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These quick little makes are great 'in-between' projects!

BARBECUE

Warm sunny weather and barbecues go hand in hand, whether you're in a European garden, or even celebrating Christmas in Australia with a 'barbie'! Any excuse will do for me to organise a barbecue with family or friends, perhaps a birthday, or simply a casual catch-up with colleagues. This issue has some quick makes that will not only get you in the mood for food, but give some decorative options for your next event! Whip up a few cute little amigurumi keyrings for fun gifts, sew some cutlery wraps for a more formal event, or give the chef a surprise with a mini knitted version of themselves.

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AMIGURUMI BBQ KEYRINGS

By Sarah-Jane Hicks

Measurements
Hot Dog height 6.5cm, excludes keychain
Ketchup length 7cm, excludes keychain

Gauge/Tension
Tension is not critical for this project, but different measurements may result in different yarn amounts needed

Abbreviations (UK terms)
[ ] number of sts on a given row/round
beg begin
blo back loop(s) only: insert hook under back lp only
ch(s) chain(s) or chain st(s)
ch-sp(s) chain space(s)
dc double crochet
dc2tog double crochet 2 together to decrease by 1 st: (insert hook in next st, yoh, pull up lp) twice, yoh, draw through all lps

flo front loop only: insert hook under front lp only
htr half treble crochet
lp(s) loop(s)
ss slip stitch(es)
st(s) stitch(es)
yoh yarn over hook
(........) x times work instructions between brackets the *total* number of times stated

Pattern Notes
Hot Dog and Ketchup keyrings are made of several sections worked separately then joined together. Sections are worked using the amigurumi method, except Label: work sts continuously in a spiral without closing each round with ss. Mark first st of each round with st marker, moving it up as you go.
See tips on p5 for useful techniques for achieving a neat finished result.

Instructions

HOT DOG

Sausage
Using Yarn A, ch2.
Round 1 (RS) 6dc in second ch from hook. [6 dc]
Round 2 (RS) 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Rounds 3-15 12dc.
Beg stuffing piece.
Round 16 (Dc2tog) 6 times. [6 dc]
Add more stuffing if required.
Fasten off, leaving 20cm tail to sew last sts closed.
Weave in ends.
Roll
Outside (make 2)
Using Yarn B, ch11.
Round 1 (RS) 2dc in second ch from hook, 8dc, 4dc in next ch, cont in unworked lps on opposite side of ch; 1dc in next ch, 7dc, 2dc in same ch as first 2 dc. [24 dc]
Round 2 (RS) (2dc in next st) twice, 8dc, (2dc in next st) 4 times, 8dc, (2dc in next st) twice. [32 dc]
Rounds 3-5 32dc.
Fasten off, leaving 30cm tail for assembly.
Inside (make 2)
Using Yarn B, ch11.
Rounds 1-2 Rep Rounds 1-2 of Roll: Outside section. [32 dc]
Fasten off and weave in ends.
Sauce (make 2: 1 in Yarn C, 1 in Yarn D)
Ch14, fasten off, leaving 30cm tail for assembly.

KETCHUP

Bottle
Using Yarn C, ch5.
Round 1 (RS) 2dc in second ch from hook, 2dc, 4dc in next ch, cont in unworked lps on opposite side of ch, 1dc in next ch, 1dc, 2dc in same ch as first 2 dc. [12 dc]
Round 2 (RS) 2dc in first st, 4dc, (2dc in next st) twice, 4dc, 2dc in next st, ss blo to first dc to join. [16 dc]
Round 3 Ch1, 16dc blo.
Round 4 16dc.
Round 5 1dc, 2dc in next st, 4dc, (1dc, 2dc in next st) twice, 5dc, 2dc in next st. [20 dc]
Rounds 6-7 20dc.
Round 8 2dc, 2dc in next st, 4dc, (2dc, 2dc in next st) twice, 6dc, 2dc in next st. [24 dc]
Rounds 9-11 24dc.
Round 12 (Dc2tog) 3 times, 4dc, (dc2tog) 4 times, 4dc, dc2tog. [16 dc]
Round 13 (Dc2tog, 6dc) twice. [14 dc]
Rounds 14-16 14dc.
Fasten off and weave in ends.
Lid
Using Yarn E, ch2.
Round 1 (RS) 7dc in second ch from hook. [7 dc]
Round 2 (RS) 2dc in each st around, ss blo to first st to join. [14 dc]
Round 3 Ch2 (counts as first st), 1htr blo in each st around, ss to second ch of beg 2 ch to join. [14 htr]
Fasten off, leaving 30cm tail for assembly.

Label

Using Yarn F, ch5.

Row 1 (RS) 1dc in second ch from hook, 1dc in each ch to end, turn. [4 dc]

Row 2 (WS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 4dc, turn.

Row 3 Ch1, 2dc in first st, 3dc. [5 dc]

Row 4 Ch1, 5dc.

Row 5 Ch1, 4dc, 2dc in last st. [6 dc]

Row 6 Ch1, 6dc.

Fasten off leaving 30cm tail for assembly.

Tomato

Using Yarn C, ch2, 4dc in second ch from hook, join with ss to first st to join.

Fasten off, leaving 20cm tail for assembly.

ASSEMBLY

Using photo as a guide, attach Outside to Inside of each Hot Dog Roll: stitch together blo of sts of Round 5 of Outside piece to both lps (full st) of sts of Round 2 of Inside piece, stuff before closing. Fold Roll in half, stitch along centre back of Outside piece to divide left and right sides of Roll, then stitch Sausage in position and Sauces on top. Stuff Ketchup Bottle, attach Lid by stitching blo of Lid to both lps of Bottle in same way as Hot Dog Roll, stuff before closing. Stitch Label to Bottle, then Tomato to Label. Using Yarn G, embroider a small 'X' on top of Tomato, and using Yarn E, embroider running sts around edge of Label.

TO FINISH

Attach keyrings then weave in remaining ends.

AMIGURUMI TIPS FOR YOUR BBQ KEYRINGS

For practically perfect projects, try these handy tips and tricks. They'll ensure the neatest results on all of your amigurumi makes!

Try a smaller hook size
For projects where gauge/tension isn't critical, using a slightly smaller hook than recommended on the yarn label will create tighter sts, keeping stuffing from showing through your project.

smaller hook

Use invisible decreases (dc2tog)
To do this, insert hook through flo of first st, then through flo of second st, yoh and pull through two lps on hook (two lps remain on hook), yoh and pull through remaining lps on hook.

Stuff your projects using tools you already have to hand
Adding stuffing to tiny amigurumi makes can be a challenge. Make it easy by using the handle end of your crochet hook, a pencil or even a chopstick!

Use a tapestry needle to neatly finish and close the last round
Weave yarn end through flo of sts and pull tight, insert needle through centre of gathered sts and out the side, cut yarn leaving ends concealed within.

It's a wrap

CUTLERY WRAP
By Liz Barraclough

Measurements
24cm wide x 29cm high (open)
Approx. 9cm wide x 22cm high (folded)

Abbreviations
RS right side
st(s) stitch(es)
TH tie height measurement: this will be measured in Step 5 and corresponds to position of tie when attaching to Wrap
tog together
WS wrong side

Pattern Notes
Wrap is designed to accommodate utensils up to length 22cm. Size can easily be adapted for crochet hooks, knitting needles, pencils etc.
Iron all fabrics before beginning. Set st length of sewing machine to 3. Seam allowance is 1.5cm unless otherwise specified.
Wrap is constructed by attaching a Pocket Piece to an Inner Piece, with lines of stitching added to create slots for cutlery. A Tie is then sewn to an Outer Piece before joining Inner and Outer Pieces tog.

Useful for reusable cutlery – or your crafting tools!

Instructions

PREPARE FABRICS

Step 1 Cut purple gingham fabric into two pieces: 28 x 33cm for Outer Piece, 28 x 15cm for Pocket Piece. Solid purple fabric forms Inner Piece.

MAKE POCKETS

Step 2 Take Pocket Piece, fold long top edge over to WS by 0.5cm and press. Repeat and sew close to first fold to create double hem.

Step 3 Pin Pocket Piece to Inner Piece, both RS facing up and with bottom and side raw edges aligned. Mark points on bottom edge of Pocket Piece at 7.5cm, 8.5cm, 17.5cm and 18.5cm from left edge (marks will be later hidden within seam allowance). Sew four vertical lines from marked points to hemmed edge, reversing a couple of times at top of pocket to reinforce, creating spines that allow Wrap to fold neatly into three.

Step 4 Arrange cutlery on Pocket Piece and mark on bottom edge where stitching lines need to start to create individual slots. Keep in mind seam allowance at raw edges and depth of cutlery for a snug but not tight fit. Sew vertical lines as in Step 3 to make slots.

ATTACH TIE

Step 5 Position longest utensil in central slot 2cm up from bottom edge of Pocket Piece. Fold Inner Piece over utensil, keeping top folded edge horizontal. Mark halfway point between bottom of utensil and fold line. Measure distance from bottom raw edge to halfway mark; this measurement is TH.

Step 6 Measuring from bottom left of Outer Piece, mark TH on RS of fabric. Position 18cm middle section of tape horizontally at this height, from point starting 2cm in from left edge of Outer Piece (stitching will stop 8cm from right edge and there will be 31cm tails left unjoined either side).

ASSEMBLY

Step 7 Place Outer Piece RS up, checking mark made in Step 5 is on left edge, then fold loose ties toward centre to avoid catching in seams. Place Inner Piece RS down on top, aligning all raw edges and pin. Reduce st length to 2.5 and sew all around edge, leaving an 8cm gap at top centre to turn through.

Step 8 Clip triangle of excess fabric from corners and turn through. Push out corners, roll out seams and press.

TO FINISH

Place cutlery in Wrap. Fold top down, then narrower left section to centre along spine, followed by right section to centre. Tie tape in bow and trim excess length if desired.

Come and get it!

Knitted flat for ease, with customisable features

KNITTED BBQ CHEF

By Louise Crowther

Gauge/Tension

36sts and 48 rows to measure 10 x 10cm over st st using 2.5mm needles

Measurements

Height 21cm

Abbreviations

[ ] number of sts on a given row
beg begin/beginning
cdd central double decrease: slip 2 sts tog kwise, k1, pass the 2 slipped sts over
k knit
k2tog knit 2 sts tog to decrease by 1 st: insert needle kwise into first 2 sts and knit them tog
kfb knit front and back to increase by 1 st: insert needle kwise into next st; knit as normal but don't slip st from needle, instead bring needle around to back and knit through back loop of same st
kwise knitwise
M1 make 1 st: increase by 1 st by picking up horizontal bar between 2 sts with left needle bringing needle from front to back, then knit into back of this st
p purl
p2tog purl 2 sts tog: insert needle purlwise into first 2 sts and purl them tog (right leaning decrease)
rem remaining
rep repeat
RS right side
ssp slip 1 st kwise, slip another st kwise, slip both sts back to left needle without twisting them, with yarn in front, purl tog through back loop
st(s) stitch(es)
st st stocking stitch: RS knit, WS purl
tog together
WS wrong side
(.......) x times/to end work instructions between brackets the *total* number of times stated

Pattern Notes

Chef is worked flat and in st st. Head section features colour changes for hair, worked using intarsia method; twist yarns tog on WS at each change to prevent holes forming. Apron features duplicate sts, see Knitting Chart on p10. Use long tail cast-on method throughout, and leave long yarn tails when breaking yarn/casting off to use for joining seams and assembling the parts.

Instructions

BODY

Mid-section

Using 2.5mm needles and Yarn A, cast on 37 sts.
Row 1 (WS) Purl. [37 sts]
Row 2 (RS) K8, (k1, M1) twice, k16, (k1, M1) twice, k9. [41 sts]
Beg with a p row, work 25 rows in st st.
Row 28 (RS) K2, (k2tog, k3) 7 times, k2tog, k2. [33 sts]
Beg with a p row, work 5 rows in st st.
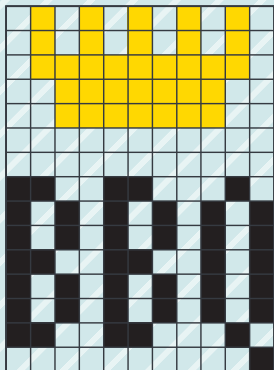**Row 34 (RS)** K2, (k2tog) 7 times, k1, (k2tog) 7 times, k2. [19 sts]

NOTES
Use this space to write your pattern notes!

Knitting Chart:
Duplicate Stitching

Key

■ Yarn C: 515 (black)

■ Yarn G: 551 (yellow)

Beg with a p row, work 3 rows in st st.
Row 38 (RS) (K2, M1) 4 times, k1, (k2, M1) 4 times, k2. [27 sts]
Beg with a p row, work 3 rows in st st.
Row 42 (RS) K4, (k1, M1) 5 times, k8, (k1, M1) 5 times, k5. [37 sts]

Head
Use intarsia method to work colour changes in next section. Prepare separate, small ball of Yarn B. Join in main ball of Yarn B, beg alternating Yarns A and B in next row.
Row 43 (WS) Using Yarn B, p12, using Yarn A, p13, using small ball of Yarn B, p12.
Row 44 Using Yarn B, k12, using Yarn A, k13, using Yarn B, k12.
Keeping colours as set, rep Rows 43-44 three more times.
Break Yarn A and small ball of Yarn B, continue in main ball of Yarn B only.
Beg with a p row, work 5 rows in st st.
Row 56 (RS) K1, (k4, (ssk) twice, k1, (k2tog) twice, k5) twice. [29 sts]
Row 57 Purl.
Row 58 K1, (k4, ssk, k1, k2tog, k5) twice. [25 sts]
Row 59 Purl.
Row 60 K5, cdd, k9, cdd, k5. [21 sts]
Row 61 Purl.
Cast off.

LEG (MAKE 2)
Using 2.5mm needles and Yarn C, cast on 22 sts.
Row 1 (WS) Purl. [22 sts]
Row 2 (RS) K1, M1, k7, (k2, M1) twice, k9, M1, k1. [26 sts]

Beg with a p row, work 7 rows in st st.
Row 10 (RS) K7, (k2tog) 3 times, (ssk) 3 times, k7. [20 sts]
Row 11 P6, (ssp) twice, (p2tog) twice, p6. [16 sts]
Row 12 K6, k2tog, ssk, k6. [14 sts]
Beg with a p row, work 2 rows in st st.
Change to Yarn A.
Beg with a p row, work 29 rows in st st.
Cast off.

ARM (MAKE 2)
Using 2.5mm needles and Yarn A, cast on 12 sts.
Row 1 (WS) Purl. [12 sts]
Row 2 (RS) Knit.
Beg with a p row, work 33 rows in st st.
Row 36 (WS) (K2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Break yarn, thread tail through rem sts, pull tight.

TROUSERS
Left Leg
Using 3mm needles and Yarn F, cast on 21 sts.
Row 1 (WS) Knit. [21 sts]
Row 2 (RS) Knit.
Beg with a p row, work 24 rows in st st.
Break yarn and place sts on holder.
Right Leg
Rep Left Leg, do not break yarn.
Join Legs
Row 27 (WS) P 21 sts of Right Leg, then p 21 sts of Left Leg to join. [42 sts]
Beg with a k row, work 13 rows in st st.
Knit 3 rows.
Cast off.

T-SHIRT

Body (make 2: 1 for Front, 1 for Back)
Using 3mm needles and Yarn D, cast on 23 sts.
Row 1 (WS) Knit. [23 sts]
Row 2 (RS) Knit.
Row 3 Knit.
Beg with a k row, work 23 rows in st st.
Row 27 (WS) P5, k13, p5.
Cast off.
Sleeve (make 2)
Using 3mm needles and Yarn D, cast on 17 sts.
Row 1 (WS) Knit. [17 sts]
Row 2 (RS) Knit.
Beg with a p row, work 7 rows in st st.
Cast off.

HAT

Using 2.5mm needles and Yarn D, cast on 37 sts.
Row 1 (WS) (P1, k1) to last st, p1. [37 sts]
Row 2 (RS) (K1, p1) to last st, k1.
Rep Rows 1-2 a further 3 times, then work Row 1 once more.
Change to 3mm needles.
Row 10 (RS) K1, (kfb) 35 times, k1. [72 sts]
Beg with a p row, work 7 rows in st st.
Row 18 (K5, cdd, k4) 6 times. [60 sts]
Row 19 (and all following WS rows) Purl.
Row 20 (K4, cdd, k3) 6 times. [48 sts]
Row 22 (K3, cdd, k2) 6 times. [36 sts]
Row 24 (K2, cdd, k1) 6 times. [24 sts]
Row 26 (K1, cdd) 6 times. [12 sts]
Row 28 (K2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Break yarn, thread tail through rem sts, pull tight.

APRON

Using 3mm needles and Yarn E, cast on 25 sts.
Row 1 (WS) Knit. [25 sts]
Row 2 (RS) Knit.
Row 3 K2, p21, k2.
Rep Rows 2-3 a further 12 times, then rep Row 2 once more.
Row 29 (WS) K6, p13, k6.
Row 30 Cast off 4 sts, k to end. [21 sts]
Row 31 Cast off 4 sts, k2, p to last 2 sts, k2. [17 sts]
Row 32 K2, ssk, k9, k2tog, k2. [15 sts]
Row 33 K2, p11, k2.
Row 34 K2, ssk, k7, k2tog, k2. [13 sts]
Row 35 K2, p9, k2.
Row 36 Knit.
Rep Rows 35-36 a further 3 times.
Row 43 Knit.
Cast off.
Using Knitting Chart and Yarns C and G, duplicate st design centrally onto Apron.

STRAPS

Neck
Using 3mm needles and Yarn E, cast on 30 sts, cast off.
Waist (make 2)
Using 3mm needles and Yarn E, cast on 45 sts, cast off.

SPATULA

Using 2.5mm needles and Yarn E, cast on 8 sts.
Row 1 (WS) Knit. [8 sts]
Row 2 (RS) Knit.
Knit 7 rows.
Row 10 (RS) Ssk, k4, k2tog. [6 sts]
Row 11 Knit.
Row 12 Ssk, k2, k2tog. [4 sts]
Knit 18 rows.
Break yarn, thread tail through rem sts, pull tight.

ASSEMBLY

Use photo as guide for assembly, and mattress st for sewing up all seams.
Join Body along centre back, then top edges of Head. Stuff, then stitch bottom edges of Body tog. Use Yarns A-C to stitch eyes and nose.
Next, join bottom edges of feet from front to ankle, stuff firmly. Join Leg edges, stuffing as you go, then join Legs to Body.
Beg at gathered end of hand, join side edges tog, stuffing as you go. Join Arms to Body.
Working bottom up, join inside leg seams of Trousers, then back seam.
Join shoulder seams of T-Shirt Back and Front. Join Sleeves, lining up centre of Sleeves with shoulder seams. Join side and Sleeve seams.
Join Straps to Apron (one end only).
Beg at gathered sts at top, join back seam of Hat. Position on Head and secure with a few sts.
Join edges of Spatula handle, then use Yarn C to stitch 3 lines onto front. Stitch to bottom of left Arm.

TO FINISH
Weave in all ends.

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