

Gretchen the Goldfish

An original crochet pattern
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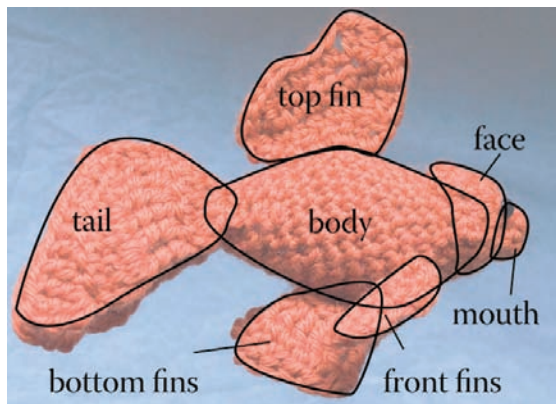
Materials:

Lions Brand Felting Yarn in Pumpkin,
medium weight.

3.75mm crochet hook

Needle for sewing pieces together

Stuffing



Abbreviations:

ch = chain

sc = single crochet

hdc = half double crochet

dc = double crochet

tc = treble crochet

fo = finish off

inc = increase (two sc in one stitch)

dec = decrease (one sc across two stitches)

st = stitch

x2 = repeat two times (etc for multiple numbers)

Note: a "magic ring" is a method for crocheting in the round to keep control of the size of the circle. I found this tutorial to be really helpful:

http://www.crochetme.com/Dec_Jan_0405/reads_round.html

Body:

This part is worked in the round, as a spiral.

When the shape starts to get smaller, stuff with fiberfill.

Ch 4

sc, dec, sc 3 times in the same loop, going around to back side of chain:

dec, inc, inc, sc, inc x2, sc x2, inc x2, sc x4;

inc x2, sc x4, inc 2x, sc x6;

inc x2, sc x 16, inc x2;

sc x4, inc, sc x3, inc x2, sc x3, inc, sc x4;

sc x6, inc, sc x12, inc, sc x5;

dec x2, sc x2, dec, sc x6, dec x2, sc x10, dec x2;

sc x10, dec x2, sc x19, dec x2, sc x8;

dec, then dec another starting with the last st from the previous dec (two decreases over 3 stitches instead of 2 decreases over 4 stitches)

sc x8, sc x6, inc, sc x4, inc, sc x3, dec, sc x4, dec, sc, inc, sc x4, inc, sc, dec, sc, dec, sc x2, dec, sc, dec, sc x6, dec, sc, dec x2, sc, dec, sc x2, dec, sc x2, dec, sc, dec x4, FO.

Face:

Start with a magic ring (see Abbreviations for more info)

10 hdc in ring, join. (do not pull ring completely closed, but do pull stitches together)

ch1, sc x3, inc, scx3, inc, sc x3, join;

ch1, sc x2, dc 3 times in next st, dc 2 times in next st, hdc, hdc 3 times in next ch, hdc, dc x2, dc 3 times in next st, sc x2, join;

ch1, sc x4, skip 1 st, sc x2, hdc x5, sc x2, skip 1 st, sc x3; FO.

Sew face carefully onto front end of the body. (see diagram) Hide ends of yarn.

Mouth:

Start with a magic ring

10 hdc in ring, join. Do not pull ring completely closed, leave it open in a tight "o" shape. join. FO.

Squish into an oval shape, and carefully sew over the mouth, keeping the oval shape. Hide yarn ends.

Sew on eyes.



Tail: (make 2)

Start with a magic ring, hdc x3, pull ring closed tight;

ch2, turn, 2 dc in next st, dc, 2 dc in next st;

ch 3, turn, tc x2, 2tc in next st, tc x2;

ch 3, turn, 3 tc in next st, dc x2, hdc x2, sc x2;

ch 1, turn, sc x3, hdc x3, dc x2, 3tc in last st.

FO.

Sew onto back end of the body.

Hide ends of yarn.

Bottom fins: (make 2)

Start with a magic ring, hdc x2, pull ring closed tight;

ch 1, 2 hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st;

ch 2, 2 dc in next st, dc x3;

ch 1, sc, hdc x2, dc, 2dc in last st. FO.

Sew onto bottom of the body.

Hide ends of yarn.

Front Fins: (make 2)

Start with a magic ring, hdc, dc, pull ring closed tight;

ch 2, dc, hdc;

ch 1, dc x2;

ch 1, dc x2, FO.

Sew onto bottom front of the body.

Hide ends of yarn.

Top Fin: (make 1)

ch 6, sc, hdc, 2hdc, dc x2;

ch 1, 2dc in next st, hdc x4, sc,

dc in same st as sc;

ch 1, sc x2, hdc x4, dc x2, dc, 2dc in same st;

ch 1, skip 1 st, dc x2, hdc x3, dc, hdc, sc,

sc x4 around the edge. FO.

Sew onto top of the body.

Hide ends of yarn.