One (Eyed) Little Alien





Crochet Pattern by Deborah Ellis of Neatly Tangled (<u>http://neatlytangled.com</u>)

Skill Level: Easy

Materials: Worsted weight yarn of your choice. Size F (3.75 mm) hook or size needed to produce a tight, stuffable fabric in single crochet. Polyester fiberfill or other stuffing material sufficient to stuff creature firmly. Buttons, felt, and/or contrasting yarn for eye and mouth.

Abbreviations:

ch...chain stitch dc...double crochet sc...single crochet sl st...slip stitch yo...yarn over

Special stitches:

sc2tog: Insert hook through both loops of next sc, yo and pull through, insert hook through both loops of next sc, yo and pull through, yo and pull through all 3 loops on the hook: 1 sc2tog (counts as 1 sc).

Notes:

You may prefer to start your creature with a method other than the chain four/join to form ring stated. Alternate methods I'm aware of are to start with a chain two and work the first round's single crochets into the second chain from the hook, and the magic ring method described at CrochetMe (<u>http://crochetme.com/amigurumi-double-ring</u>). Use whatever technique allows you to have the smallest (or, preferably, non-existent!) hole at the beginning of the work

The main body of this piece is worked in spirals. Do not join rounds. Each increasing or decreasing round features 6 repeats of the increase or decrease stitch pattern. You may find it useful to mark the first stitch of each round.

This pattern can be worked with any weight yarn and an appropriate hook...bigger yarn/hook will produce a bigger piece. As written, the finished creature is approximately 4.75 inches (12 cm) tall.

To change colors in sc, insert hook through both loops of next sc and yo with old color, pull through (2 loops on hook), then yo with new color and pull through both loops on hook.

Body (working from top, and changing colors as desired [if desired]):

Ch 4, join with sl st to form ring.

Round 1: 6 sc in ring; do not join. (6 sc)
Round 2: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sc)
Round 3: Sc in each sc around. (12 sc)
Round 4: Sc in each sc around. (12 sc)
Round 5: Sc2tog around. (6 sc)
Round 6: Sc in each sc around. (6sc)
Round 7: Sc in each sc around. (6sc)
Round 8: Sc in each sc around. (6sc)
Round 9: 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sc)



(Stuff this portion of the creature before continuing.)



Round 10: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] around. (18 sc) Round 11: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc] around. (24 sc) Round 12: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc] around. (30 sc) Round 13-27: Sc in each sc around. (30 sc) (Total of 15 rounds worked even.)

Round 28: [Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sc] around. (24 sc) Round 29: [Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sc] around. (18 sc)

(Stuff body firmly.)



Round 30: [Sc2tog, sc in next sc] around. (12 sc) Round 31: Sc2tog around. (6 sc) Round 32: SI st around as needed to close gap, fasten off and weave in end.

Tentacles:

Ch 4, join with sl st to form ring.

Round 1: Ch 3, 11 dc in ring. (12 dc) Join with sl st to top of ch 3.



Round 2: *Ch 21. Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch back to beginning of ch-21 (20 sc),





then sI st in next dc, ch 16, sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch back to beginning of ch-16 (15 sc), sI st in next dc.*

Repeat from * to * around, ending with sl st in same sp as last sl st of previous round. Fasten off, leaving a long end to sew tentacles to body.



Assembly and Finishing:

Sew the tentacles to the body.

Embroider features, or sew on eye/mouth made of buttons, felt, or assembled from crocheted disks as below:

Big Disk: Ch 4, join with sl st to form ring. Ch 3. 11 dc in ring, sl st in top chain of ch 3 to join and finish off, leaving a long end to sew eye to body.

Small Disk: Ch 4, join with sl st to form ring. 6 sc in ring. Join with sl st to first sc and fasten off, leaving a long end to sew eye together.



Enjoy your little alien!



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