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CROCHET NORDIC GNOME

A two-part YouTube Tutorial video is available on my YouTube Channel at: Wendy Poole, Knit, Stitch and Crochet



Materials

Small amounts of DK yarn: I used Stylecraft Special DK yarn.

- 1 colour for the lower body, legs and Hat (Grey).
- 1 colour for the jumper and hat trim (Red).
- 1 colour for head, nose and hands, (Any skin tone of choice).
- 1 colour for beard.

Small amount of black/dark yarn if sewing eyes on to the gnome

Toy Stuffing
1 x 3.5 mm hook
2 stitch markers

Abbreviations

Ch - chain

Sts - stitches

DC - double crochet

DCtog - double crochet 2 together (also called a double crochet decrease).

DCinc - double crochet increase (work 2 double crochets into one stitch).

* - repeat this sequence to end of round

UK Stitch Terminology

<u>Instructions</u>

Body and head

All pieces are worked in spirals, so use a stitch marker to indicate the last stitch of each round to keep a count of your stitches

Lower Body

Foundation ring and round 1: Using Grey, make 2 ch, miss 1st ch from hook and work 8 dc in the first chain made (8 sts in total).

Round 2: Dc 2 into each stitch (16 sts in total).

Round 3: Make 1 DC then DCinc into next stitch* Repeat to end (24 sts in total).

Round 4: Make 2 DC then DCinc into next stitch* Repeat to end (32 sts in total).

Round 5: Make 3 DC then DCinc into next stitch* Repeat to end (40 sts in total).

Rounds 6 - 9: Make 1 DC in each st (40 sts).

Upper Body

Join in new colour for upper body (Red)

Start stuffing the body as you go now – and add final stuffing before closing the top of the head

Rounds 1 - 7: Make 1 DC in each st (40 sts).

Round 8: Make 3 DC then DCdec* Repeat to end (32 sts).

Round 9: Make 1 DC in each st (32 sts).

Round 10: Make 2 DC then DCdec* Repeat to end (24 sts).

Change to skintone colour

Rounds 11 - 12: Make 1 DC in each st (24 sts).

Round 13: Make 2 DC then DCinc into next stitch* Repeat to end (32 sts).

Rounds 14 - 16: Make 1 DC in each st (32 sts).

Round 17: Make 2 DC then DCdec* Repeat to end (24 sts).

Round 18: Make 1 DC in each st (24 sts).

Round 19: Make 1 DC then DCdec* Repeat to end.

Add final stuffing.

Round 20: DCdec* to end of round to close up the gap at the top of the head. Fasten off and darn in ends.

Nose

Foundation ring and Round 1: Using skin tone, make 2 ch, miss 1st ch from hook and work 6 dc in the first chain made (6 sts in total).

Round 2: Dc 2 into each stitch (12 sts in total).

Round 3: Make 1 DC in each st (12 sts).

Round 4: DCdec x times (6 sts). Fasten off.

<u>Legs</u>

Foundation ring and round 1: Using grey, make 2 ch, miss 1st ch from hook and work 5 dc in the first chain made (5 sts in total).

Round 2: Dc 2 into each stitch (10 sts in total).

Round 3 - 7: Make 1 DC in each st (10 sts).

Round 8: DCdec x times (5 sts). Fasten off.

Stuff legs.

Arms

Foundation ring and round 1: Using skin tone, make 2 ch, miss 1st ch from hook and work 5 dc in the first chain made (5 sts in total).

Round 2: Dc 2 into each stitch (10 sts in total). Change to colour of upper body (Red).

Round 3 - 9: Make 1 DC in each st (10 sts).

Round 10: DCdec x times (5 sts). Fasten off.

Add a small amount of stuffing in the hands.

Hat

Using grey colour yarn, make 41 chain.

Foundation row: Turn, miss first chain and double crochet to end, (40 stitches). Now carefully bring both the ends of the work round to meet, creating a circle and use the stitch marker to join both ends together, taking care not to twist the loop.

You will now be working in a continuous spiral and not joining rounds with a slipstitch at the beginning/end of each round. So, it is essential to use a stitch-marker or different coloured thread to keep track of the end of each round.

Rounds 1 - 7: Work 1 DC in each stitch to end of round (40 sts).

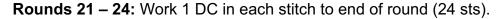
Round 8: Work 8 DC, then 1 DCtog. Repeat to end (36 sts).

Rounds 9 – 14: Work 1 DC in each stitch to end of round (36 sts).

Round 15: Work 4 DC, then 1 DCtog. Repeat to end (30 sts).

Rounds 16 – 19: Work 1 DC in each stitch to end of round (30 sts).

Round 20: Work 3 DC, then 1 DCtog. Repeat to end (24 sts).



Round 25: Work 2 DC, then 1 DCtog. Repeat to end (18 sts).

Rounds 26 – 29: Work 1 DC in each stitch to end of round (18 sts).

Round 30: Work 1 DC, then 1 DCtog. Repeat to end (12 sts).

Rounds 31 – 34: Work 1 DC in each stitch to end of round (12 sts).

Round 35: Work DCtog 6 times. Repeat to end (6 sts).

Fasten off, then with a needle and the tail end of yarn, close any gap.

Trim – Optional – With contrast colour (red), join in yarn to foundation chain, lower edge and work 1 round of 1 DC in each stitch.

Darn in loose ends and stitch arms, legs and nose into place. To make the beard, cut lengths of yarn 20cm (8" long), fold in half and make tassels to create the beard. Once tassels are made, you can split the yarn with a wool type sewing needle to crinkle up the beard. Finally stitch small eyes and eyebrows into place, just above the nose.

