

Sunny Bunny Puppet

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DIRECTIONS

Intermediate

SIZE

Approximately 10½ x 12 inches, excluding ears

MATERIALS

- Brushed worsted weight yarn (3 oz per skein): 4 skeins pink, 1 skein white
- Worsted weight yarn: 1 oz orange and small amount green
- Size H/8 crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Size F/5 crochet hook
- 2 (¾-inch) black shank buttons
- Skein each dark rose and black embroidery floss
- 1 yd ½-inch-wide pink picot-edged ribbon
- 1 yd ¼-inch-wide white picot-edged ribbon
- 2½-inch piece cardboard
- Fiberfill
- Safety pin
- Tapestry needle

GAUGE

6 sts = 2 inches; 7 rnds = 3 inches
Check gauge to save time.

PATTERN NOTES

Weave in loose ends as work progresses.

Sl st to join each rnd in top of beg st. Reverse side becomes RS.

Puppet is not recommended for children under 3 years of age.

Lp st: Insert hook in back lp of indicated st, wrap yarn twice around index finger, catch yarn behind index finger with hook, draw through, removing finger from lp (3 lps on hook), yo, draw through all 3 lps on hook.

BODY

Rnd 1: With hook size H and 2 strands of pink held tog, ch 32, sl st to join to form a ring, ch 1, lp st in each ch around, join in beg st. (32 lp sts)

Rnd 2: Ch 1, lp st in each st around, join in beg st.

Rnds 3–12: Rep Rnd 2.

Rnd 13: Ch 1, [lp st in each of next 15 sts, ch 10, sc in 3rd ch from hook, sc in each of next 7 chs, sk next lp st] twice, join in beg lp st.

Note: Do not join Rnds 14–17, use safety pin to mark first st of rnd.

Rnd 14: Lp st in each st around, working 3 lp sts in each ch-2 sp at end of each arm. (68 lp sts)

Rnd 15: Lp st in each st around, working 2 lp sts in each 3 lp sts at end of each arm. (74 lp sts)

Rnds 16–18: Lp st in each st around. At the end of Rnd 18, sl st in next st, fasten off.

With body WS out (lps on the outside), leaving center 11 sts each front and back free (total 22 lp sts), sew across rem of sts at each side edge to end of each arm.

HEAD FRONT

Rnd 1: Working with H hook and 2 strands of pink, beg at tip of nose, ch 2, 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook, join in beg sc. (5 sc)

Rnd 2: Ch 1, working in back lps for this rnd only, 2 sc in same st as beg ch-1, sc in next st, [2 sc in next st, sc in next st] rep around, join. (8 sc)

Rnd 3: Rep Rnd 2. (12 sc)

Rnd 4: Ch 1, [2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 2 sts] rep around, join in beg sc. (16 sc)

Rnd 5: Ch 1, [2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 3 sc] rep around, join in beg sc. (20 sc)

Rnd 6: Ch 1, [2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 4 sc] rep around, join in beg sc. (24 sc)

Rnd 7: Rep Rnd 7. (29 sc)

Rnd 8: Ch 1, [2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 6 sc] rep around, join in beg sc. (33 sc)

Rnds 9–11: Ch 1, lp st in each st around, join in beg st. (33 lp sts)

At the end of Rnd 11, fasten off.

Using photo as a guide, with dark rose embroidery floss, embroider nose and mouth with straight sts, working a French knot at each end of mouth. With black floss, sew black shank buttons evenly sp above nose for eyes.

HEAD BACK

Rnd 1: With H hook and 2 strands of pink, ch 2, 6 lp sts in 2nd ch from hook, join in beg st. (6 lp sts)

Rnd 2: Ch 1, 2 lp sts in each st around, join in beg st. (12 lp sts)

Rnd 3: Ch 1, [2 lp sts in next st, lp st in next st] rep around, join in beg st. (18 lp sts)

Rnd 4: Ch 1, [2 lp sts in next st, lp st in each of next 2 sts] rep around, join in beg st. (24 lp sts)

Rnd 5: Ch 1, [2 lp sts in next st, lp st in each of next 3 sts] rep around, join in beg st. (30 lp sts)

Rnd 6: Ch 1, [2 lp sts in next st, lp st in each of next 9 sts] rep around, join in beg st, fasten off. (33 lp sts)

With lps facing the inside and leaving 11 sts on each front and back (22 sts) free, sew around; turn RS out so that lps are on outer edge. Matching seams, sew head to body.

TAIL

Rnds 1–3: With H hook and 2 strands of white yarn, rep Rnds 1–3 of head back. (18 lp sts)

Rnd 4: Ch 1, lp st in each st around, join in beg sc, leaving a length of yarn, fasten off.

Sew tail to back bottom of body.

EAR

Make 2 each white and pink

Row 1: With F hook and single strand of yarn, ch 5, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across, turn. (4 sc)

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in each sc across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc, turn. (5 sc)

Rows 4–6: Rep Row 3. (8 sc)

Rows 7–9: Rep Row 2.

Row 10: Ch 1, sk first sc, sc in each rem sc across, turn. (7 sc)

Rep Row 10 until 1 sc rem, fasten off.

Rnd 11: Holding 1 each pink and white ear sections tog, with pink facing, attach 1 strand pink in opposite side of foundation ch and working through both thicknesses, ch 1, sc evenly sp around entire outer edge with 2 sc in each bottom corner and 3 sc in tip of ear.

Sew ears to head over seam, pinching tog at center bottom of each ear as you attach ear.

Holding both lengths of ribbon tog, place around neckline, tie ends in a bow around neckline.

CARROT

Note: Do not join rnds, use safety pin to mark rnds.

Rnd 1: With F hook and single strand orange, ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook. (6 sc)

Rnd 2: [2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 2 sc] twice. (8 sc)

Rnd 3: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 4: [2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 3 sc] twice. (10 sc)

Rnd 5: Rep Rnd 3.

Rnd 6: [2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 4 sc] twice. (12 sc)

Stuff lightly with fiberfill, continue stuffing as work progresses.

Rnd 7:
Rep Rnd 3.

Rnd 8: [2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 5 sc] twice. (14 sc)

Rnds 9–13: Rep Rnd 3.

Rnd 14: [Dec 1 sc over next 2 sc] 7 times. (7 sc)

Rep Rnd 14 until 3 sc sts rem, leaving a length of yarn, fasten off.

Weave rem length through sts, pull to close opening, secure, fasten off.

Wrap green yarn several times around cardboard; remove cardboard. Tie lps in center with another strand of green; trim ends of lps. Attach to center top of carrot.

Sew carrot to right arm of bunny. ☞

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