Build Your Own Monster

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Learn the basics of Amigurumi crochet, and build your own monster! In this pattern, the basic shapes for a body, feet, arms, and horns are available for you to mix and match as you create your own monster!

required skills

Must be comfortable with the single crochet stitch, increasing and decreasing.

This pattern utilizes the Magic Loop technique. Watch our step by step guide here:

https://www.fireflyfiberarts.com/how-to-crochet-a-magic-loop

materials

Bulky weight yarn
US J / 6mm hook
Removable stitch markers
Tapestry needle
Stuffing

abbreviations

BOR - Beginning of Round
dec - decrease stitch
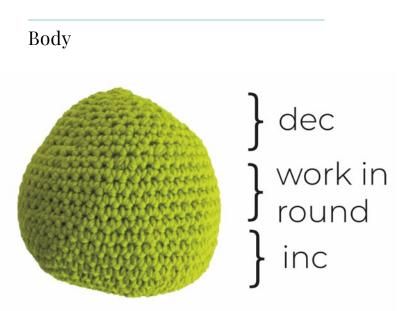inc - increase stitch
sm - stitch markers
st(s) - stich(es)

Notes

* "Amigurumi" is the Japanese word for knit/crochet stuffed toy. The standardized Japanese patterns for amigurumi are charted so they are easier to read. In this pattern, I will have both written instructions and charts.

* When stuffing your body, it's a good idea to start adding stuffing halfway through the decrease section. This gives you a bigger opening to add stuffing. Once you are ready to close up, add the final stuffing, then close the opening.

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instructions

Body

Starting with a Magic Loop, crochet 7 sts into ring, pull tail to close ring.

Start increasing your circle by 7 sts per row, making sure to mark your first st with a sm for BOR.

Continue increasing by 7 sts until your circle base is as big as you want your monster to be.

Crochet in round without increasing until the body is as tall as you want your monster to be. (Sample is crochet 2 in – about 8 rows)

Start decreasing 5 sts each row (to create a perfect circle, decrease by 7 sts each row).

Decrease until there are 6 sts, cut a long tail. Stuff the body. Weave through sts, and pull circle shut.

Row	Sts	
1	7	Magic Loop
2	14	inc every st
3	21	inc every other st
4	28	inc every 3rd st
5	35	inc every 4th st
6	42	inc every 5th st
7	49	inc every 6th st
8	56	inc every 7th st
9	56	work in round
10	56	work in round
11	56	work in round
12	56	work in round
13	56	work in round
14	56	work in round
15	56	work in round
16	56	work in round
17	51	dec 5 sts
18	46	dec 5 sts
19	41	dec 5 sts
20	36	dec 5 sts
21	31	dec 5 sts
22	26	dec 5 sts
23	21	dec 5 sts
24	16	dec 5 sts
25	11	dec 5 sts
26	6	dec 5 sts

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Arm

Starting with a Magic Loop, crochet 4 sts into ring, pull tail to close ring.

Increase your circle by 4 sts, making sure to mark your first st with a sm for BOR.

Crochet in round without increasing until the arm is as long as you want. (Sample is 4 rows)

Stuff and cut a long tail to use to sew on the arm. Do not close.

Make as many as your monster needs.

Row	Sts	
1	4	Magic Loop
2	8	inc every st
3	8	work in round
4	8	work in round
5	8	work in round
6	8	work in round

Horn

Starting with a Magic Loop, crochet 4 sts into ring, pull tail to close ring.

Increase your circle by 4 sts, making sure to mark your first st with a sm for BOR.

Crochet in round without increasing 1 row

Repeat last two steps until the horn is as big as you want. (Sample is 2 repeats)

Stuff and cut a long tail to use to sew on the arm. Do not close.

Make as many as your monster needs.

Row	Sts	
1	4	Magic Loop
2	8	inc every st
3	8	work in round
4	12	inc every other st
5	12	work in round

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Foot

Row	Sts	
1	6	Magic Loop
2	12	inc every st
3	18	inc every other st
4	18	work in round
5	18	work in round
6	18	work in round
7	12	dec every other st
8	8	dec every other st
9	8	work in round
10	8	work in round

Starting with a Magic Loop, crochet 6 sts into ring, pull tail to close ring.

Increase your circle by 6 sts, making sure to mark your first st with a sm for BOR.

Increase again by 6 sts.

Crochet in round without increasing for 3 rows.

Decrease every other st for 2 rows.

Crochet in round until the leg is as long as you want.

Stuff and cut a long tail to use to sew on the foot. Do not close.

Make as many as your monster needs.

Finishing

Sew on your monsters appendages. Sew on, crochet, or use buttons for eyes and mouth.

Congratulations! You have created a monster!