

Itty Bitty Orangutan

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Materials

Colour A: 48m/ 52yds Worsted Weight Yarn
Colour B: 4.5m/ 5yds Worsted Weight Yarn
Black Tapestry Floss
3.0mm (between US C and D) crochet hook
or size needed to achieve gauge
2 black beads
small amount cotton or polyfiber stuffing
Tapestry needle
Small amount of black sewing thread
Thin sewing needle

Gauge: Gauge is unimportant, rather use a hook size necessary to achieve a tight fabric so stuffing will not be visible.

Finished measurements:

12cm/5" from head to toe (approx)

Abbreviations:

MC = Magic Circle/Magic Ring
st = stitch
sl st = slip stitch
sc = single crochet
sc2tog = single crochet 2 stitches together
dc = double crochet

All instructions use US crochet terms

Head & Body

The little orangutan's head and body are created in one piece, from the top of the head down.

In Colour A

1. MC, 4sc into ring
2. 2sc in each st around (8)
3. [sc, 2sc in next st] 4 times (12)
4. [sc, 2sc in next st] 6 times (18)
5. - 7. sc in each st around (18)
8. [sc, sc2tog] 6 times (12)**
Stuff firmly
9. [sc, sc2tog] 4 times (8)
10. 2sc in each st around (16)
11. sc in each st around (16)
12. sc, [sc in next 2st, 2sc in next st] 5 times (21)
13. sc, [sc in next 3st, 2sc in next st] 5 times (26)
14. - 16. sc in each st around (26)
17. sc in next 2st, [sc, sc2tog] 8 times (18)
18. [sc, sc2tog] 6 times (12)
Stuff firmly
19. [sc, sc2tog] 4 times (8)
20. sc2tog, 4 times (4). BO, weave in ends.

Arms & Legs

Make two each of the limbs, noting that the arms are much longer than the legs.

Arms (Make 2) In Colour A

1. MC, 4sc into ring
2. - 22. sc in each st around
23. BO, weave in ends

Legs (Make 2) In Colour A

1. MC, 4sc into ring
2. - 14. sc in each st around
15. BO, weave in ends
-- on second leg, leave very long tail and do not weave in. Use this tail to stitch on all four limbs.

Face

In colour B

1. MC, 4 sc into ring (4)
2. 2sc in each st around (8)
3. [sc, 2sc in next st] 4 times (12)
4. - 6. sc in each st around (12)
5. 3 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, sl st in same st, sl in next st, 2dc in next sl, 3dc in next st, sl st in next. BO.

Ears:

Thread 40cm of colour B into tapestry needle, stitch a firm loop in centre of side of head over the 6th row. Switch to hook and 2sc in loop. Rethread needle and pass thread through to the opposite side of head, again stitching a firm loop over the 6th row. Switch to hook, and 2sc in loop. Rethread needle and weave in ends.

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Finishing

Stitch arms and legs onto the body as pictured using Colour A. With Colour B, begin stitching face to the head, taking care not to stitch the 'eyebrow' portion of the face down. When half the 'nose/mouth' area has been stitched on, stuff it firmly with stuffing and then continue sewing the face until secure. Weave in all ends.

Details:

With embroidery thread, & the tapestry needle, stitch on mouth, nose & belly button. Using thin black sewing thread & sewing needle, attach bead eyes. Thread tapestry needle with Colour A and embroider six long loops of yarn in the top of the head for a tuft of hair.

Tips/Suggestions:

If you're feeling rich, stuffing the itty bitty orangutan with the same yarn you used to crochet it will help disguise any errors/differences in gauge/tension.

For a more 'authentic' looking Orangutan, try using a fluffy mohair or perhaps a 'fun fur' fashion yarn for Colour A.

If making Orangutan for a small child, consider embroidering in the eyes instead of using beads.

**If considering using safety eyes, stop here and create the face. Attach the face to the head and then attach the safety eyes. Continue on to the rest of the pattern as written.

Yarns used for the example were Ella Rae Bamboo Silk in BS-20 Orange for Colour A, and Tahki Yarns Cotton Classic in 3541 for Colour B.

DMC Black Tapestry Floss & Moda Vera Cynthia in 01 Black were used interchangeably for the embroidered details.

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