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SOFT TOYS

CROCHET, KNIT AND SEW

JARRED THE PARROT

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SOFT TOYS

What would our childhood memories look like without our favourite soft toys? Those cuddly and colourful companions were always by our sides through the good times and the scary, keeping us company when we were lonely, safe when we were frightened, and bringing us endless fun and laughter during playtime – not to mention they kept our parents busy mending them! For so many of us, these cherished members of our families still remain close to our hearts. They remind us of simpler times when, as children, we found bliss in something as simple as a handmade doll, snake, or teething ring! So, let's think back to those special moments and be inspired to create something memorable for the next generation.

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JARRED THE PARROT

Gauge/Tension
Tension is not critical for this project.
Make sure stuffing cannot be seen through fabric.

Measurements
Approx. 15cm high, measured from bottom to top of Head.

Abbreviations (UK terms)
ø diameter
[ ] number of sts on a given row
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
htr half treble crochet
inc increase/increasing
lp(s) loop(s)
mr magic ring

patt(s) pattern(s)
pm place stitch marker(s)
prev previous
rem remaining
rep(s) repeat(s)
RS right side
ss slip stitch(es)
st(s) stitch(es)
tr treble crochet
yoh yarn over hook
*.......; rep from * once more/twice more/3 more times/to end work instructions after * and then repeat that section as specified

Pattern Notes

This pattern is worked using the amigurumi method. 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. Colour changes take place on last st of round in previous colour: work last yoh of last dc in new colour and pull through. Eyes and Feathers are worked first so they can be attached while working Head before stuffing. Use image as guide for Assembly.

Instructions

EYE (MAKE 2)

With Yarn B, make mr.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc into ring. [6 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Round 3 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [15 dc]
Round 4 1htr, 2tr in next st, 1htr, 12ss. [16 dc]
Round 5 4ss, leave 12 rem sts unworked.
Fasten off leaving long tail.

FEATHER (MAKE 3)

With Yarn C, ch9.
Row 1 1ss in second ch from hook and in each ch to end. [8 ss]
Fasten off leaving long tail.

HEAD

With Yarn A, make mr.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc into ring. [6 dc]
Round 2 2dc in each st around. [12 dc]
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [18 dc]
Round 4 (1dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc) 6 times. [24 dc]
Round 5 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [30 dc]
Round 6 (2dc, 2dc in next st, 2dc) 6 times. [36 dc]
Round 7 1dc in each st around.
Pull yarn tails of Feathers through centre of Round 1 of Head. Secure and weave in ends.
Round 8 (5dc, 2dc in next st) 6 times. [42 dc]
Round 9 1dc in each st around.
Round 10 (3dc, 2dc in next st, 3dc) 6 times. [48 dc]
Rounds 11-13 1dc in each st around.
Round 14 (6dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [42 dc]
Round 15 1dc in each st around.
Round 16 (5dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [36 dc]
Round 17 1dc in each st around.
Round 18 (4dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [30 dc]
Round 19 1dc in each st around.
Using image as guide, sew Eyes between Rounds 8 and 16 of Head, leaving 7 sts between them. Then insert safety eyes through Eyes between Rounds 10 and 11 of Head and secure. With Yarn D, sew two straight sts above each safety eye to make eyelids.
Round 20 (3dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [24 dc]
Stuff Head till halfway, insert rattle at centre of stuffing.
Round 21 (2dc, dc2tog) 6 times. [18 dc]
Round 22 (7dc, dc2tog) twice. [16 dc]
Stuff Head firmly.
Rounds 23-24 1dc in each st around.

NECK

Note: In this section, alternate between Yarns D and E to make stripes, two rounds per colour.
Change to Yarn D.
Rounds 25-26 1dc in each st around.
Change to Yarn E.
Rounds 27-28 1dc in each st around.
Start stuffing Neck and continue to stuff as you go.
Rounds 29-72 Rep Rounds 25-28 a further 11 times.
Rounds 73-74 Rep Rounds 25-26 once more (25 stripes total).
Flatten opening of Neck and work 8dc through both layers to close.
Fasten off leaving long tail.

BEAK

With Yarn D, make mr.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc into ring. [6 dc]
Round 2 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [9 dc]
Round 3 (1dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc) 3 times. [12 dc]
Round 4 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [15 dc]
Round 5 (2dc, 2dc in next st, 2dc) 3 times. [18 dc]
Round 6 (5dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [21 dc]
Rounds 7-8 1dc in each st around.
Round 9 (5dc, dc2tog) 3 times. [18 dc]
Stuff Beak.
Fasten off yarn leaving long tail.

TAIL (MAKE 2)

With Yarn E, make mr.

Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st), 6dc into ring. [6 dc]
Round 2 (1dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [9 dc]
Round 3 1dc in each st around.
Round 4 (1dc, 2dc in next st, 1dc) 3 times. [12 dc]
Round 5 1dc in each st around.
Round 6 (3dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [15 dc]
Round 7 1dc in each st around.
Round 8 (2dc, 2dc in next st, 2dc) 3 times. [18 dc]
Round 9 1dc in each st around.
Round 10 (5dc, 2dc in next st) 3 times. [21 dc]
Round 11 1dc in each st around.
Round 12 (5dc, dc2tog) 3 times. [18 dc]
Round 13 1dc in each st around.
Round 14 (2dc, dc2tog, 2dc) 3 times. [15 dc]
Round 15 1dc in each st around.
Round 16 (3dc, dc2tog) 3 times. [12 dc]
Round 17 1dc in each st around.
Flatten opening of Tail and work 6dc through both layers to close.
Fasten off leaving long tail.
With Yarn C, rep Rounds 1-17 for second Tail.

ASSEMBLY

Sew Beak between Rounds 10 and 20 of Head and between Eyes. Sew one straight stitch above each Eye with black yarn to make eyebrows.
Slide silicone teething ring over Neck and then sew to back of Head along seam just above beg of Neck rounds to form a ring shape.Sew Tail feathers to seam connecting Neck to Head.

TO FINISH

Fasten off and weave in all ends.

KATE & KOBE KOALA

BY CHER MARCUS

Measurements
Approx. 18cm high.

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

Abbreviations
[ ] number of sts on a given row
beg beginning
g st garter stitch: knit all rows
k knit
k2tog knit 2 sts tog to decrease by 1 st: insert needle knitwise into first 2 sts and knit them tog
kfb knit front and back to increase by 1 st: insert needle knitwise 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
p purl
RS right side
st(s) stitch(es)
st st stocking stitch: RS knit, WS purl
tog together
WS wrong side
(.......) once/twice/3 times work the instructions between brackets the total number of times stated

Pattern Notes
Koala is knitted flat back and forth in rows and joined afterwards. Limbs are created by sewing through front and back of Koala after joining. Ears are knitted separately and attached. Yarn colours are given for first Koala with colour for second Koala in brackets.

Instructions

KOALA
Feet
With Yarn A (D), cast on 20 sts.
Row 1 (RS) (K1, kfb) to end. [30 sts]
Row 2 and next two WS rows P to end.

Row 3 (K2, kfb) to end. [40 sts]
Row 5 (K3, kfb) to end. [50 sts]
Fasten off Yarn A (D).
Legs
Change to Yarn B (E).
Row 7 (K1, p1) to end.
Rows 8-10 Repeat Row 7.
Work 12 rows of st st, beg with a k row.
Fasten off Yarn B (E).
Body
Change to Yarn C (F).
Work 4 rows of g st.
Work 10 rows of st st, beg with a k row.
Row 37 (K3, k2tog) to end. [40 sts]
Row 38 and next two WS rows P to end.
Row 39 (K2, k2tog) to end. [30 sts]
Row 41 (K1, k2tog) to end. [20 sts]
Work 4 rows of g st.
Fasten off Yarn C (F).
Head
Change to Yarn A (D).
Row 47 (K1, kfb) to end. [30 sts]
Row 48 and next WS row P to end.
Row 49 (K2, kfb) to end. [40 sts]
Row 51 (K3, kfb) to end. [50 sts]
Work 11 rows of st st, beg with a p row.
Row 63 (K3, k2tog) to end. [40 sts]
Row 64 and next two WS rows P to end.
Row 65 (K2, k2tog) to end. [30 sts]
Row 67 (K1, k2tog) to end. [20 sts]
Row 69 (K2tog) to end. [10 sts]
Fasten off, thread yarn through remaining sts on needle, pulling tight to close.

EAR (MAKE 2)
With Yarn A (D), cast on 30 sts.
Row 1 (RS) K to end.
Row 2 (WS) P to end.
Row 3 (K1, k2tog) to end. [20 sts]
Work 3 rows of st st, beg with a p row.
Row 7 (K2tog) to end. [10 sts]
Row 8 P to end.
Row 9 (K2tog) to end. [5 sts]
Fasten off, thread yarn through remaining sts on needle, pulling tight to close.

ASSEMBLY
Mattress st row ends tog, leaving opening in Body for stuffing. Fold cast-on edge tog so seam of Koala is at centre back, oversew to close. With matching yarn, back st through front and back of Koala to make legs, stopping 6 rows from beg of Body section. Make arms as per legs 4 sts in from sides, stopping 6 rows before last g st row of Body. Stuff Koala with squeaker/rattle inside. With Yarn A (D), running st around first row of Head and pull to narrow neck. Sew Ears to Head with top of Ear 5 rows from centre top of Head.
Using image as guide, use dark brown yarn to sew features: beg nose 6 rows up from neck and 'fill in' with straight sts till 6 rows above this. Work eyes 1 st either side of nose with 2 straight sts 3 rows high.

TO FINISH
Weave in all ends.

SIMON SNAKE

BY LIZ BARRACLOUGH

Measurements
ø 5cm x approx. 105cm long.

Abbreviations
RS right side
tog together
WS wrong side

Pattern Notes
Snake is sewn from strips of jersey waistband and cuff fabric. Use zigzag stitch for all seams as this helps fabric to retain its stretch. Use 5mm seam allowance or the edge of sewing machine foot as guide. See Schematics for assembly of fabric pieces. Use image as guide for colour arrangement and placement of eyes.

Instructions

HEAD
See Schematic 1: Head Assembly.
Step 1 Cut four 6.5 x 12cm strips of yellow fabric. Sew tog in pairs with RS facing each other along one long side only. Open out both pieces and place them on top of each other with RS facing each other and seams lined up, positioned horizontally.
Step 2 Draw a central vertical line and measuring from here, mark points 2cm either side on top edge, 5cm either side at middle along seam line, and 4cm either side on bottom edge. Draw lines between two points at each corner to appear as an irregular hexagon.
Step 3 Using image as guide, cut a V shape in ribbon end to create 'fork' tongue. If using, dab a

small amount of Fray Check on cut edge to sharpen and prevent fraying with use.
Step 4 Sandwich ribbon between Head layers at centre of top edge with 'fork' pointing downwards. Pin through all three layers along drawn vertical line.
Step 5 Starting at one 4cm mark on bottom edge, machine sew around five sides of hexagon shape to other 4cm mark (tongue should be trapped in place and remaining 8cm of bottom edge unsewn). Trim around seam allowance and turn through opening so RS is facing.
Step 6 Mark position of eyes: 2.5cm apart and 4cm up from tongue edge. Push safely eyes through fabric (between stitches) and secure. Note: If unable to insert directly through fabric, carefully make small holes by trimming one thread of fabric with sharp scissors. Apply Fray Check from WS and wait to completely dry before proceeding to prevent hole growing with use.

BODY
Underbelly
Step 7 Take remaining length of yellow fabric and cut into 6.5 x 10cm pieces (approx. 17 pieces total, though it does not matter if this is more or less). Sew tog in pairs with RS facing each other along one long side only. Open out pieces and sew tog in pairs with RS facing each other along one short side, repeat this until all pieces joined in one continuous strip.
Top
Step 8 Cut 6.5 x 10cm pieces out of sparkle and cream fabrics to equal same number as yellow fabric pieces total, keeping in mind that colours alternate in stripes (where working with 17 pieces of yellow, cut 8 of one shade and 9 of alternate shade). Join tog as per Underbelly.

ASSEMBLY
See Schematic 2: Body Assembly.
Step 9 With Underbelly WS facing, draw a line along one long edge 1cm from edge. Draw a second line parallel to this 7cm away. Mark points 2cm in from parallel lines on one short end of Underbelly and draw a diagonal line from each point that meets up with edge of seam between fourth and fifth pieces of fabric to create a tapered tail.
Step 10 Place Top on working surface RS facing, then Underbelly on top with WS facing (RS facing each another). Position so that tail end of Underbelly sits a few cm in from short edge of Top, staggering seams to reduce bulk. Pin tog along all edges. Trim Top at short tail end to align with Underbelly. Trim overhanging piece at opposite end in same way.

Step 11 Sew along one long side (on drawn line) of Body beginning at short tail end until you reach Head end. Then sew along remaining long side as per first long side, allowing two 6cm openings spaced out along length. Trim seams down to 0.5cm (except where your 6cm gaps are).
Step 12 With Body still WS facing and Head RS facing, place Head inside Body opening nose down at opposite end to Tail (Head will be entirely inside Body with raw edges lining up at opening), with seams and raw edges lined up. Sew around until opening closed (if this is too tricky with your machine, backstitch by hand).
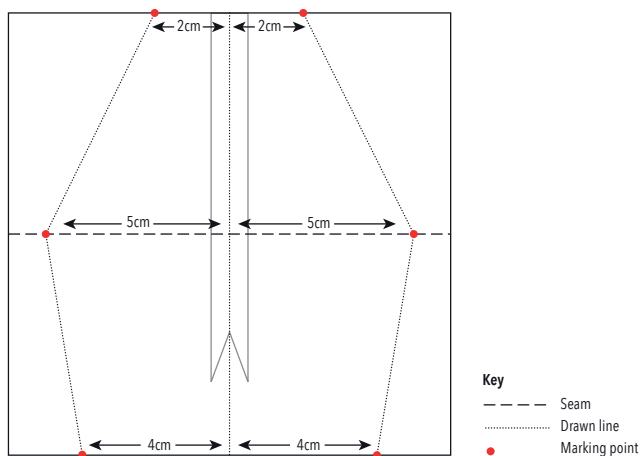**Step 13** Sew running stitch by hand around small opening at tail, pull stitches to gather and close securely. Turn Snake RS facing through one 6cm gap.
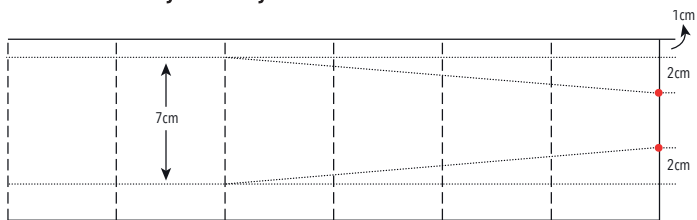
TO FINISH
Step 14 Stuff Snake evenly so it is firm but can still slither! Hand-sew both 6cm gaps to close.

Schematic 1: Head Assembly

2cm 2cm

5cm 5cm

4cm 4cm

Key
- – – – Seam
- .... Drawn line
- • Marking point

Schematic 2: Body Assembly

1cm

2cm

7cm

2cm

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Step 2 Using a marker, draw the shape you desire onto the Bondaweb (think circle, square, star, or something more creative!) then cut out

Step 3 Place item being repaired onto ironing board, remove Bondaweb backing and place patch onto item (fabric side facing upwards)

Step 4 Using blanket stitch or alternative, sew around patch to add a finishing detail plus extra strength

Tip: For even quicker repairs, get your hands on some ready-made appliqué patches like these adorable HKM Iron-On Patches featured on Simy's Studio blog:

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