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'Doodle' the Duckling

Materials:

Yarn:

(8ply / yarn weight #3 or #4)

- 30g / 90 yards of yellow double knit yarn
- 10g / 40 yards of orange double knit yarn

Hook: 4mm (US size G)

You will also need:

- Yarn needle
- Stitch marker
- 2 x 9mm black safety eyes
- Polyester toy stuffing

Gauge:

4 dc/sc = 1 inch / 2.5 cm

Size:

Finished duckling measures = 3 inches high / 8 cm high

These measurements are approximated, and actual subjects may vary. Pattern will work in other yarns though gauge/size will be different.

CHECK YOUR GAUGE, use any size hook to

Abbreviations:

st(s) = stitch(es)

sp = space

sl st = slip stitch

ch(s) = chain

dc/sc = UK double / US single crochet

dc/sc2tog = UK double Crochet / US Single Crochet 2 sts together

popcorn (PC) = see specialist stitch guidance



Stitch Guidance:

Slip Stitch (sl st): Insert hook in st indicated, yarn over and pull through all loops.

Double Crochet/Single Crochet (dc/sc): Insert hook in st indicated and pull up a loop (two loops on hook), yarn over, pull through both loops on hook.

Half Double Treble / Half Double Crochet (htr/hdc): Yarn over, insert hook in next st and pull up a loop (three loops on hook), yarn over, pull through all three loops on hook.

Treble / Double Crochet (tr/dc): Yarn over, insert hook in next st and pull up a loop (three loops on hook), yarn over, pull through two loops, yarn over, pull through remaining two loops on hook.

Popcorn Stitch (PC): Work 5 tr/dc in st indicated, remove hook completely, insert hook in 1st tr/dc (1st tr/dc of the 5), insert hook in loop that you just removed your hook from (5th tr/dc of the 5), yarn over and pull through both loops on hook.

Double Crochet/Single Crochet 2 sts together (dc/sc2tog): Insert hook in st indicated and pull up a loop (two loops on hook), Insert hook in next st, yarn over, pull through three loops on hook.

Pattern Guidance:

Working without joining:

All the parts of the duckling are worked without joining using a stitch marker to keep track of the rounds. Place the stitch marker in the top of the first st to mark start of round.

Pattern:

Body:

Rnd 1: With yellow yarn; either make a magic ring (adjustable ring) to start or ch 2, crochet 6 dc/sc into the ring / 2nd ch from hook, use tail yarn to tighten centre ring closed if necessary (6 sts).



Rnd 2: 2 dc/sc in each st around (12 sts).

Rnd 3: *1 dc/sc in next, 2 dc/sc in next st * repeat from * to * until the end of the rnd (18 sts).

Rnd 4: * 1 dc/sc in next 2 sts, 2 dc/sc in next st, * repeat from * to * until the end of the rnd (24 sts).

Rnd 5: * 1 dc/sc in next 3 sts, 2 dc/sc in next st, * repeat from * to * until the end of the rnd (30 sts).

Rnd 6 - 10: 1 dc/sc in each st around (30 sts).

Rnd 11: PC in the next st, 1 dc/sc in the next 14 sts, PC in the next st, 1 dc/sc in the remaining sts (30 sts).

Rnd 12: 1 dc/sc in each st around (30 sts).

- Add your safety eyes in between rows 7 and 8 about 1.25 inches/ 3.3cm apart and in-between the PC wings.

Rnd 13: * 1 dc/sc in the next 3 sts, 1dc/sc2tog over next 2 sts * repeat from * to * until end of rnd, begin to stuff your Doodle (24 sts).

Rnd 14: *1 dc/sc in the next 2 sts, 1dc/sc2tog over next 2 sts * repeat from * to * until end of the rnd (18 sts).

Rnd 15: *1 dc/sc in the next st, 1dc/sc2tog over next 2 sts * repeat from * to * until end of the rnd (12 sts).

Rnd 16: *1dc/sc2tog over next 2 sts * repeat from * to * until end of the rnd, cut thread

leaving a long tail (6 sts).

- Using your tail end and using your yarn needle sew the last 6 stitches, finish off and weave in ends.

Beak:

Rnd 1: With orange yarn; ch 6, 1 dc/sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each st along until end (5 sts), then working down the other side of your sts work 1 dc/sc until end (10sts).

Rnd 2 - 3: 1 dc/sc in each st around (10 sts).

Rnd 4: 1 dc/sc in the next 2 sts, 1 htr/hdc in the next st, 1 tr/dc in the next 2 sts, sl st to the next st to join but leave a long tail for sewing.

- Lightly stuff the beak and sew into place; in-between the eyes with the top of the beak on rnd 8 and the bottom of the beak on rnd 10.

Feet (Make 2):

Rnd 1: With orange yarn; ch 6, 1 dc/sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each st along until end (5 sts), then working down the other side of your sts work 1 dc/sc until end (10sts).

Rnd 2 - 3: 1 dc/sc in each st around, sl st to the next st to join but leave a long tail for sewing. (10 sts).

- Sew the sides of the feet together then sew onto the front of your duckling on rnd 13 approximately 0.25 inch / 1.5 cm apart.

And that's it! Simple and addictive, soon you will be making oodles of Doodles.



This pattern was created to help raise awareness of

The Little Yellow Duck Project

which is a global initiative highlighting the life-saving random acts of kindness of blood, bone marrow, and organ and tissue donation. I hope you will take some time to have a look at the site and perhaps donate some Doodles!