

FreshStitches

a fresh approach to crochet 



Mr. Scrappy, the scrap animal

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Abbreviations

ch: chain
dc: double crochet
sc: single crochet
sc2tog: single crochet 2 together
st: stitch

Materials

Size H crochet hook
two 18mm brown animal eyes
tapestry needle
a few handfuls of stuffing

Yarn

Use your scraps! For this animal, I gathered together all of my worsted weight scraps. As long as the scraps are the same thickness, this project should work out fine! *In this sample, I've used my collection of Ella Rae Classic scraps.*

MC- Whatever you have!

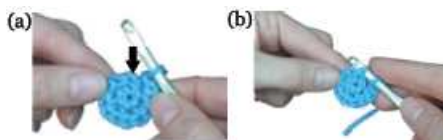
Directions

Using your scraps

This animal is designed to clean up your scrap yarn collection! To do this, just follow the directions for the pattern, and when one strand of yarn runs out, simply change colors to another scrap of yarn, and keep going! Be sure to tie a knot (on the back side) with the two tails of color to secure. There's no rhyme or reason to how to put the colors together... just do what you think looks good!

Stitch into the back

All stitches in the round are into the back loop, unless otherwise directed. Look at picture (a), and see how the arrow points to the back loop? You will stitch into this loop, as pictured in (b). Stitching into the back loop creates ridges on the right side of the piece. For rows, you will stitch into the front loop, unless otherwise directed. You can stitch into both loops if you desire, but this will change the look of the final product.



Starting out: the sloppy slip knot

Most pieces in this pattern (as they are based on circles) begin with stitching six times into one loop. We recommend the 'sloppy slip knot' to avoid creating a hole in the center (a). To do this, twist the yarn around the hook to begin, and crochet as directed. Once you have completed your first round, pull on the tail, while holding the loop you have created (b). The loop will end up tighter, as pictured in (c).



Fasten off with long tail

What does this mean? It just means that when you are ending a piece, to leave a lot (about 6-9 inches) of extra yarn, as pictured. This will be used to attach this piece to another piece. To attach your piece to another, just thread the long tail through a tapestry needle, and stitch to the second piece.



Attaching parts

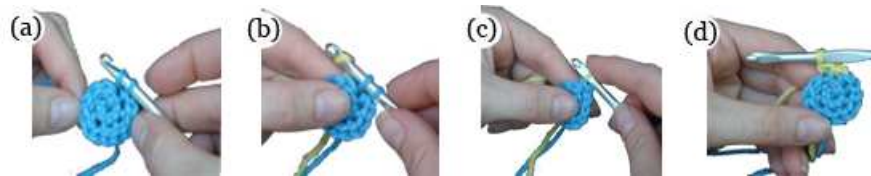
In this pattern, you will be instructed to attach two pieces together, either attaching a leg to the body, or attaching the head and body together.

First, let's see how to attach the head to the body. This is the easiest type of attachment, because the last row of the head and the last row of the body have the same number of stitches. You left a long tail on one of the parts (right?), so thread a tapestry needle with the long tail. This serves to have already anchor your stitches. Now, loop the embroidery needle through each st on the head and body, going all the way around. When you are done, tug the string a little bit to tighten (so the guy has a neck) and tie a knot to fasten off. Use the tapestry needle to pull the knot inside of the head, so you don't have any loose ends sticking out.

Attaching a smaller part (such as a leg) onto a larger part (like a body) is similar. The small part (in this case, the leg) will have a row of stitches at the opening, and a long tail. Thread a tapestry needle with the long tail. Put the leg where it should go along the body, and pick up a stitch on the body. Keep going (one stitch on leg, one stitch on the body), until you have stitches all the way around the leg. When you are done, tie a knot to fasten off.

Color Changes

This pattern calls for switching from one color to another, but there is a trick to doing it so the change in color is very clean. Stitch up to 2 stitches before you are supposed to change colors (we are demonstrating here with the single crochet). In the next stitch (the last one of your current color), do not pull the final loop through, leaving as pictured in (a). Instead, loop the new color around your needle (b), and pull the loop through (c). Now, just stitch as normal. This technique leaves you with a clean color change, as shown in (d).



The Pattern

Body

With MC, ch 2

Round 1: sc 6 times in 2nd ch from hook (6)

Round 2: sc twice in each st (12)

Round 3: * sc twice in next st, sc in next st. Repeat from * 5 times (18)

Round 4: * sc twice in next st, sc in next 2 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (24)

Round 5: * sc twice in next st, sc in next 3 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (30)

Round 6: * sc twice in next st, sc in next 4 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (36)

Round 7: * sc twice in next st, sc in next 5 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (42)

Round 8: * sc twice in next st, sc in next 6 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (48)

Rounds 9-18: sc in each st (48)

Round 19: * sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (42)

Round 20: * sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (36)

Fasten off.

Arms and Legs

Make 4.

With MC, ch 2

Round 1: sc 6 times in 2nd ch from hook (6)

Round 2: sc twice in each st (12)

Rounds 3-14: sc in each st (12)

Fasten off with long tail.



At this point, stuff arms and legs, then attach arms and legs to body.

Head

With MC, ch 2

Round 1: sc 6 times in 2nd ch from hook (6)

Round 2: sc twice in each st (12)

Round 3: * sc twice in next st, sc in next st. Repeat from * 5 times (18)

Round 4: * sc twice in next st, sc in next 2 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (24)

Round 5: * sc twice in next st, sc in next 3 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (30)
 Round 6: * sc twice in next st, sc in next 4 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (36)
 Round 7: * sc twice in next st, sc in next 5 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (42)
 Round 8: * sc twice in next st, sc in next 6 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (48)
 Round 9: * sc twice in next st, sc in next 7 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (54)
 Round 10: * sc twice in next st, sc in next 8 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (60)
 Rounds 11-18: sc in each st (60)
 Round 19: * sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (54)
 Round 20: * sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (48)
 Round 21: * sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (42)
 Round 22: * sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (36)
 Fasten off with long tail.

Snout

With MC, ch 2

Round 1: sc 6 times in 2nd ch from hook (6)
 Round 2: sc twice in each st (12)
 Round 3: * sc twice in next st, sc in next st. Repeat from * 5 times (18)
 Round 4: * sc twice in next st, sc in next 2 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (24)
 Rounds 5-9: sc in each st (24)
 Fasten off with long tail.

Mouth

With MC, ch 4

Row 1: dc 5 times in 4th ch from hook. (ch 3 = 1 dc, 6 dc total)
 Row 2: ch 3, turn. dc 1 time in first dc. dc twice in each of next dc.
 (=12 dc)
 Fasten off with long tail.

*Stuff snout, and attach snout onto head.
 Attach mouth to the point where the snout is attached to the head.
 Fasten eyes onto the head. To do so, insert post between desired stitches,
 and press washer onto back post to secure.*



Ears

Make 2.

With MC, ch 2

Round 1: sc 6 times in 2nd ch from hook (6)

Round 2: sc twice in each st (12)

Round 3: * sc twice in next st, sc 1 in next st. Repeat from * 5 times (18)

Round 4: * sc twice in next st, sc 1 in each of next 2 sts. Repeat from * 5 times (24)

Rounds 5-12: sc in each st (24)

Fasten off with long tail.

To finish shaping, fold bottom in half and secure.



Attach ears to head.

At this point, stuff head and body and attach!

Congrats! You now have an adorable Mr. Scrappy!

...and you've cleaned up your stash, to boot!

