

Instructions

FUNNY MINI

Little Caterpillar



Difficulty:



Needles:



4 – 5 mm

Quality:

Funny Mini from Gründl
100 % Polyester
15 g / 18 m



1x 1x 1x 1x



1x 1x 2x

Size:

Length approx. 30 cm

Usage:

approx. 15 g (= 1 ball) each in col. 12 (curry), col. 13 (orange), col. 15 (red), col. 16 (green), col. 23 (ultramarine) and in col. 22 (sky blue) approx. 30 g (= 2 balls) in col. 03 (powder) Additionally approx. 50 g polyester filling material, a small piece of craft felt (approx. 2 cm x 5 cm) in col. white for the eyes, or as an alternative yarn remnants in col. white to embroider the eyes, 1 pair of Amigurumi Eyes to sew on or safety eyes Ø 7 – 8 mm, yarn remnants in col. black or dark grey for the mouth, 1 bead in col. pink Ø ca. 8 mm for the nose, alternatively yarn remnants in col. pink or skin tone to embroider the nose, yarn remnants for the pompon in col. blue (shown here is Merino Pure in col. 20 (pure blue)), and optional craft wire for the body approx. 30 cm long and if needed a pompon maker Ø 55 mm

Needles:

Crochet hook in size 4 – 5 mm or size needed to achieve given tension

Stitch Pattern:

Dc in spiral rnds:

The dc are worked cont over the beg of the rnds. Mark the first st in each rnd with a contrast piece of yarn or a stitch marker.

Dc2tog (= invisible decs):

Insert the crochet hook into the front loop of the first and then at the same time into the front loop of the second stitch, now you will have 3 loops on the hook, yarn over and pull through both sts. Now you have 2 loops on the hook. Yarn over and then pull through both loops. This way the decs are barely visible. The decs can also be worked by pulling the last loop of the dc through 2 sts but this variation makes a thicker looking st.

Colour change:

When changing colours pull the last loop the

last st through using the new colour. After the colour change, work a few sts in the new col. then knot the tail of the previous col. very tightly together and leave hanging on the inside of the work or securely sew on so the thread cannot be reached once the piece is finished.

Tension:

15 sts and 13 rnds to 10 cm meas over double crochet in spiral rounds

Instructions:

First work the body (= back 4 "sphere") in one piece. Then work the belly (front sphere) with the head in one piece together and then sew the two pieces together (see sketch as reference).

Body: (start at back)

Using col. curry make a magic ring and dc6 into the ring (= rnd 1). Cont dcs in spiral rnds.

Rnd 2: double every st (= dc2 into one st) (= 12 sts)

Rnd 3: double every 2nd st (= 18 sts)

Rnd 4: double every 3rd st (= 24 sts)

Rnds 5 + 6: dc without incs.

Rnd 7: dc2tog every 3rd and 4th st (= 18 sts)

Rnd 8: dc2tog every 2nd and 3rd st (= 12 sts)

Insert filling into the sphere.

Rnd 9: dc2tog throughout (= 6 sts)

Insert more filling into the sphere. Change to col. orange and work the next sphere:

Rnd 10: double every st (= 12 sts)

Rnd 11: double every 2nd st (= 18 sts)

Rnd 12: double every 3rd st (= 24 sts)

Rnd 13: double every 4th st (= 30 sts)

Rnds 14 + 15: dc without incs.

Rnd 16: dc2tog every 4th and 5th st (= 24 sts)

Rnd 17: dc2tog every 3rd and 4th st (= 18 sts)

Rnd 18: dc2tog every 2nd and 3rd st (= 12 sts)

Insert filling into the sphere.

Rnd 19: dc2tog throughout (= 6 sts)

Add more filling then change to col. red and work the next sphere in the same manner as the orange sphere and insert filling (= rnds 20 – 29)

Change to green and make another sphere in the same manner then insert more filling (= rnds 30 – 39)

Rnd 40: dc2tog throughout (= 6 sts)

Cut yarn and pull through last st.

If desired, insert craft wire into the centre of the body (bend the ends at the front and back to make a round eyelet on each end so the ends of the wire remain in place and does not poke through the sts in the finished caterpillar). The caterpillar can then be bent into different positions.

Close opening and secure ends.

Belly and Head: (started at bottom of belly)

Using col. ultramarine make a magic ring and dc6 into the ring (= rnd 1). Cont dcs in spiral rnds.

Rnds 2 – 11: work as given in rnds 10 – 19 for the body (= 6 sts)

As before, insert filling into the sphere, change to col. powder and work the head:

Rnds 12 – 15: work as given for rnds 10 – 13 for body (= 30 sts)

Rnd 16: double every 5th st (= 36 sts)

Rnds 17 + 18: dc without incs.

Rnd 19: dc2tog every 5th and 6th st (= 30 sts)

Rnd 20: dc2tog every 4th and 5th st (= 24 sts)

If using safety eyes insert these on the front of the head between the 16th and 17th rnds with 2 sts space between, placing them so that one eye is looking towards the side and one is looking slightly upwards (see reference image). Cut 2 small ovals out of craft felt using the template given and cut a small hole in the centre of each. Insert the pin of the safety eye through the hole in the felt and then insert into the head. Secure with washer on the inside of work.

Rnds 21 – 23: work as given for rnds 17 – 19 for body and AT THE SAME TIME, start inserting filling at rnd 20 (= 6 sts). Cut yarn and pull through last st.

Close opening and secure ends.

Hat: (start at top)

Using col. sky blue make a magic ring and dc6 into the ring (= rnd 1). Cont dcs in spiral rnds.

Rnds 2 – 5: work as given for rnds 10 – 13 for body (= 30 sts)

Rnd 6: double every 5th st (= 36 sts)

Rnds 7 + 8: dc without incs.

Change to col. ultramarine but DO NOT cut working yarn in sky blue.

Next rnd: 1^{ch}, tr then end rnd with 1 sl st into ch at beg of rnd.

Then work 1 rnd dcs in col. sky blue ending

with 1 sl st worked into the first dc. Cut yarn and pull through last st.

Make a small pompom Ø 55 mm using col. pure blue and attach to top of hat. Secure ends.

Feet: (make 10 alike)

Using col. powder make a magic ring and dc6 into the ring (= rnd 1). Cont dcs in spiral rnds.

Rnd 2: double every 2nd st (= 9 sts)

Rnd 3: dc without incs.

Rnd 4: dc2tog every 2nd and 3rd st (= 6 sts)

Cut yarn and pull through last st.

Insert filling lightly into feet. Close opening with yarn tail. Secure ends.

Antenna: (make 2 alike)

Using col. powder ch6. Turn. 5 sl st placing the first st into the 2nd st from hook. Cut yarn and pull through last st.

Finishing:

Sew the body and the belly together (as shown in sketch). Sew 5 feet onto each side of the body. If safety eyes were not used embroider or sew eyes on now. Use white yarn to add highlights to the eyes. Embroider the mouth with black yarn remnants. Sew a bead for the nose approx. 1 rnd below and between the eyes. Alternatively use yarn remnants in a fitting colour to embroider the nose. Tip: Secure the ends of the yarn used to embroider the facial features on top of head. They will not be visible once the hat is attached. Sew antenna to hat. Then place hat onto head and sew completely around adding small amounts of filling as needed. Sew the head to the green sphere of the body with a few additional sts to keep it upright.

Abbreviations:

approx. = approximate(ly)

beg = begin(ning)

ch = chain

col = colour(s)

cont = continue (continuously)

dc = double crochet

dec(s) = decrease(s)

foll = follow(s)/ following

inc = increase

meas = measure(d)

prev = previous

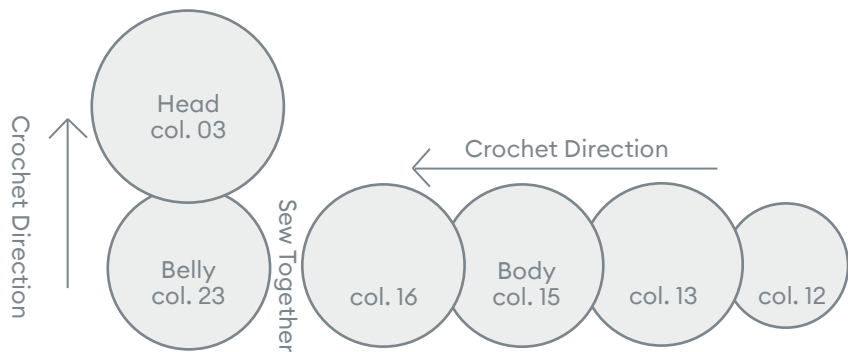
rnd(s) = round(s)

sl st = slip stitch

st(s) = stitch(es)

tr = treble

Sketch: (not original size / reduced depiction)



Template for eyes (original size)

