) repeat 3 times [9]

Note: do one last stuffing of the body now before finishing.

Rnd 3: dec 4 times, sc in last st [5]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Using your yarn needle, weave the yarn tail through the front loop of each remaining stitch and pull it tight to close. Using one of the remaining yarn ends sew shut any gap that formed in the center of the heart. Use some black yarn to embroider a straight line down the center of the body to create the look of wings.

Head (in black yarn)

Rnd 1: start 5 sc in a magic ring [5]



Fig. 1



Fig. 2



Fig. 3



Fig. 4

Rnd 2: inc 5 times [10] **Rnd 3:** sc in all 10 st [10]

Eyes: place the safety eyes at this time as it gets more difficult to do so after the decrease in Rnd 4.

Rnd 4: (dec, sc in next st) repeat 3 times, sc in last st [7] → FO

With eyes already in place, stuff the head lightly if needed and sew the head to the body. Cut a piece of black yarn and thread it through the head for the antennas. Tie each antenna in place where it comes out from the head and cut the yarn to the length you want it to be. Your love bug is now complete!

Of course you could skip making a love bug completely and just use this pattern for cute mini hearts. Either one would make a great gift for Valentine's day.



These are a few sites I found most useful and may be of help to you as well.

Basic Crochet and Magic Ring Tutorial: Alicia Ramirez © 2008

http://www.hookandneedles.com/2008/03/22/amigurumi-tutorial-1/

Invisible Single Crochet Decrease: *June Gilbank © 2006-2010*

http://www.planetjune.com/blog/amigurumi-help/invisible-decrease/

How to Sew Amigurumi Parts Together: June Gilbank © 2006-2011

http://www.planetjune.com/blog/joining-amigurumi/

Crochet Abbreviations: Purple Kitty LLC © 2010

http://www.purplekittyyarns.com/info/crochet-pattern-abbreviations.html

Buying Safety Eyes Online: 6060, aka: Clara

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http://www.crscraft.com/