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Stitches & Techniques
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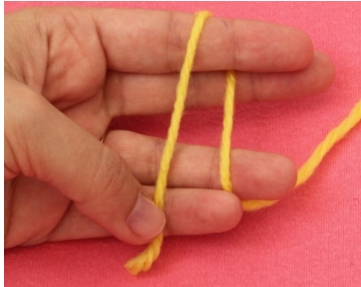
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Stitches & Techniques

The stitches are worked in the same way when working in rows or rounds.

Slipknot

Step 1



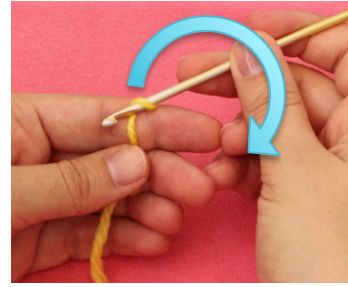
Place yarn between the index and the middle finger and bring it up above the index finger.

Step 2



Place hook below the yarn from the left and above.

Step 3



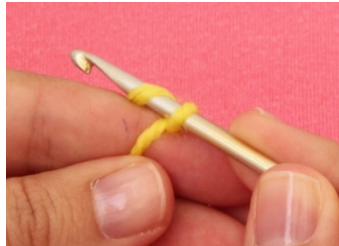
Rotate hook clockwise.

Step 4



Continue to rotate until you have created a loop on the hook.

Step 5



Yarn over.

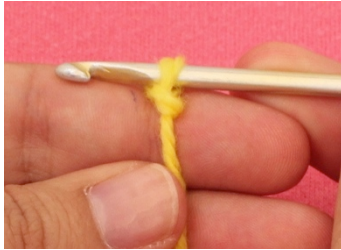
Step 6



Pull the yarn through the loop you created by rotating the hook.

Chain (ch)

Step 1



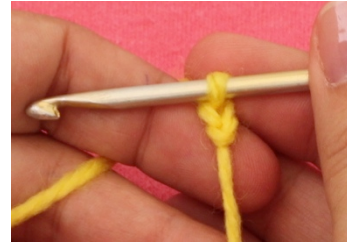
Begin with a slipknot.

Step 2



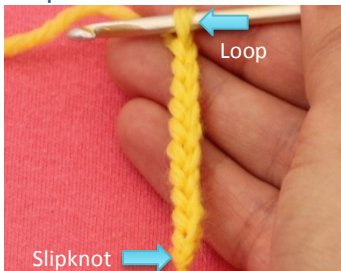
Yarn over

Step 3



And pull yarn through the loop on the hook

Step 4



Here we have a chain with 10 stitches. When counting the stitches on a chain don't count the slipknot and the loop on the hook

Slip Stitch (sl st)

Step 1



Insert hook into next stitch

Step 2



Yarn over and pull up one loop.

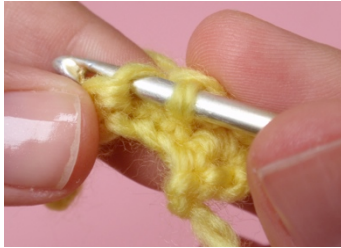
Step 3



Pull yarn through loop on hook.

Single Crochet (sc)

Step 1



Insert hook in the next stitch.

Step 2



Yarn over

Step 3



Pull up one loop (2 loops on hook).

Step 4



Yarn over.

Step 5



Pull yarn through both loops on hook (1 loop on hook).



When starting a new row chain 1 and turn work.

Half Double Crochet (hdc)

Step 1



Yarn over.

Step 2



Insert hook in the next stitch

Step 3



Yarn over and pull up one loop (3 loops on hook).

Step 4



Yarn over.

Step 5



And pull yarn through the 3 loops on hook (1 loop on hook).

Step 6



When starting a new row chain 2 and turn work.

Double Crochet (dc)

Step 1



Yarn over

Step 2



Insert hook in next stitch.

Step 3



Yarn over and pull up one loop (3 loops on hook).

Step 4



Yarn over.

Step 5



Pull yarn through 2 loops (2 loops on hook).

Step 6



Yarn over.

Step 7



Pull yarn through 2 loops (1 loop on hook).

Step 8



When starting a new row chain 3 and turn work.

Treble Cochet (trc)

Step 1



Yarn over twice.

Step 2



Insert hook into next stitch.

Step 3



Yarn over and pull up one loop (4 stitches on hook).

Step 4



Yarn over.

Step 5



Pull yarn through two loops (3 loops on hook).

Step 6



Yarn over.

Step 7



Pull yarn through two loops (2 loops on hook).

Step 8



Yarn over.

Step 9



Pull yarn through two loops (1 loop on hook).

Step 10



When starting a new row chain 4 and turn work.

Back Post Double Crochet (bpdc)

Step 1



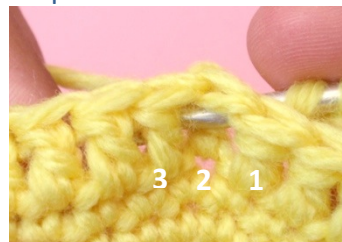
Yarn over

Step 2



Insert hook between the posts number 1 and 2 from back to front.

Step 3



Insert hook between posts number 2 and 3 from front to back.

Step 4



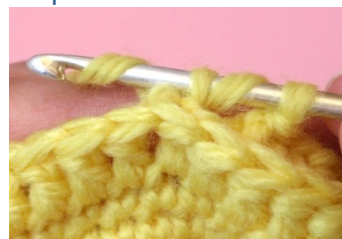
Yarn over.

Step 5



Pull up one loop (3 loops on hook).

Step 6



Yarn over.

Step 7



Pull through two loops (2 loops on hook)

Step 8



Yarn over.

Step 9



Pull through two loops (1 loop on hook)

Overall view of the effect



Front Post Double Crochet (bpdc)

Step 1



Yarn over

Step 2



Insert hook between the posts number 1 and 2 from front to back.

Step 3



Insert hook between posts number 2 and 3 from back to front.

Step 4



Yarn over.

Step 5



Pull up one loop (3 loops on hook).

Step 6



Yarn over.

Step 7



Pull through two loops (2 loops on hook)

Step 8



Yarn over.

Step 9



Pull through two loops (1 loop on hook)

Overall view of the effect



Alternating Between FPdc and BPdc

Vertical Rib Pattern



The first row is made of regular double crochet. On the second and following rows we alternate between FPdc and BPdc always matching the following stitch with the one on the previous row.

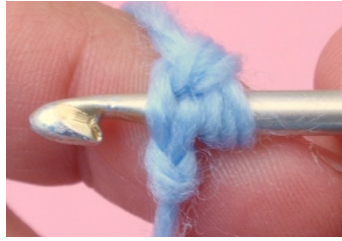
Foundation Single Crochet (Fsc)

Step 1



To make the 1st stitch chain 2.

Step 2



Insert hook under top 2 strands of 2nd chain from hook.

Step 3



Yarn over.

Step 4



Pull up a loop.

Step 5



Yarn over.

Step 6



Pull yarn through 1 loop. (2 loops on hook)

Step 7



Yarn over.

Step 8



Pull yarn through both loops (1 loop on hook). First stitch in done.

Step 9



For the remaining stitches: insert hook between the previous stitch.

Step 9 – side view



And under both loops of the chain portion of the foundation.

Step 10



Yarn over.

Step 11



Pull up a loop (2 loops on hook).

Step 12



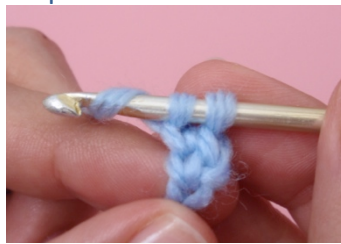
Yarn over.

Step 13



Pull yarn through one loop. (2 loops on hook).

Step 14



Yarn over.

Step 15



Pull yarn through both loops (1 loop on hook).

Step 16



Work as many as needed.

Extended Single Crochet (esc)

Step 1



Insert hook in the next stitch.

Step 2



Yarn over.

Step 3



Pull up a loop (2 loops on hook).

Step 4



Yarn over.

Step 5



Pull yarn through one loop (2 loops on hook).

Step 6



Yarn over.

Step 7

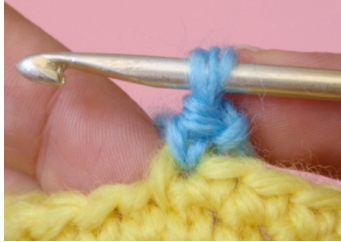


Pull yarn through two loops (1 loop on hook).

Reversed Single Crochet (rev sc)

Also known as crab stitch, this stitch is worked from left to right.

Step 1



Join with single crochet.
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Step 2



Insert hook on the next
stitch to the right.

Step 3



Yarn over and pull up a
loop.

Step 4



Yarn over.

Step 5



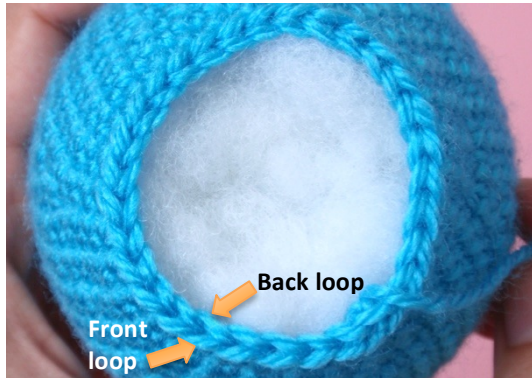
Pull through two loops.

Overall view of the effect

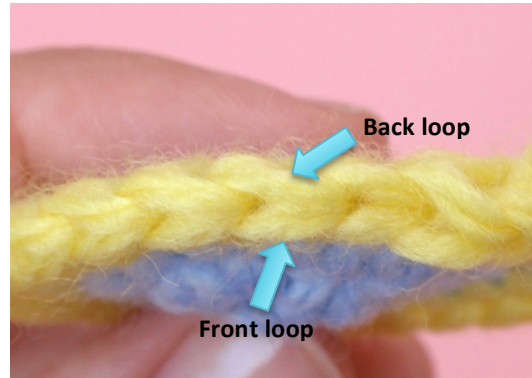


Front and Back Loop

Round Piece



Flat Piece



The front loop is the one closest to you and the back loop is the one farthest from you.

- Working in to the Back Loop

Step 1



Insert the needle into the middle of the two top loops of the next stitch. Complete the required stitch as normal.

Overhead View



One row of single crochet stitches worked in the back loop only.

Front View



Working in the back loop only leaves a horizontal bar under the stitches.

- Working in to the Front Loop

Step 1



Insert the needle under the top loop closest to you and complete the required stitch as normal.

Step 1 - Front View



Front view of step one.

Front View



One row of single crochet stitches worked in the front loop only. Working in the front loop only leaves a horizontal bar under the stitches on the opposite side of the work.

Increase Two Stitches (inc 2)

The single crochet is used as an example. With other stitches this technique is worked using the same principle: two stitches in the same space.

Step 1



Work the first single crochet as you normally would.

Step 2



Insert hook in the same space as the previous single crochet.

Step 3



Yarn over and pull up a loop.

Step 4



Complete the stitch as you would a normal single crochet.

Step 5



We now have two single crochets in the same space. Increase is complete.

Increase Three Stitches (inc 3)

This increase is used when we need to create a corner like with squares or cubes.

Step 1



Work the first single crochet as you normally would.

Step 2



Work a second single crochet in the same space as the previous one (2 stitches in the same space).

Step 3



Work the third single crochet in the same space as the previous ones (3 stitches in the same space).

Invisible Decrease (inv dec 2)

Step 1



Insert hook into the front loop of the next stitch from the front and under.

Step 2



Repeat in the next stitch (3 loops on hook).

Overhead view



Overhead view of step 2.

Step 3



Yarn over.

Step 4



Pull yarn through two loops.

Step 5



Complete stitch.

Single Crochet Two Together (sc2tog)

Step 1



Insert hook into next stitch.

Step 2



Yarn over and pull up a loop (2 loops on hook).

Step 3



Insert hook into next stitch.

Step 4



Yarn over and pull up a loop (3 loops on hook).

Step 5



Yarn over.

Step 6



Pull yarn through all three loops (1 loop on hook).

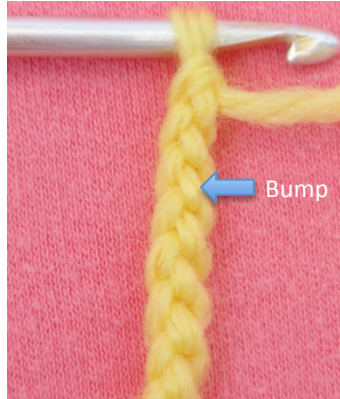
Working into the Back Bump of the Chain

Step 1



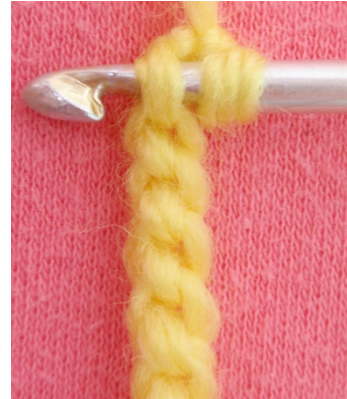
From the front the chain looks like a series of Vs on top of each other. Make as many stitches as needed.

Step 2



Turn chain. In the back you can see little vertical lines on top of each other those are the bumps.

Step 3



Insert hook under the bump and work the required stitches. When working a stitch taller than the single crochet, you would need to yarn over before inserting the hook under the bump.

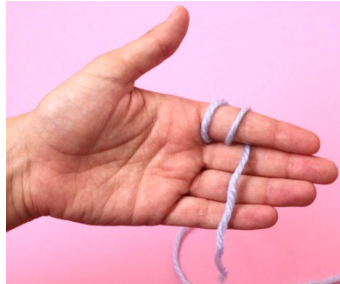
Magic Ring

Step 1



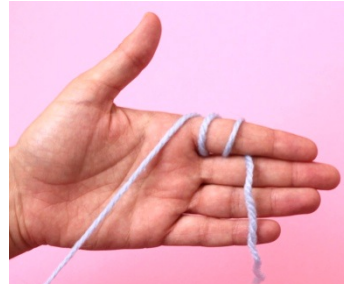
Place yarn between the index and middle finger.

Step 2



Wrap yarn end around index finger two times.

Step 3



Bring working yarn to the front above the index finger.

Step 4



Insert hook under the three portions of yarn.

Step 5



Pull last portion of yarn and pull it under the other two.

Step 6



Yarn over.

Step 7



Pull through loop on hook.

Step 8



Magic ring is done.

Working in Magic Ring

Step 1



Insert hook inside magic ring.

Step 2



Yarn over and pull up a loop (2 loops on hook).

Step 3



Yarn over.

Step 4



Pull yarn through both loops on hook (1 single crochet made).

Step 5



Work as many stitches as required.

Closing Magic Ring

Step 1



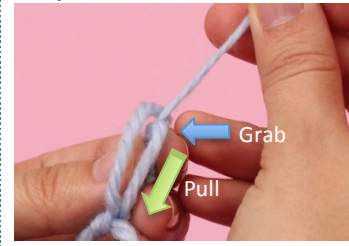
Gently pull on the tail left by the magic ring and watch which of the loops move. (DO NOT pull tail completely)

Step 2



The loop on the right is the one that moved. It became shorter.

Step 3



Grab the loop that moved close to where the tail is and pull it back away from the tail (the other loop is going to get short and close completely).

Step 4



Grab the tail and pull until the remaining loop closes completely

Step 5



Closed magic ring.

Hiding Magic Ring's Tail

Step 1



When working the 2nd round hold the tail from the magic ring behind the stitches you are working into.

Step 2



Work the stitches hiding the tail under them.

Step 3



Keep covering the tail until it is no longer visible. This is especially useful when working on a flat piece.

Creating a Circle Joining with Slip Stitch

Step 1



Hold the beginning and end of the work making sure that it isn't twisted.

Step 2



Insert hook into the last stitch.

Step 3



Slip stitch.

Step 4



Work the first stitch in the same space as the slip stitch.

Step 5



Continue to work around as required.

Step 6



When reaching the last stitch of the second round ignore the slip stitch.

Step 7



Insert hook into the first stitch.

Step 8



Work the stitch required as you normally would and continue working in a continuous spiral.

Needle Join

Step 1



Finish round.

Step 2



Insert hook in next stitch.

Step 3



Slip stitch, cut yarn and pull through the stitch.*

Step 4



Thread yarn in a tapestry needle and insert it, from front to back of work, under the top loops of the next stitch.

Step 5



Insert the needle between the top loops of the slip stitch and to the back of work. Weave in ends.

*The initial slip stitch is only needed when working in continuous spirals.

Join with Single Crochet

This same technique can be used with other stitches the single crochet here is used as an example. When using taller stitches than the single crochet yarn over before inserting the hook into the first stitch and be careful not to let the slipknot slide around the hook.

Step 1



Make slipknot on hook.

Step 2



Insert hook on first stitch of the work.

Step 3



Yarn over.

Step 4



Pull up a loop.

Step 5



Yarn over.

Step 6



Pull through two loops.

Step 7



Continue to work around.

Step 8



When reaching the end of the round ignore the slip stitch that had been made to finish the piece.

Step 9



Insert hook in the first stitch of the round you are working.

Step 10



Complete stitch.

Step 11



Continue to work normally in continuous spirals.

Changing Colors

This same technique can be used to add yarn of the same color if you happen to run out of yarn.

Step 1



Do not complete last stitch.

Step 2



Grab the new color yarn with the hook.

Step 3



Pull new color yarn through both loops of the last stitch completing it.

Step 4



Insert hook in next stitch and work the required stitch.

Step 5



First stitch with new color completed.

Step 6



While working the first round with the new color work the stitches over the end tail of the old color yarn and the tail from the beginning of the new color yarn.

Step 7



First round with the new color completed.

Close Piece

Step 1



Stuffed piece with six single crochet remaining. Cut the yarn leaving a long tail. Pull tail through final loop on the hook.

Step 2



Thread yarn on a tapestry needle.

Step 3



Insert needle under the front loop of the next stitch from the center of the piece to the outside.

Step 4



Repeat with all the other stitches.

Step 5



Pull yarn tight and the opening will close.

Step 6



Insert the needle into the first front loop and pull the yarn.

Step 7



Insert the needle once more into the same place and pull the yarn until you have a loop.

Step 8



Insert needle through the loop and pull.

Step 9



Insert needle into the center of the opening we just closed making it come out the other side or as far as possible and pull yarn.

Step 10



Cut yarn. The opening is now closed and the tail concealed.

Join an Open-Ended Piece to a Closed Piece

Step 1



On the open-ended piece bring the yarn to the outside by sliding it under the two top loops of a stitch.

Step 2



Place the open-ended piece where you want to join it and secure it with pins.

Step 3



Insert the needle into a stitch on closed piece that is above the stitches of the open-ended piece.

Step 4



Insert the needle into the next stitch of the open-ended piece. Do not pull to tight.

Step 5



Grab the next stitch on the closed piece that is above the stitches of the open-ended piece.

Step 6



Insert the needle into the next stitch of the open-ended piece.

Step 7



Repeat all around. The joining stitches will be slightly slanted which is good because that way they blend in more.

Step 8



Insert the needle into a stitch on the main piece that is slightly inside the open-ended piece.

Step 9



Insert needle once more into the same spot, pull yarn until you have a loop and insert needle into the loop.

Step 10



Pull yarn creating a knot and insert needle close to the knot and through the other side of the doll.

Step 11



Joining is now completed.

Overall view



Sew Two Flat Pieces Together

The same technique can be used when sewing a flat piece to a stuffed piece.

Step 1



Lay the two pieces on top of each other.

Step 2



Grab a loop on the bottom piece that is under the top piece.

Step 3



Insert needle under the top loops of the top piece from right to left.

Step 4



Insert needle under the top loops of the top piece from left to right. Repeat all around.

Step 5



When reaching the end insert needle into a loop of the bottom piece twice.

Step 6



On the second time pull the yarn until you have a loop and insert the needle into it and pull yarn.

Step 7



Insert needle between the top and bottom piece and through the back of the bottom piece. Pull yarn and cut.

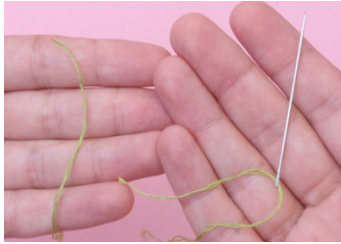
Step 8



Two flat pieces joined together.

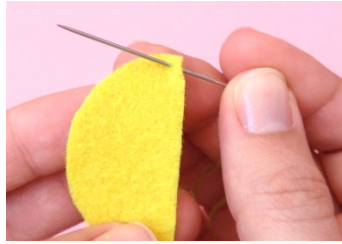
Blanket Stitch – Edging

Step 1



Thread a fine tip needle with an embroidery thread (2 strands) and tie a knot in the end

Step 2



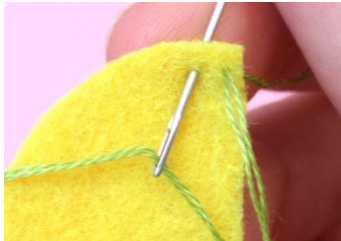
Insert needle where you want to start the stitching.

Step 3



Pull thread. The thread will be secure by the knot that was made in the beginning.

Step 4



Insert needle more or less 3mm to the left side from where the needle came out previously.

Step 5



Pull thread until you have one loop and insert needle in that loop from the back (don't let the loop to twist).

Step 6



Pull stitch into place. Insert needle about 3mm to the left side of last stitch.

Step 7



Pull thread until you have a loop and insert needle into hoop from the back.

Step 8



Pull stitch into place.

Step 9



Continue as desired.

Blanket Stitch – Sewing to another piece

Step 1



Thread a fine tip needle with an embroidery thread (1 strand) and knot both ends together.

Step 2



Insert needle under a loop inside the t-shirt.

Step 3



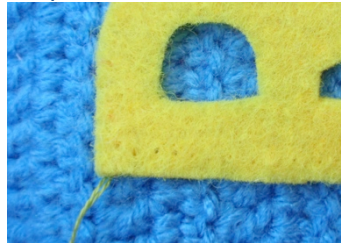
Don't pull thread completely. Insert needle between the strands of the thread close to the knot.

Step 4



Pull thread. The thread is now secure.

Step 5



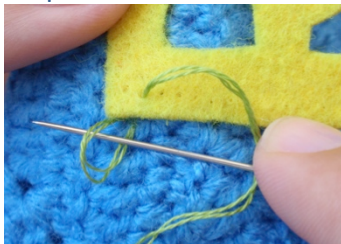
Place the felt piece where you want it to stay and bring the needle to the front close to it.

Step 6



Insert needle in the t-shirt and about 3mm to the right to where your needle came out previously.

Step 7



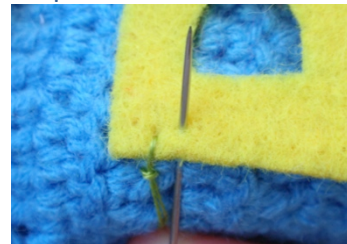
Pull thread until you have a loop.

Step 8



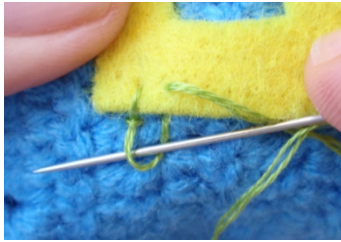
Insert needle into the loop from the front and pull the stitch into place.

Step 9



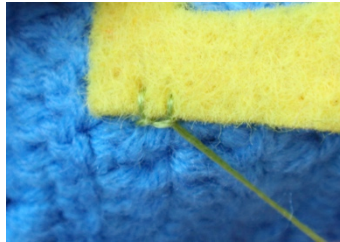
Insert needle in the t-shirt and about 3mm to the right of the last stitch.

Step 10



Pull thread until you have a loop and insert needle into the loop from the front.

Step 11



Pull stitch into place and continue to stitch around the piece.

Step 12



Anchoring stitches: in order to prevent them to slip from their place, insert the needle behind the stitch.

Step 13



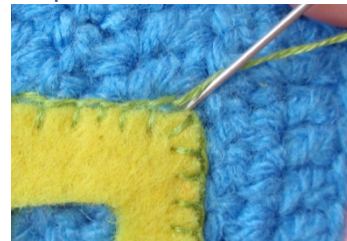
Come out as close to the stitch as you can.

Step 14



Finish off: insert needle, from the top, into the first stitch.

Step 15



Insert needle into the t-shirt close to the felt piece and to the last stitch. Secure and weave in ends on the inside.

Step 16



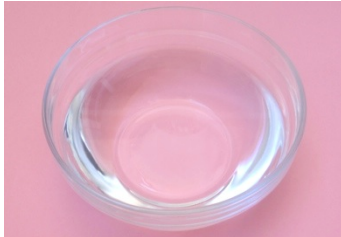
Finish off completed.

Cleaning and Washing Amigurumi

- Spot cleaning

If it's just a spot that needs cleaning, if the yarn is non-machine washable, if the doll has a wire armature and/or it has a cardboard reinforcement.

Step 1



Fill a bowl with water (you can add a little bit of soap if needed).

Step 2



Dip a washcloth in the bowl.

Step 3



Dab the spot until it's clean.

- Hand wash

Step 1



Fill a sink/basin with water and a wool-wash product.

Step 2



Immerse amigurumi into the water and let it sit for 5min.

Step 3



Gently squeeze all of the water out without twisting. Fill basin with clean water. Repeat until no foam comes out.

Step 4



Hang them to dry out from under direct sunlight to avoid color fading.

- Machine wash

Step 1



Cover the safety eyes with soft fabric and medical tape.

Step 2



Place amigurumis inside pillowcase and tie a knot on the open end of the pillowcase.

Step 3



Place pillowcase into the washing machine together with other laundry to conserve water and energy. Use cold-water and delicate cycle.

Step 4



Remove the amigurumis from the pillowcase and take the fabric out of the eyes.

Step 5



Hang them to dry out from under direct sunlight to avoid color fading.

Crochet Terminology – US and UK

American English

Chain (ch)
Slip stitch (sl st)
Single crochet (sc)
Double crochet (dc)
Half double crochet (hdc)
Treble crochet (tr)
Double treble crochet (dtr)
Popcorn (pop)
Picot (pic)
Hook (hk)
To crochet
Stitch (st)
Row
Round
Repeat
Loop (lp)
Yarn over (yo)
Space (sp)
Skip (sk)
Next
Last
Decrease (dec)
Increase (inc)
Ring
Join in to ring

European English

Chain (ch)
Single crochet (sc)
Double crochet (dc)
Treble crochet (tr)
Half treble crochet (htr)
Double treble crochet (dtr)
Triple crochet (tcc)
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