

Wild things

Give a little one their first animal friend with these three simple stuffies by Heather Gibbs

GREAT
BABY
GIFTS





YOU WILL NEED

- Scheepjes Colour Crafter (100% acrylic, 100g/300m)
1 ball of each:
Yarn A Weert (1001)
Yarn B Gouda (1081)
Yarn C Burum (1709)
Yarn D Veenendaal (1064)
Yarn E Gent (2002)
Yarn F Rotterdam (1063)
Yarn G Ede (1002)

- A 3mm (US D/3) hook
- Toy stuffing

For yarn stockists contact
Scheepjes
www.scheepjes.com/en

TENSION

Tension is not critical, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Block Animals measures approx
24cm (9½in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

surface crochet Position yarn on WS, insert hook from RS to WS, yrh and pull up a loop, pull through loop on hook, *insert hook back through to WS in direction you want the surface crochet to travel, yrh and pull up a loop, pull through loop on hook; rep from * as required

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Lions and tigers and bears, oh my! These three cuddly friends are ideal early toys for babies thanks to their soft granny square bodies, simple construction and child-safe embroidered faces.

NOTES

Each animal is worked in 2 pieces, crocheted together at the end. Each piece begins with a central square for the Body. Head, Ears, Arms and Legs are worked off the Square. You can substitute any DK yarn.

LION

BODY (MAKE 2)

Make 1 in Yarn A and 1 in Yarn B.
Ch4, ss in last ch to form a loop.

Round 1 (RS) Ch3 (counts as tr throughout), 15tr into loop, ss to top of beg ch-3. [16 sts]

Round 2 Ch3, tr in the next 2 sts, 5tr in the next st, (tr in next 3 sts, 5tr in next st) 3 times, ss to top of beg ch-3. [32 sts]

Round 3 Ch3, tr in the next 4sts, 5tr in the next st (tr in the next 7 sts, 5tr in next st) 3 times, tr in the next 2 sts, ss to top of beg ch-3. [48 sts]

Round 4 Ch3, tr in the next 6 sts, 5tr in the next st, pm in third tr of 5-tr group, (tr in the next 11 sts, 5tr in next st) 3 times, tr in the next 4 sts, ss to top of beg ch-3. [64 sts]

Fasten off and weave in ends

HEAD

Use Yarn B on both pieces for Head.
Join yarn in marked st.

Row 1 (RS) Ch1 (doesn't count as st throughout), dc in marked st and next 15 sts, turn. [16 sts]

Rows 2-13 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.

Fasten off.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Use Yarn B on both pieces for Ears.

Row 14 (RS) Ch1, dc in first 7 sts, turn leaving



Start with a square for the body, then work the head, ears, arms and legs off the square



Work the lion's mane using a fringing technique – attach folded lengths of yarn

rem sts unworked. [7 sts]

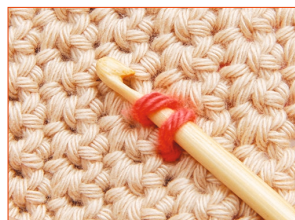
Row 15 Ch1, dc2tog, 3dc, dc2tog, turn. [5 sts]

Row 16 Ch1, dc2tog, 1dc, dc2tog, turn. [3 sts]

SIMPLE STEPS HOW TO WORK SURFACE CROCHET



1 Secure yarn at back of fabric and bring a loop to the front with your hook, at the point where you want to start the surface crochet. Keep working yarn at the back of the fabric and the hook at the front.



2 Insert the hook from front to back into the next hole in the fabric, where you want to create the next stitch. Work yrh with the yarn at the back of the fabric. Pull the loop of yarn through to the front of the fabric (2 loops on hook).



3 Draw the new loop through the first loop to form a slip stitch. Make sure the stitch lies flat against the surface of the fabric. Repeat from step 2 to make more slip stitches in a line, moving in any direction, to the last stitch.



4 Cut yarn, leaving a 10cm tail. Use your hook to pull the tail through the last slip st and back into the fabric. This forms a small loop to secure the final stitch. Weave in end.



The bear's basic body is worked the same as the lion but in a different colour



Use surface crochet or embroidery to work the animals' facial features in black outlines

Row 17 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.

Row 18 Ch1, dc3tog.

Fasten off.

Skip 2 sts from final Row 13, join yarn in next st. Rep Rows 14-18 to make second Ear.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Join Yarn B in first unworked st after Head.

Row 1 (RS) Ch1, dc in next 6 sts, turn. [6 sts]

Rows 2-8 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.

Row 9 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog.

Fasten off.

Skip 36 sts, join Yarn B in next st. Rep Rows 1-9 to make second Arm.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Join Yarn B in first st across bottom edge (centre st of 5-tr group).

Row 1 (RS) Ch1, dc in first 6 sts, turn. [6 sts]

Rows 2-9 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.

Row 10 Ch1, dc2tog, 2dc, dc2tog. [4 sts]

Fasten off.

Skip 4 sts, join Yarn B in next st. Rep Rows 1-10 to make second Leg.



For the tiger, work the body in a striped pattern on the body, arms and legs



To join, place pieces rights sides out and seam around the outside, stuffing as you go

TO FINISH

On the piece worked around the Yarn A Body, surface crochet or embroider the facial details with Yarn G. You can use the image as a guide. Place pieces together with RS facing out. Using Yarn B, dc around both pieces to join, adding stuffing as you work.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

MANE

Cut 14cm lengths of Yarn C. Fold 2 strands of yarn in half, insert hook around stitch at top of Head, place folded end on hook and pull through, thread tails through folded end and pull tight to secure. Rep around the Head and trim to desired length.

BEAR

BODY (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn D, work as Lion Body.

HEAD

Using Yarn D, work as Lion Head. Do not fasten off.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Row 14 Ch1, dc in first 6 sts, turn leaving rem sts unworked. [6 sts]

Rows 15-17 Ch1, dc in each st across, turn.

Row 18 Ch1, dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog.

Fasten off.

Skip 4 sts from Row 13 of Head, join Yarn D in next st. Rep Rows 14-18 to make second Ear.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn D, work Lion Arms.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn D, work as Lion Legs.

TO FINISH

On one piece, surface crochet or embroider the facial details with Yarn G. You can use the image as a guide.

Place pieces together with RS facing out. Using Yarn D, dc around both pieces to join, adding stuffing as you work.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

TIGER

BODY (MAKE 2)

Work as Lion Body, using Yarn E for Round 1, Yarn F for Round 2, Yarn E for Round 3 and Yarn F for Round 4.

Fasten off and weave in ends

HEAD

Using Yarn E, work as Lion Head.

Do not fasten off.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn E, work as Lion Ears.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Work as Lion Arms, using Yarn E for Rows 1-2, Yarn F for Rows 3-4 and Yarn E for Rows 5-9.

Fasten off.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Work as Lion Legs, using Yarn E for Rows 1-2, Yarn F for Rows 3-4, Yarn E for Rows 5-6, Yarn F for Rows 7-8 and Yarn E for Rows 9-10.

TO FINISH

On one piece, surface crochet or embroider the facial details with Yarn G. You can use the image as a guide.

Place pieces together with RS facing out. Using Yarn E, dc around both pieces to join, adding stuffing as you work.

Fasten off and weave in ends.