Gumnut Crochet Designs from Aus

Bilby Striped

Materials Used

- 4 ply cotton x small quantity – main colour(grey)
- 4 ply cotton yarn small quantity contrast A and B and small quantity black
- Size 2.0 mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- 7.5 mm safety eyes
- Fiberfill
- Stitch marker
- Builders wire, available from electrical section of hardware stores
- Primatape or other elastic tape used for bandages, available from chemists

Size

- 9 cm in height, 14 cm with ears

- For toys, its best to use a smaller hook size than yarn normally suggests in order to keep the stitches close and reduce stuffing showing

Skill Level

- Intermediate
- A beginner who has access to google and u-tube, should be able to complete this project with some research into any stitches or steps which are unfamiliar

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Gauge

- Gauge is not critical to this project.
- Different yarn type and different ply will change size.

Stitches Used – US Terminology

- Sc – single crochet
- Fl – front loops
- Bl – back loops
- Ch – chain
- 2 sc in next sc – sc increase
- 2 hdc in next – hdc increase
- Sc 2 tog- sc decrease
- Sl st – slip stitch

Head

R1.   In main colour, ch 2, 6 sc in second chain from hook, or magic circle 6 – 6 sc

R2.   (Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next) - 9 sc

R3.   (Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next) – 12 sc

R4.   (Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next) – 16 sc

R5.   (Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next) – 20 sc

R6.   (Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next) – 24 sc

R7-8. Sc in each sc – 24 sc

Insert 7.5 mm eyes, at R8, 6 sc apart

R9. (Sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next) – 28 sc

R10-12.   Sc in each sc – 28 sc

R13. (Sc in next 5 sc, sc 2 tog) – 24 sc

R14.   (Sc in next 2 sc, sc 2 tog) – 18 sc

R15. (Sc in next sc, sc 2 tog) – 12 sc

Fill head

R16. (Sc 2 tog) – 6 sc

Fasten off leave long tail, weave gap closed, sew to body. Embroider nose and mouth with black thread

Body

R1.   In head colour, ch 2, 6 sc in second chain from hook, or magic circle 6 – 6 sc

R2.   (2 sc in each sc) - 12 sc

R3.   (Sc in next 1 sc, 2 sc in next) – 18 sc

R4.   (Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next) – 24 sc

R5.   (Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next) – 30 sc

Bilby

The Bilby is a large bandicoot, measuring up to 55 cm in length. Bilby fur is very soft and is a blue grey colour. The belly is white and the tail is black. It is a marsupial which uses burrows for its habitat. It is an omnivore.

It's large ears, help to keep it cool and have given it the nickname long eared rabbit.

One species of Bilby has been extinct since the 1950's with the second species being critically endangered.

R6. (Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next) – 36 sc

R7-9. Sc in each sc, fasten of main colour – 36 sc

R10. In contrast A, ch 1, sc in each sc, sl st to close round, do

not fasten off yarn - 36 sc

R11. In contrast B and back loops, ch 1, (sc in each of next 4

sc, sc tog), sl st to close round, do not fasten off yarn – 30 sc

R12. In contrast A, ch 1, sc in each sc, sl st to close round, do not

fasten off yarn – 30 sc

R13. In contrast B, ch 1, (sc in next 3 sc, sc 2 tog), sl st to close

round, do not fasten off yarn – 24 sc

R14. In contrast A, sc in each sc, sl st to close round, do not fasten

off yarn – 24 sc

R15. In contrast B, (sc in next 2 sc, sc 2 tog), sl st to close round, do

not fasten off yarn – 18 sc

R16. In contrast A, sc in each sc, sl st to close round, do not fasten off yarn – 18 sc

R17. In contrast B, (sc in next sc, sc 2 tog), sl st to close round, fasten off yarn – 12 sc

R18. In contrast A, sc in each sc, sl st to close round– 12 sc

Fill lightly. (Insert wire for tail, at approx R5, prior to filling and sewing head to body. Push through about 2 sc and secure end of tail to itself with tape)
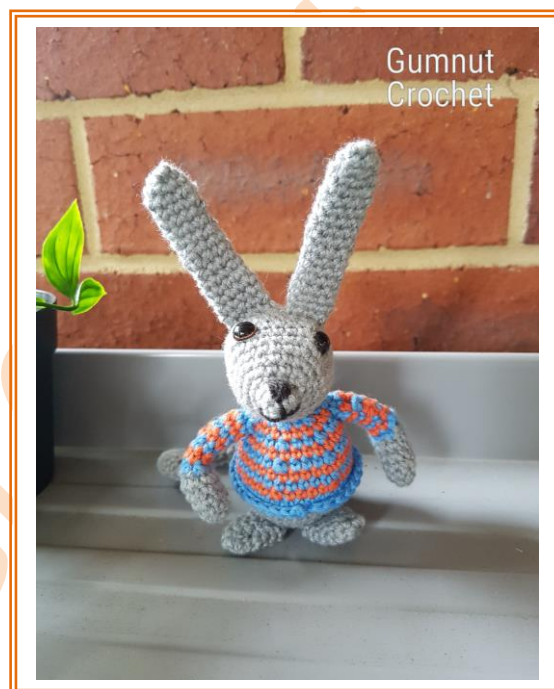
R19. (Sc 2 tog) – 6 sc

Fasten off, weave gap closed and secure in ends

Tail x 1 in head colour

R1. In head colour, ch 2, 6 sc in second chain from hook, or magic circle 6 – 6 sc

R2-27. Sc in each sc – 6 sc

Fasten off, no need to fill. Tape end tail wire and pull tail up to conceal wire. Sew to body.

Arms x 2

R1.   In head colour, ch 2, 6 sc in second chain from hook, or magic circle 6 – 6 sc

R2.   (Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next) - 9 sc

R3-R5.   Sc in each sc – 9 sc

R6.   (Sc in next sc, sc 2 tog), sl st to close round for colour change, fasten off yarn – 6 sc

R7-12.   Working in rows of 1 row Contrast A and 1 row Contast B, sc in each sc, sl st to close round, ch 1 to begin

           each new round – 6 sc

Fasten off, leaving long tail. Insert 13 cm wire through body, where arms are to be positioned. Tape both ends of the wire after it has been inserted into the body and push the arms on. Sew arms to body. Weave in ends.

Legs x 2 in head colour

R1.   In head yarn, ch 2, 6 sc in second chain from hook, or magic circle 6 – 6 sc

R2.   (Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next) - 9 sc

R3-8. Sc in each sc – 9 sc

Fasten off, leaving long tail. No need to fill. Whip stitch edges together, sew to body, so that piece sits by itself.

Ears x 2 in head colour

R1.   In head yarn, ch 2, 6 sc in second chain from hook, or magic circle 6 – 6 sc

R2.   (Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next) - 9 sc

R3-18. Sc in each sc – 9 sc

Fasten off, leaving long tail, do not fill, whip stitch edges together, sew to head

Basket x 1 in contrast B - Optional. Not shown in photograph

R1.   Ch 2, 6 sc in second chain from hook, or magic circle 6 – 6 sc

R2.   (2 sc in each sc) - 12 sc

R3.   (Sc in next 1 sc, 2 sc in next) – 18 sc

R4.   (Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next) – 24 sc

R5.   (Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next) – 30 sc

Handle x 1 in contrast B

Ch 15, sl st to opposite side of bag where handle is to be joined,

Fasten off, weave in ends