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Crochet Pattern

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Skill level: Experienced

Rat Stephan

About this pattern

The toy is crocheted in continuous spirals without joining the rounds. You will need a stitch marker to keep track of where the beginning of each round starts. Move the marker up to the first stitch of the next round after finishing the previous one.
If you don't have a stitch marker you can always use a scrap of contrasting yarn instead. You can see it in my photos.

I use USA terminology for my pattern (don't worry if you use UK terms, all the differences are explained in the pattern).

Finished size

Approx. 23 cm / 9.2 inches tall using the materials stated in the pattern.

Happy crocheting!

Materials and tools

- ✓ Crochet hook 1.5 mm or any other suitable size for the selected yarn (main yarn, ears, nose and eyes).
- ✓ Crochet hook 1.25 mm or any other suitable size for the selected yarn (smooth yarn, hands, feet and tail).
- ✓ Main yarn, "Italy" (75% viscose, 25% polyamide, 400m / 50 g), or any fluffy or textured suitable yarn such as mohair, angora, wool, wool blend, etc. 45 g.
- ✓ Smooth "Areola" Areola No. 10 (100% polyacrylic, 400m / 50g)
  - white color for the eyes. 5 g
  - pink color for the ears. 5 g
  - black color for the nose. 3 g
  - pink color for the hands, feet and tail – split the yarn in half (use 1 thread of 2)

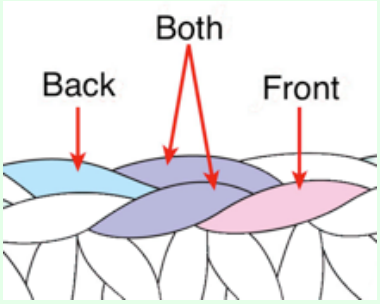
  Tip: If you need exactly the same yarn ask in this shop

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- ✓ For eyes – 2 black eyes 2-3 mm in diameter (positional eyes or black beads)
- ✓ Fishing line 0.2-0.3 mm for whiskers and eyelashes
- ✓ Wire – Nichrome wire 0.7-0.8mm in diameter (220 cm) or copper wire 1mm in diameter, and thinner wire for the hands (80 cm)
- ✓ Weight materials for his bottom, some suggested materials are glass beads, plastic pellets, small marbles or steel shot (optional).
- ✓ Long needle for sewing
- ✓ Stuffing – Fiberfill
- ✓ Adhesive fabric tape approximately 1 cm wide for wire ends
- ✓ Tinting (optional) – any material you like (acrylic fabric paint, oil pastels, oil paints).

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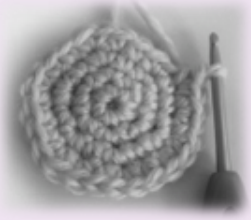
Tip (make it right)

If there are no special notes, the toy is crocheted under both parts of the loop. In some rows, there are special notes: 'into the front loop only' or 'into the back loop only'. In that case, you need to follow these instructions.



Tip (make it right)

When making toys the right side looks like this:



And the backside looks like this:



Abbreviations

ch(s) = chain(s)
st(s) = stitch(es)
sl st = slip stitch
sc(s) = single crochet(s)
inc(s) = increasing(s) (2 sc in 1 st)
dec(s) = decreasing(s) (sc2tog)
Rnd = round

If there is a record in the brackets in the pattern, multiplied by some number, for example (3 sc, 1 inc) x 3, it means you need to repeat this action 3 times, that is 3 sc, 1 inc, 3 sc, 1 inc, 3 sc, 1 inc.

TIP (yarn)

If you use different yarn, the toy will be bigger or smaller and you will need more or less yarn and wire than stated in the pattern (i.e. thicker yarn will produce a larger toy and you may require more yarn).

Tip (gauge)

When making toys, you should use a much smaller hook than recommended for the yarn you choose.
Make sure you crochet tight enough; otherwise, the stuffing will show through the holes.

USA/UK terminology comparison chart.

Abbreviations USA	Abbreviations UK
ch - chain	ch - chain
sc - single crochet	dc - double crochet
hdc - half double crochet	htr - half treble
dc - double crochet	tr - treble
tr - treble (triple crochet)	dtr - double treble
dtr - double treble	tr tr - triple treble

Other differences in crochet terminology used:

Terminology USA	Terminology UK
fasten off	cast off
skip	miss
gauge	tension
yarn over (yo)	yarn over hook (yoh)

Skill levels

BEGINNER — Projects for first-time crocheters using basic stitches. Minimal shaping.

EASY — Projects using yarn with basic stitches, repetitive stitch patterns, simple color changes, and simple shaping and finishing.

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EXPERIENCED — Projects with intricate stitch patterns, techniques and dimension, such as non-repeating patterns, multi-color techniques, fine threads, small hooks, detailed shaping and refined finishing.

Tip (shift stitch)

While working, you will need to keep the work symmetrical. As the work tends to twist to the right you need to adjust the position of the marker periodically (beginning of round). If you notice that the marker moves right, you need to work one extra stitch in the end of round and move the marker for one stitch (now the 2nd st of the round becomes 1st). If you notice that the marker moves left, you need to unravel one stitch (or more if needed). This is shift stitch – it is not included in the description of the rounds.

Usually you have to do shift stitches every 3-5 rounds (depending on the yarn, hook and your gauge). To check if it is time to work shift stitch(es) fold your work in half and check if the marker still goes straight. You should keep the marker in a straight line on some parts of the toy. Instructions for the marker are given in the description of each part of the toy if needed.

You can read more about shift stitch here

http://bit.ly/ShiftStitch

Gauge

Make one swatch with the main yarn, one with the yarn you will use for the eyes, and one with the split yarn you will use for the arms, legs and tail.

Instruction for the swatch:

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring

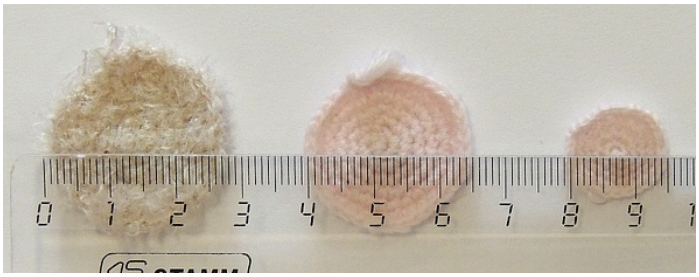
Rnd 2: 6 inc = 12 sts

Rnd 3: (1 sc, 1 inc) x 6 = 18 sts

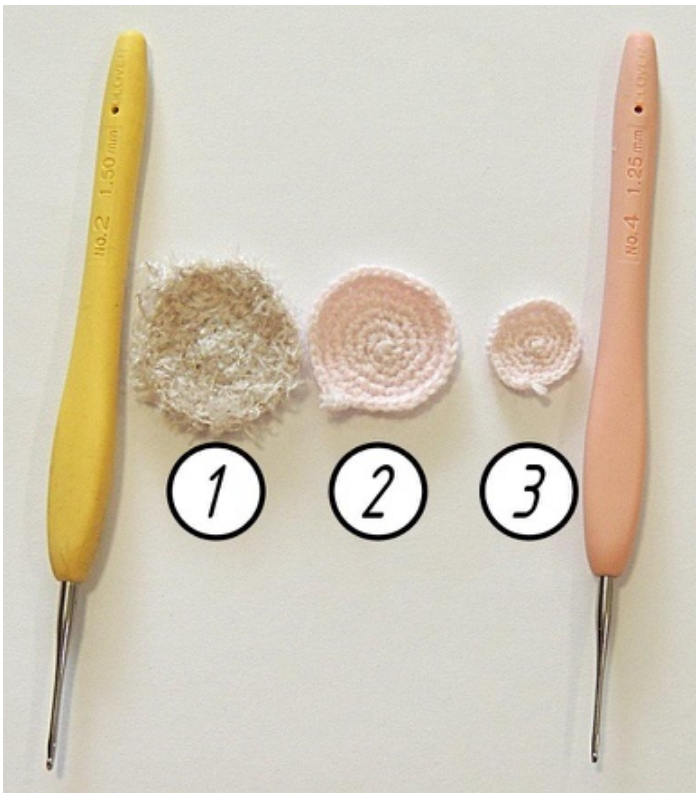
Rnd 4: (2 sc, 1 inc) x 6 = 24 sts

Rnd 5: (3 sc, 1 inc) x 6 = 30 sts

Rnd 6: (4 sc, 1 inc) x 6 = 36 sts







1 – main yarn and 1.5mm hook. Swatch for the eyelids, head, body, arms and legs.

2 – "Areola" and 1.5mm hook. Swatch for the ears, nose and eyes.

3 – "Areola" split the yarn in half (use 1 thread of 2) and 1.25mm hook. Swatch for the hands, feet and tail.

The swatch with yarn #2 should be approx. the same size as the swatch made with yarn #1. The swatch made with yarn #3 should be approx. half size of the other 2 swatches.

If not, take a bigger or smaller hook than you used before (depending on the result) and work another swatch. If it does not help – choose different yarn and make another swatch.

Need help?

If you need any help with this pattern, you are welcome to ask questions in our Ravelry group.

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Fingers (make 6 – 3 for each hand)

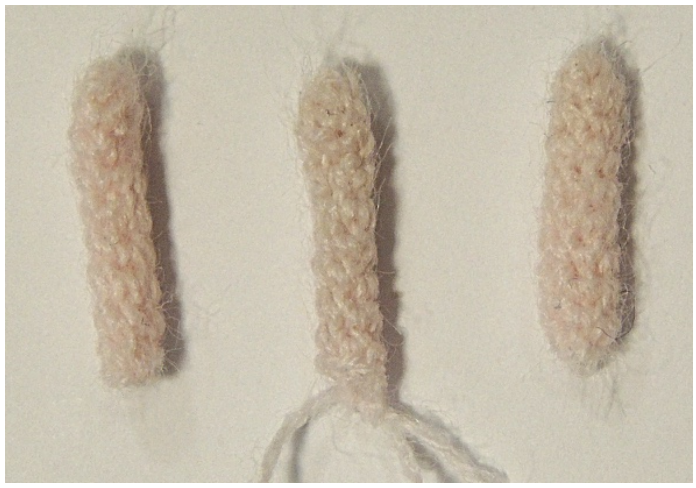
With pink color yarn (swatch #3, use 1 thread of 2) and 1.25mm hook. Do not stuff the fingers.

There is no need to keep the marker straight.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in magic ring = 6 sts

Rnds 2 – 9: sc around = 6 sts

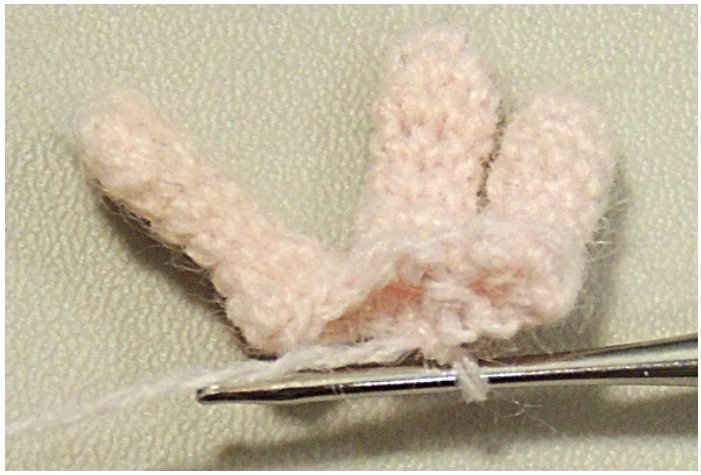
Sl st, fasten off, but do not sl st or fasten off the 3rd finger for each hand. Continue to make the hand / arm.

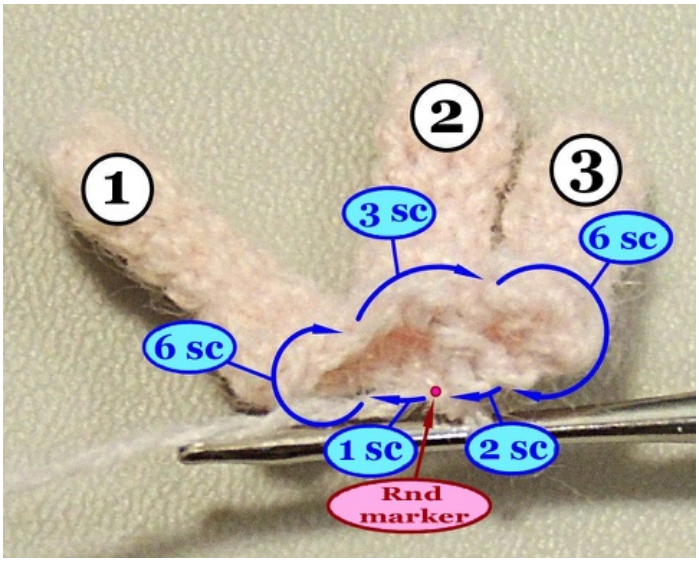


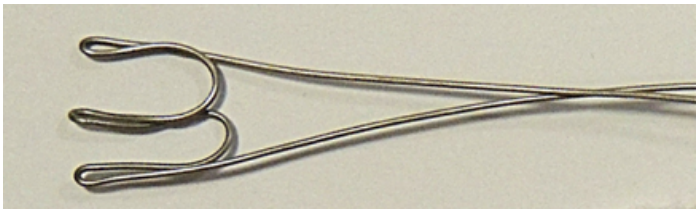
Hands / Arms (make 2)

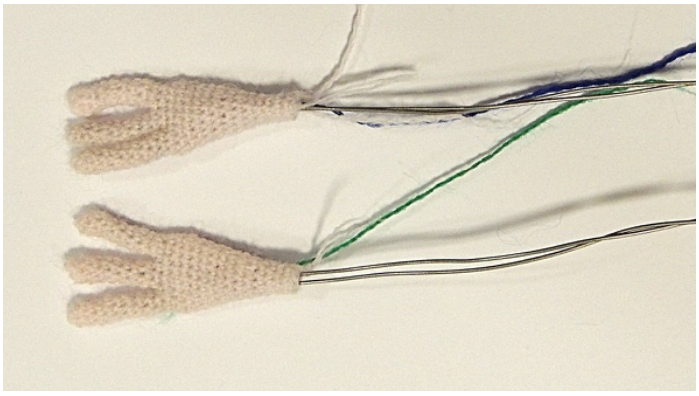
The marker runs up the center back of the hand and arm. Keep the marker straight with shift stitches when necessary up to rnd 16, after this point there is no need to keep the marker straight.











Continue working from the last finger.

Rnd 1: 1 sc along #2, 6 sc along #1, 3 sc along #2, 6 sc along #3, 2 sc along #2 = 18 sts

Rnds 2 – 4: sc around = 18 sts

Rnd 5: 3 sc, dec, 8 sc, dec, 3 sc = 16 sts

Rnd 6: sc around = 16 sts

Rnd 7: 3 sc, dec, 6 sc, dec, 3 sc = 14 sts

Rnd 8: sc around = 14 sts

In order to determine the length of wire for one arm, you should measure the following part and adjust the amount of wire you need accordingly.

Measure the distance from the tip of the middle finger to the edge of the current round. With a measurement of 2.6cm, I needed 40cm of wire for each arm. The length of my finished arm is 10.5cm.

To form the frame: fold the wire "accordion" style to create the fingers for the hand (see photos below), the wire that goes up through the arm section can be wrapped with adhesive tape.

Insert the frame into the hand and stuff the back of the hand softly, just to give it some shape, the palm should remain flat.

Do not stuff the arm.

Rnd 9: 2 sc, dec, 6 sc, dec, 2 sc = 12 sts

Rnd 10: sc around = 12 sts

Rnd 11: 2 sc, dec, 4 sc, dec, 2 sc = 10 sts

Rnd 12: sc around = 10 sts

Rnd 13: 1 sc, dec, 4 sc, dec, 1 sc = 8 sts

Rnds 14 – 15: sc around = 8 sts

Change to main yarn and 1.5mm hook.

Rnds 16 – 43: sc around = 8 sts

Sl st, fasten off, there is no need to leave a yarn tail. Do not remove the marker until you are told!

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