

Cute Creature Bowls

US Crochet Terminology



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Tools & Materials

Yarn:

MC Aran/Worsted Weight Cotton Yarn in 3 colours
(e.g. Friends 8/8 Cotton).

CC DK Cotton Yarn

MC - 30.0 metres (32.8 yards), 20 grams

CC1 - 7.0 metres (7.7 yards), 3 grams

CC2 - 2.3 meters (2.5 yards), 1 gram

Hook:

4mm for the Aran (main bowl).

3.5mm for the DK (eyes & features).

Other:

Tapestry or wool needle for sewing in ends.

Scissors.

Key in US terminology – (British terminology in brackets)

beg – beginning

CC – contrast colour

ch – chain

dc – double crochet (tr – treble crochet)

esc – extended single crochet (edc – extended double crochet)

MC – main colour

prev – previous

rnd - round

sc – single crochet (dc – double crochet)

sk – skip

sl st – slip st

st(s) – stitch(es)

yo – yarn over (yrh – yarn round hook)

Instructions

Rnd 1: using MC & the larger hook, make a magic ring, ch3 (counts as 1dc), 14dc in ring; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch3 - *15sts*

Rnd 2: ch3 (counts as 1dc), 1dc back into 3rd ch of beg ch3 from prev rnd; (2dc in each st) x14; do not join - *30sts*

From this point you will be working in a spiral. To keep track, place a stitch marker in the last stitch of each round.

Rnd 3: 3rd ch of beg ch3 from prev rnd ,1sc in next st; (2sc in next st, 1sc in next) x 9 - *40sts*

Rnds 4 - 11: 1sc in each st - *40sts (fig.1)*

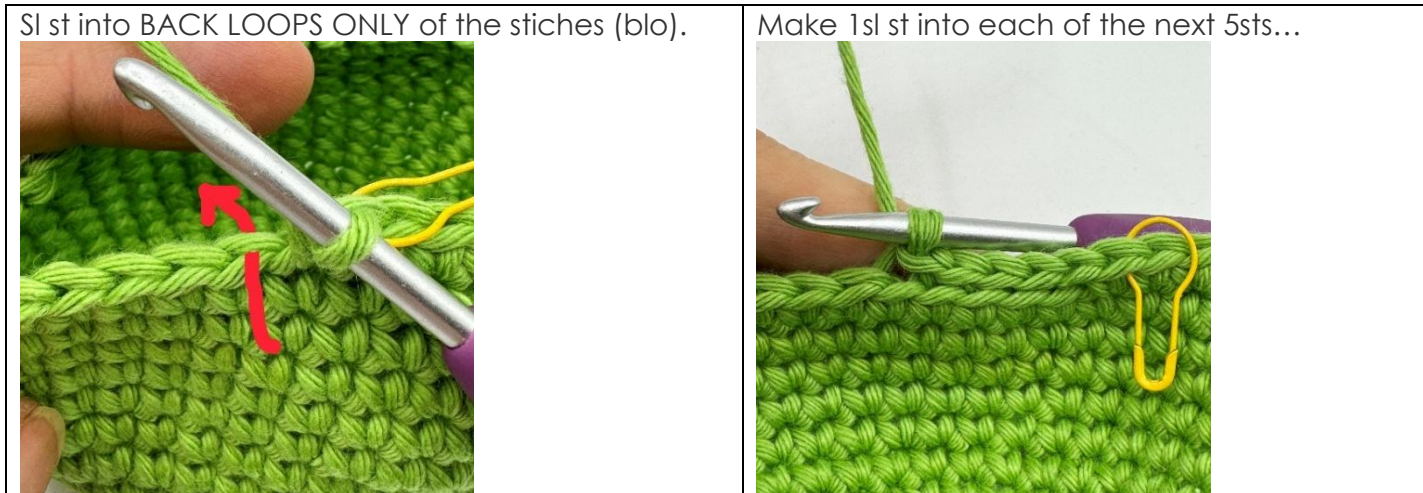
④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧ ⑨ ⑩ ⑪ *

*Tip: cross off each round as you make it.



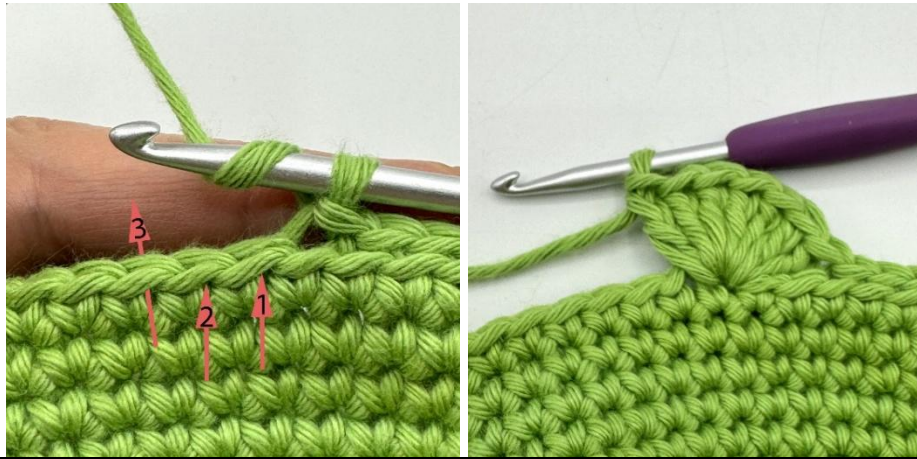
Rnd 12:

This is the final round. We will be slip-stitching around the rim and making the eyes at the same time



How to make the ears (dc shells)

...Sk 2sts, 7dc into the next st...



...skip 2sts & sl st in the back loop of the next st...



...sl st in blo of each of the next 4sts...



...sk 2sts, 7dc in both loops of next st; sk 2sts sl st in the back loop of the next st...



...sl st in each of the remaining sts, when you get to the st marker, remove it and make the last sl st.

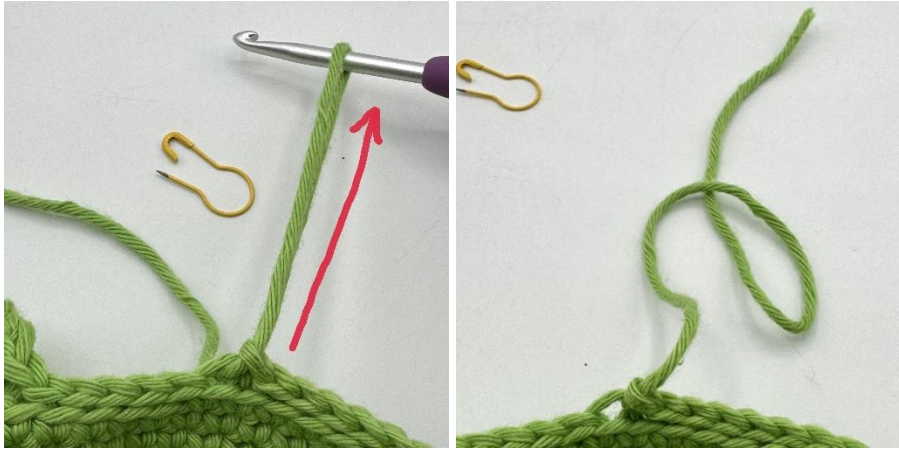
Cut the yarn ready to make a sewn bind off.



TIP: If you want a plain bowl without ears, simply make sl sts in the back loops, all the way around.

How to make a sewn bind off

Using your hook, pull open the live loop until the end pops out.



Thread the needle with the tail end of yarn. Skip the first stitch and insert the needle through both loops of the second stitch.



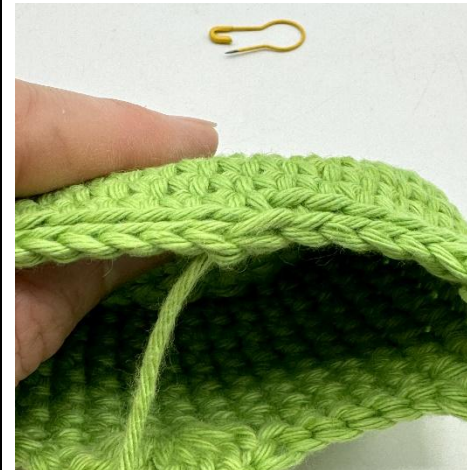
Thread it all the way through to the back of the work – you'll see you've created a "front loop"



Turn the work to the wrong side & tilt it so you can see the top edge & where the thread you've just sewn comes out of **the last stitch** you crocheted. Your needle is going to go **down** through the stitch at the same point – catch the back ridge of the stitch for extra stability.



Pull it through to the back and to the left until your mock crochet stitch is the same size as the others along the edge.



Secure by sewing into the back of the stitches. Trim carefully.



Eyes, Nose & Mouth

How to make the eyes

Rnd 1: using CC1 & the smaller hook, make a magic ring, ch1 (counts as 1esc), 9esc in ring; finish with a sewn bind off leaving a long enough tail to sew onto the bowl. Follow instructions for attaching the eyes in the class notes.

Use the position of the ears and the stitch rows from the top edge as a guide to help make the eye placements symmetrical.

Sew the eyes onto the head using the tail end and a whip stitch. Work anti-clockwise, catch some of the bowl yarn directly below the stitch on the eye you want to sew, work one whip stitch in the back loop of each crochet stitch, making, 9 stitches in total.

Sew the tail end to the inside of the bowl and secure with a knot.



You can use the white thread to make highlights in the eyes, either with a French knot or with some split stitches.



Use the black yarn to sew the nose and mouth with back stitches.

Again, use the rows and position of existing features as your guide. Secure everything on the inside and trim carefully



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