



PIGLET

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Size

26 cm (10 ¼"), including ears, when crocheted with sport weight cotton and acrylic blend and a 2,50 mm crochet hook (US size 2/B).

Skills required

Crocheting in spiral, chain, slip and single crochet stitch, back post single crochet stitch, increasing and decreasing.

Difficulty

3. Intermediate – includes more complicated crochet techniques and color changes.

Contact Info

Pattern includes unlimited support from me over email or Skype. Crochet photo and video tutorials and helpful tips are available on my website.

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Tip! You can use the same pattern to make larger or smaller toys by using finer or bulkier yarn. Make sure to pick a crochet hook at least a size smaller than suggested on the yarn label and crochet tightly enough to achieve a tight gauge that will not allow the stuffing to show through the fabric. You may also need to adjust the size of the safety eyes, nose and joints.

Materials & Tools

- Yarn. I used Alize *Cotton Gold*, a sport weight cotton-acrylic blend, 329 m= 100g (360yd=3.53oz) / 14 wpi / 2: fine. You will need about 55g of light pink and 20g of dark pink yarn.
- 2,25 - 3,00 mm crochet hook (US size 1/B - 3/D) or according to the yarn.
- Polyester fiberfill, wool, wadding for stuffing.
- 9 mm (1/3") safety eyes or buttons, beads, felt etc.
- Two 20 mm (4/5") and two 15 mm (3/5") plastic doll joints or safety eyes or buttons and thread.
- Black or dark brown embroidery floss.
- Yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker.

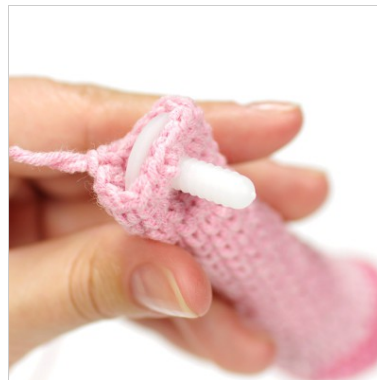
Choosing joints

Tip! You can use plastic doll joints, cotter pin joints, buttons and thread or even just thread to attach the arms and legs. My favorite are plastic doll joints - they are easy to install, durable and waterproof. Buttons and thread will work great as well, if you can't get your hands on any joints.

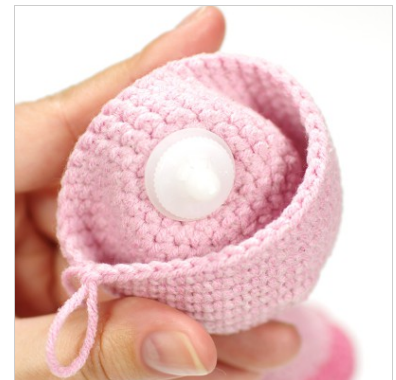
Plastic doll joints



1. Plastic doll joints come in three pieces - disk with a stem, washer and a fastener. You can also use safety eyes.



2. Disk with a stem is placed inside the limbs, pushing the stem through the fabric.



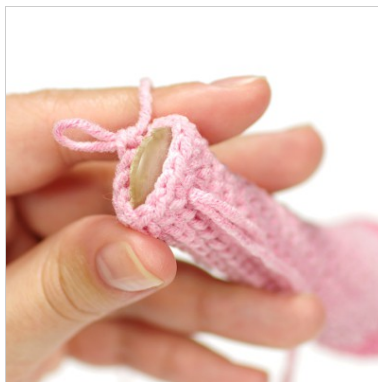
3. And then locked to place inside the body.

Button and thread joints

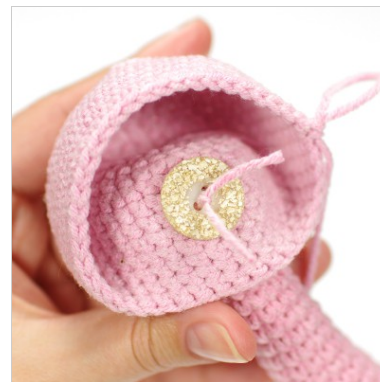
Tip! Make sure you use a very strong thread to attach the limbs – it will have to endure quite a bit of tension and can be a bit difficult to mend, should it break. I have found cotton embroidery floss, nylon sewing thread (doubled or tripled) or fishing line work really well.



1. Cut a length of yarn and draw it through the holes in the button.



2. Place the button inside a limb, drawing the yarn tails through the fabric.



3. Place the other button inside the body, draw the yarn tails through the holes and knot them together.

Abbreviations

- **st(s)** = stitch(es).
- **mr, sc n** = crochet *n* (number) single crochet stitches in to the adjustable loop (see page 12).
- **ch** = chain stitch.
- **sl st** = slip stitch (single crochet stitch in UK and Australia).
- **sc** = single crochet stitch (double crochet stitch in UK and Australia).
- **bpsc** = back post single crochet stitch (see page 11).
- **sc (or sl st, ch, sc etc.) n** = make *n* single crochet stitches (or sl st, ch, sc etc.), one in each stitch.
- **inc** = increase – crochet two single crochet stitches in the same stitch.
- **inc3** = double increase - crochet three single crochet stitches in the same stitch.
- **dec** = decrease – crochet two stitches together using the invisible decrease method (see page 13).
- **(sc 4, inc) x n** = repeat the pattern between parentheses *n* times.
- **(36)** = number of stitches in a round after finishing round.

Notes

- Work in a continuous spiral, do not join rounds or turn your work, unless instructed otherwise in the pattern.
- Use a stitch marker or a piece of yarn to mark the end or the beginning of a round. Move the marker up after completing each round.
- All stitches are worked into both loops, unless instructed otherwise in the pattern.
- Make sure to crochet tightly enough to achieve a tight gauge that will not allow the stuffing to show through the fabric.

Head

With light pink yarn:

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| 1: mr, sc 6 | (6) |
| 2: inc x 6 | (12) |
| 3: (sc, inc) x 6 | (18) |
| 4: (inc, sc 2) x 6 | (24) |
| 5: (sc 3, inc) x 6 | (30) |
| 6: sc, inc, (sc 4, inc) x 5, sc 3 | (36) |