Crochet Crab Pattern

Free Amigurumi Tutorial - Coral-Red Crab with Stalk Eyes



A free beginner-friendly pattern - 6 photo steps

Materials

- DK / light worsted yarn in coral red, approx. 70 g
- DK yarn in cream, approx. 20 g - belly panel
- DK yarn in white, approx. 15 g - stalk eyes
- DK yarn in pink, approx. 5 g - blush cheeks
- 3.5 mm (US E-4) crochet hook
- 10 mm black safety eyes
- Polyester fiberfill stuffing
- Yarn needle, stitch markers, scissors, sewing pins
- Black embroidery thread - smile

Abbreviations

- MR = magic ring
- sc = single crochet
- inc = increase (2 sc in one stitch)
- dec = decrease (sc 2 together)
- ch = chain
- sl st = slip stitch
- st(s) = stitch(es)

Step 1 - Crochet the Body



- With coral-red yarn, work in a continuous spiral around a chain.
- Ch 9. R1: sc 7 from 2nd ch, 3 sc in last ch, sc 6 along
- the other side, 2 sc in last ch (18 sts).
- R2: inc, sc 6, inc x 3, sc 6, inc x 2 (24 sts).
- R3: sc, inc, sc 6, [sc, inc] x 3, sc 6, [sc, inc] x 2 (30 sts).
- R4: 2 sc, inc, sc 6, [2 sc, inc] x 3, sc 6, [2 sc, inc] x 2 (36 sts).
- R5: 3 sc, inc, sc 6, [3 sc, inc] x 3, sc 6, [3 sc, inc] x 2 (42 sts).
- R6-R10: sc around (42 sts).
- R11: [5 sc, dec] x 6 (36 sts).
- R12: [4 sc, dec] x 6 (30 sts). Stuff firmly.
- R13: [3 sc, dec] x 6 (24 sts).
- R14: [2 sc, dec] x 6 (18 sts).
- R15: [sc, dec] x 6 (12 sts).
- R16: dec x 6 (6 sts). Fasten off, weave closed.
- Body measures about 14 cm wide.

Step 2 - Crochet the Claws (make 2)



- With coral-red yarn, make 2 claws the same way.
- R1: 6 sc in MR (6 sts).
- R2: inc x 6 (12 sts).
- R3: [sc, inc] x 6 (18 sts).
- R4-R6: sc around (18 sts).
- R7 (thumb): sc 9, ch 5, starting in 2nd ch from hook
- sc 4 back along the chain, sl st into the next st, sc 8.
- R8: sc around (18 sts). Stuff lightly.
- R9: [sc, dec] x 6 (12 sts).
- R10: dec x 6 (6 sts). Fasten off, weave closed.
- Each claw is about 5 cm across.

Step 3 - Crochet the Six Legs (make 6)



- With coral-red yarn, make 6 legs the same way.
- R1: 6 sc in MR (6 sts).
- R2-R6: sc around (6 sts).
- Bend each leg gently so it curves.
- Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.
- Each leg is about 5 cm long.

Step 4 - Crochet the Stalk Eyes (make 2)



- With white yarn, make 2 stalk eyes the same way.
- Stalk: R1: 6 sc in MR (6 sts).
- R2-R9: sc around (6 sts) - 8 even rounds.
- Eyeball: R10: inc x 6 (12 sts).
- R11: [sc, inc] x 6 (18 sts).
- R12-R14: sc around (18 sts).
- Insert a 10 mm safety eye into the front of the eyeball.
- R15: [sc, dec] x 6 (12 sts). Stuff lightly.
- R16: dec x 6 (6 sts). Fasten off, weave closed.

Step 5 - Assemble and Stuff the Crab



- Sew the 2 claws to the upper sides of the body.
- Sew the 6 legs along the sides, 3 on each side,
- angled slightly downward so the crab sits flat.
- Belly (cream): Ch 8. Sc 6 from 2nd ch, 3 sc in last
- ch, sc 5 along the other side, 2 sc in last ch (16 sts).
- R2: inc, sc 5, inc x 3, sc 5, inc x 2 (22 sts).
- R3: sc, inc, sc 5, [sc, inc] x 3, sc 5, [sc, inc] x 2 (28 sts).
- Fasten off. Sew the belly onto the lower front of the body.
- Sew the 2 stalk eyes to the top, about 4 cm apart.

Step 6 - Add the Face and Finish



- Embroider a small curved smile in black thread
- on the front of the body, between and just below
- the stalk eyes.
- Add two blush patches with a few loose pink
- stitches on each cheek.
- Weave in all yarn ends. Your crab is finished!

Tips

- Keep the body oval, not round: it grows from a chain of 9, not a magic ring.
- Stuff the claws lightly so the pincers stay soft and the thumb keeps its shape.
- Pin all six legs in place before you sew so the crab sits flat.