

CROCHET FROG



FINISHED SIZE Approx. 7.5cm/ 3in long

YARN A Small amount 3-ply crochet cotton in green or green tones

YARN B Small amount 2-ply crochet cotton in light green or white

I used; A - Anchor Freccia 12 Multicolour (50g) - shade 1216 ; B - Anchor Freccia 12 Solids (50g) shade 0259

Yarn alternative on Page 2

HOOK 2mm (or 1.8mm) - *favourites are KnitPro Soft Grip Crochet Hook and/ or 1.8mm & Tulip Etimo Red Crochet Hook*

TENSION

18 stitches and 22 rows to 5cm (2in) over double crochet using 2.00mm hook and yarn A.

EXTRAS Pair 6mm or 7.5mm (*you can see the effect of the larger eyes on pages 2, 29 & back pages*) black toy safety eyes with metal washers; toy filling (*for small items you'll only need a tiny bit of regular toy filling or just use scrap yarn*); Scissors and yarn-sewing needle

PLUS: If you want to add wire into the limbs, you'll need one x 36cm/ 14in long x 22 gauge wire

This is the website for the eyes I bought washer-backed ones [Cello-Express](#)

This is the website for the wires [HeidifeathersOnEtsy](#)



PATTERN NOTES & TIPS:

. The first chain (1CH) at the beginning of the row or round does not count as a stitch throughout the whole pattern

. I sew all my seams with a single strand of mohair

. **WIRE:** I found the best wires to create an armature with are paper-wrapped (easier to handle) ones - the best gauge for this project being 22 (0.6mm)



Yarn alternative for Grass Green Frog:

Frog: Drops Alpaca Green Grass 7238 & White 1101

Dress: 9028 Lemon Pie

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

I have used two decrease stitch techniques:

1. DC2tog hook into 1 stitch yarn over pull yarn through, hook into next stitch yarn over pull yarn through, yarn around hook, pull through all 3 stitches on the hook to decrease by one stitch = Double crochet two stitches together

DC3tog hook into 3 stitches yarn over and pull yarn through each time, yarn around hook, pull through all 4 stitches on the hook to decrease by two stitches = Double crochet three stitches together

2. Skip 1 st miss a stitch by skipping over a double crochet stitch and working into the next = Skip one stitch

And one increase stitch technique

DCinc2 hook into stitch, yarn around, pull through both stitches on the hook, hook into same stitch once more, yarn around pull through both stitches on the hook, to increase one stitch = Double crochet twice in one stitch to increase one stitch

GENERAL ABBREVIATIONS:

CH = Chain

DC = Double Crochet (hook into stitch, yarn around, pull yarn through both stitches on the hook) also known as SC (US term)

inc = increase

dec = decrease

RH/LH = right hand/ left hand

RS/WS = right side/ wrong side

st/ sts =stitch/ stitches

Slip stitch = hook into stitch, yarn over hook and pull the stitch through the stitch on the hook

HEAD TOP

Head Top is worked in rounds of double crochet (DC), starting at the Upper Mouth and working towards the Read End as follows:

Starting at the **Front of the Upper Mouth** with yarn **A** make a magic loop leaving a long tail end (**I use this tail end to mark the beginning of each round*)

Round 1. 8DC into loop - 8sts

Pull tightly on the tail end of the yarn to close the loop

Round 2. inc) [DCinc2, 1DC in next dc] four times - 12sts
- lay **tail end marker over the crochet after the last stitch*

Round 3. inc) [DCinc2, 1DC in next dc] six times - 18sts

Ref. Fig. 1 - move tail end marker over the crochet after the last stitch to mark the new start of the round and keep moving it as you work each round

Round 4. inc) [DCinc2, 1DC in next dc] nine times - 27sts

Eye Bumps

Round 5. inc) 1DC in each of next 2dc, [DCinc2 into next dc] three times (*insert hook into dc to increase by 1 stitch x three times*) 1DC in 4dc, [DCinc2 into dc] three times, 1DC in 15dc to beginning of round - 33sts

Round 6. dec) 1DC in 3dc, DC4tog (*insert hook and pull yarn through the next 4 sts then yarn around and pull through all 5 sts on the hook to decrease by 3 stitches*) 1CH (*not counted as a stitch*), 1DC in 6dc, DC4tog, 1CH (*not counted as a stitch*), 1DC in 16dc to beginning of round - 27sts

Round 7. dec) 1DC in next dc, DC2tog (*insert hook and pull yarn through the next 2 sts then yarn around and pull through all 3 sts on the hook to decrease by 2 stitches*), DC2tog (*ignoring the 1ch*), 1DC in 4dc, DC2tog, slip st in ch st, DC2tog, 1DC in 14dc to beginning of round - 23sts

Round 8. dec) 1DC in next dc, DC2tog, 1DC in 4dc, DC2tog, 1DC in 14dc to beginning of round - 21sts

Round 9. inc) 1DC in each next 8dc, DCinc2, 1DC in 11dc, DCinc2 to beginning of round - 23sts

Round 10. 1DC in each 23dc around

Add Eyes

Ref. Figs. 2 & 3

At this stage push in and secure the toy eyes into the centre of the Eye Bump shaping



FIG. 1, use the tail end to mark the beginning of the round, moving it in between the last stitch and the first stitch on each round



FIGS. 2 & 3, find the 'Eye Bump' shaping on each side of the head and push the eye right into the centre

Resume your crochet as follows:

Round 11. inc) 1DC in 2dc, DCinc2 in next dc, 1DC in 2dc, DCinc2 into next dc, 1DC in 17dc to beginning of round - 25sts

Round 12. 1DC in each 25dc around

Add Belly

Ref. Fig. 4

You will now add a few chain stitches to separate part of the Head Top from the throat, continue as follows:

Round 13. dec) 1DC in 13dc, make 10CH, skip next 12dc, slip st in first dc of round

Round 14. 1DC in 12dc, 1DC in 10ch, *move marker to here*, 1DC in slip st - 23sts

Round 15. 1DC in each 23dc around

Round 16. 1DC in each 23dc around



FIG. 4, the 10 chain stitches which create the separation from the frog's chin

Round 17. inc) 1DC in 3dc, DCinc2 in next dc, 1DC in 5dc, DCinc2 into next dc, 1DC in 13dc to beginning of round - 25sts

Round 18. DC2tog, 1DC in 2dc, DCinc2 in next dc, 1DC in 5dc, DCinc2 in next dc, 1DC in 2dc, DC2tog, 1DC in 10dc to beginning of round - 25sts

Round 19. dec) DC2tog, 1DC in 2dc, DCinc2 in next dc, 1DC in 5dc, DCinc2 in next dc, 1DC in 2dc, DC2tog, 1DC in next dc, DC2tog, 1DC in 4dc, DC2tog, 1DC in dc to beginning of round - 23sts

Round 20. dec) 1DC in next dc, DC2tog, 1DC in 9dc, DC2tog, 1DC in next dc, DC2tog, 1DC in 4d, DC2tog to beginning of round - 19sts

Round 21. 1DC in each 19dc around

Round 22. dec) 1DC in 13dc, DC2tog, 1DC in 2d, DC2tog to beginning of round - 17sts

Round 23. 1DC in each 17dc around

Round 24. dec) 1DC in 14dc, DC2tog, 1DC in next dc to beginning of round - 16sts

Round 25. 1DC in each 16dc around

Round 26. dec) 1DC in 2dc, DC2tog, 1DC in 7dc, DC2tog, 1DC in 3dc to beginning of round - 14sts

Round 27. dec) [1DC in 2dc, DC2tog] three times, 1DC in 2dc to beginning of round - 11sts

Round 28. dec) [DC2tog] five times, slip stitch in last dc and fasten off leaving a longish tail end - 5sts

Close the Rear End

Ref. Fig. 5

Stuff the Back and Belly then thread up the tail end and run the sewing needle in and out of the 5 remaining stitches, pull up tightly to close the hole, secure the end and thread the end into the body to conceal it.



FIG. 5, thread the tail end in and out of the 5 remaining stitches, pull up and close the hole at the rear end

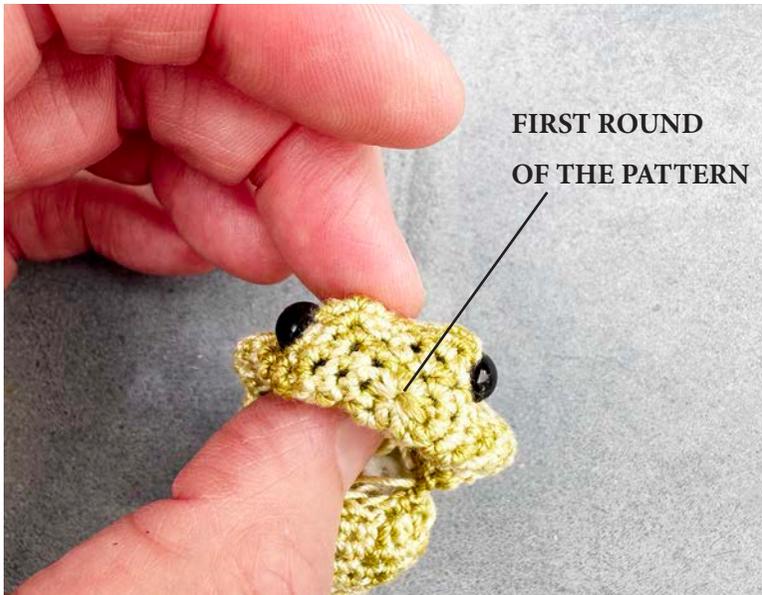


FIG. 6, push the bottom of the head top inside what will become the top of the head, making sure the first round of the pattern lies central to the head and that the eyes are symmetrical

Ref. Fig. 6

Flatten the Head, pushing the bottom half inside and making sure the very first round sits central to the front of the head

THROAT

You will now work the Throat in a different yarn shade to the rest of the head and body.

The Throat is worked in rounds after picking up stitches from a little way up the Left Side of the Head Top, then along the 10 chain from Belly, then a little way along the Right Side of the Head Top as follows:

Ref. Figs. 7, 8 & 9

Round 1. With yarn B, begin a little way up along the Head Top (*ref. fig. 6 A*): hook into both thicknesses, pull stitch through and make 1DC then 1DC into next dc (B) then 10 DC in 10ch, then 1DC in 2dc (C & D) then 6CH (for inside of the throat), place marker for beginning of the round here, slip stitch in first dc to join in the round



FIG. 7

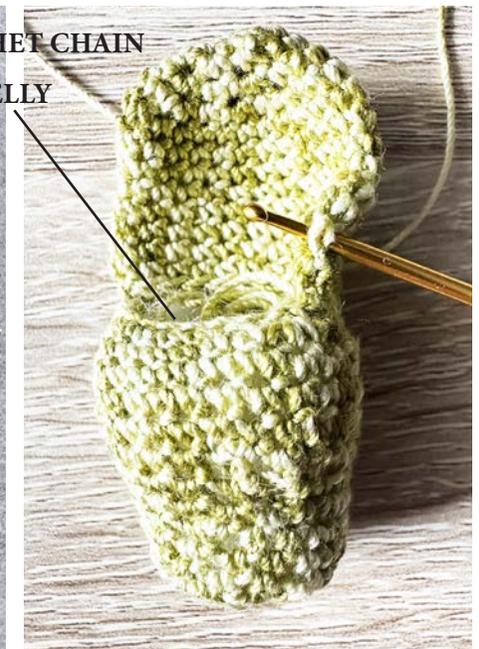


FIG. 8

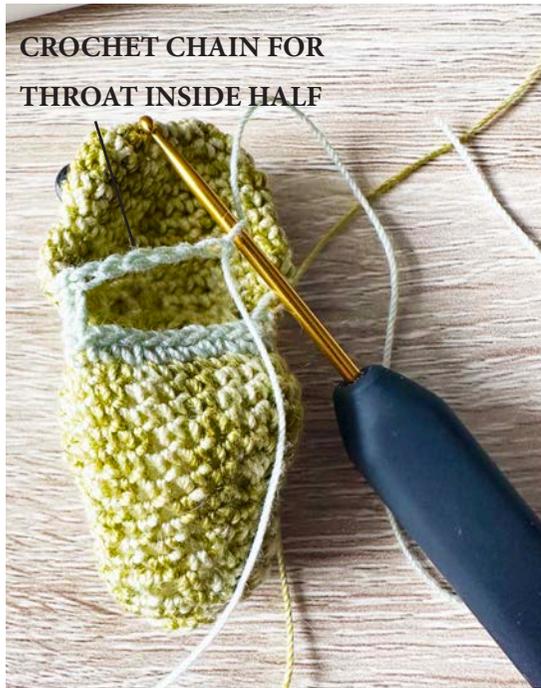


FIG. 9

Round 2. 1DC in 13dc, 1DC in 6ch, *move marker to here*, 1DC in slip st - 20sts

Round 3. dec) 1DC in 4dc, DC2tog, 1DC in 2dc, DC2tog, 1DC in 10dc to beginning of round - 18sts

Round 4. dec) 1DC in 3dc, DC2tog, 1DC in 2dc, DC2tog, 1DC in 9dc to beginning of round - 16sts

Round 5. dec) 1DC in 3dc, DC4tog, 1DC in next dc then slip stitch in each remaining dc to beginning of round

Cut yarn and fasten off.

Join the Throat to Head Top Seam

Ref. Figs. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 & 15

Flatten the Throat, pushing the inside half against the outer crochet.

Find the centre of the Front Edge and mark with a pin.

Mark the first round of the Head Top and mark with a pin.

Thread up a sewing needle with a suitable shade of sewing thread (*I'm using sewing thread because I can get a finer and neater seam*) and work a couple of stitches to hold the two pinned points together. Remove the pins

Then, working along one side of the mouth join upper mouth to lower mouth with small, neat over-sew stitches, securing the yarn when this first side seam is complete, try and bring the top lip over the lower mouth a little to create a slight protrusion.

Stuff the head, not too much but enough to cover the eye stalks, and more into the body if needed, before closing the second seam similarly.



FIG. 10



FIG. 11



FIG. 12



FIG. 13



FIG. 14



FIG. 15

HIND LEGS

The Hind Legs are knitted independently and sewn on, with wires (*optional*) after you've crocheted them, as follows:

Left and Right Hind Legs are worked similarly

Each Leg is worked in rounds of double crochet (DC), starting at the top of the leg then working down to the webbed feet as follows:

With yarn A make a magic loop leaving a long tail end (**I use this tail end to join the leg to the body afterwards*)

Round 1. 6 DC into loop - 6sts

Round 2. inc) [DCinc2, 1DC in next dc] three times - 9sts

Pull on the tail end of the yarn to close the loop but don't close completely as you'll need enough space to pass the wire through (*if using*)

Rounds 3-5. - I don't place a marker to determine the start of the round, instead I count a total of 27dc around which quantifies 3 rounds

Round 6. inc) [DCinc2, 1DC in each next 2dc] three times - 12sts

Rounds 7-9. 1DC in 36dc around (3 rounds)

Round 10. dec) [DC2tog, 1DC in each next 4dc] twice - 10sts

Round 11. dec) [DC2tog, 1DC in each next 3dc] twice- 8sts

Rounds 12-21. 1DC in 80dc around (10 rounds)

Add Webbed Feet 'Toes'

Round 22. Make 3CH for **Toe 1:** 1DC in 2nd ch from hook, 1DC in next ch, slip stitch at the bottom of 3ch.

1DC in each next 3dc.

Make 3CH for **Toe 2:** 1DC in 2nd ch from hook, 1DC in next ch, slip stitch at the bottom of 3ch.

1DC in each next 2dc.

Make 3CH for **Toe 3:** 1DC in 2nd ch from hook, 1DC in next ch, slip stitch at the bottom of 3ch, 1DC in next dc, slip stitch in last dc of round and fasten off leaving a long tail end.

Complete the Foot

Ref. Fig. 16

**Using a yarn sewing needle, use the yarn end to shape and strengthen each toe by sewing back and forth through them.*

Optional Take a needle and matching sewing thread and do the same as with the yarn, sewing back and forth through the toes and around them to build up their shape and strength. NOTE: *I like wet the limbs slightly and pull and mould into shape.*

NOTE: Don't close the opening at the bottom of the foot just yet.**



FIG. 16

Adding Wire

Ref. Figs. 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 & 22

1. Cut the wire in half then find the centre of a single 18cm/ 7in wire by bending in half
2. Pass the wire into the body so that both ends emerge at the hips and are of equal length
- ****3. Working on one leg at a time, pass one end through one of the legs from top of the leg to emerge at the foot end, bend the emerging wire over to lose the sharp end
4. Bind yarn around the bent edges to stop them poking through the foot, passing the yarn through the loop created at the bend before threading the needle and yarn through the bundled-up/ wrapped yarn to secure it, and around the sharp ends.
3. Join across the bottom of the foot, before the toes, to close the seam and the keep the wire from poking through
4. Join the Leg to the body by over-sewing around the top of the leg, so joining it to the hip
5. Use your hook to pull through small amounts of toy stuffing to fill the leg a little.*****



FIG. 17, push the wire through the leg, when it emerges at the foot and, bend it over to lose the sharp end



FIG. 18, bind yarn around and around the bent end



FIG. 19



FIG. 20



FIG. 21, join the top of the leg at the hip to join leg to body



FIG. 22, use your hook to pull through small amounts of toy filling to fill the legs out a little

FORELEGS

The Forelegs are knitted independently and sewn on, with wires (*optional*) after you've crocheted them, as follows:

Left and Right Forelegs are worked similarly

Each Leg is worked in rounds of double crochet (DC), starting at the top of the leg then working down to the webbed feet as follows:

With yarn A make a magic loop leaving a long tail end (**I use this tail end to join the leg to the body afterwards*)

Round 1. 6 DC into loop - 6sts

Round 2. inc [DCinc2, 1DC in each next 2dc] twice- 8sts

Pull on the tail end of the yarn to close the loop but don't close completely as you'll need enough space to pass the wire through (*if using*)

Rounds 3-11. - I don't place a marker to determine the start of the round, instead I count a total of 72dc around which quantifies 9 rounds (*add rounds for longer legs*)

Add Webbed Feet 'Toes'

Round 12. Make 3CH for **Toe 1**: 1DC in 2nd ch from hook, 1DC in next ch, slip stitch at the bottom of 3ch. 1DC in each next 3dc.

Make 3CH for **Toe 2**: 1DC in 2nd ch from hook, 1DC in next ch, slip stitch at the bottom of 3ch. 1DC in each next 2dc.

Make 3CH for **Toe 3**: 1DC in 2nd ch from hook, 1DC in next ch, slip stitch at the bottom of 3ch, 1DC in next dc, slip stitch in last dc of round and fasten off leaving a long tail end.

Complete the Foot

Complete the feet as Hind Leg from * to **.

Adding Wire Ref. Figs. 23, 24 & 25

1. Find the centre of the 16cm/ 7in wire by bending in half, trim off about 2.5cm/ inch each end
2. Pass the wire into the body so that both ends emerge at the shoulders and are of equal length, finish as Hind Legs from *** to ****.



FIG. 23, *push the wire through the body to emerge at the shoulders*



FIG. 24, *bend the end over then bind yarn around and around the bent end as you did for the hind legs. Sew the forelegs onto the body and stuff lightly as hind legs*



FIG. 25, *what I like to do with items crocheted with cotton yarn is to dampen the crochet (not soak) and then mould and sculpt the crochet in shape*



+ shirt & shorts & dress

FINISHED SIZE Designed to fit Crochet Frog

YARN A Small amount 4-ply yarn in pale blue for T Shirt, white for Shorts, pink for Dress

YARN B a couple lengths green mohair

I used:

*T Shirt: **A** - Cardiff Cashmere Brushlight shade 119 Mose; **B** - Venne Mohair shade Lime Green*

*Shorts: **A** - Cardiff Cashmere Brushlight shade 101 White*

*Dress: **A** - (Vi)laines - Boulettes Chaussettes Sock shade 6E02 Japanese Spring, plus a length of yarn or thread for the petals motif*

HOOK 2mm (or 1.8mm) - favourites are KnitPro Soft Grip Crochet Hook and/ or 1.8mm & Tulip Etime Red Crochet Hook

TENSION

18 stitches and 21 rows to 5cm (2in) over double crochet using 1.8mm hook and yarn A.

STOCKISTS

I bought the Cardiff Cashmere from [Knittedhome.com](https://www.knittedhome.com); the mohair from [Etsy](https://www.etsy.com) & the (Vi)laines from [Loop](https://www.loopknitting.com)

T SHIRT is worked in rows and rounds of double crochet (DC)

Starting at the **Waist Edge** with yarn **A** make 25CH

Row 1 (RS). 1DC in 2nd ch from hook then 1DC in each dc, do not turn but join into a ring with slip stitch in first dc - 24sts

Round 1. (RS). 1CH (*not counted as a stitch*), 1DC in each 24dc, slip stitch to 1ch

Rounds 2-8. Repeat last round seven times

Create Armholes

Round 9. dec) 1CH (*not counted as a stitch*), 1DC in next 7dc, slip stitch in next 5dc, 1DC in next 7dc, slip stitch in next 5dc, slip stitch in 1ch at beginning of round - 14sts

Round 10. inc) 1CH (*not counted as a stitch*), 1DC in next 7dc, make 7CH, skip 5 slip sts, 1DC in next 7dc, make 7CH, skip 5 slip sts, slip stitch in 1ch at beginning of round - 28sts

Round 11. 1CH (*not counted as a stitch*), 1DC in each 28sts, slip stitch to 1ch at beginning of round

Round 12. dec) 1CH (*not counted as a stitch*), 1DC in next 7dc, DC2tog, 1DC in 3dc, DC2tog, 1DC in next 7dc, DC2tog, 1DC in 3dc, DC2tog, slip stitch in 1ch at beginning of round - 24sts

Round 13. dec) 1CH (*not counted as a stitch*), 1DC in next 7dc, DC2tog, 1DC in 1dc, DC2tog, 1DC in next 7dc, DC2tog, 1DC in 1dc, DC2tog, slip stitch in 1ch at beginning of round before fastening off at Neck - 20sts

Then, with yarn **A**, work 1DC in each 20dc for the contrasting trim, fasten off with slip stitch in next 2 sts.

Complete the seam joining the edges together at the first row. Weave in the yarn ends.

SLEEVES

Ref. Fig. 26 & 27

Return to the 7 chain at the armhole, continue as follows:

Left Sleeve, Neck Edge towards you, starting from **A**:

***Row 1.** 1CH (*not counted as a stitch*), 1DC in each 7ch, Turn

Row 2. 1CH (*not counted as a stitch*), 1DC in each 7dc, Turn

Row 3. 1CH (*not counted as a stitch*), 1DC in each 7dc then 1DC in each of 5 slip stitches ending with slip stitch in 1CH - 12sts

Continue to work in rounds as follows:

Round 1. 1CH (*not counted as a stitch*), 1DC in each 12dc

Rounds 2-3. Repeat last round twice then fasten off with slip stitch in next 2 sts**.

Right Sleeve, Neck Edge towards you, starting from **B**:

Continue as Left Sleeve from * to **.

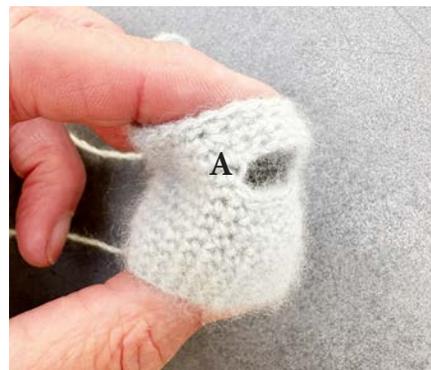


FIG. 26, work dc into each 7 chain starting from **A** for Left Sleeve

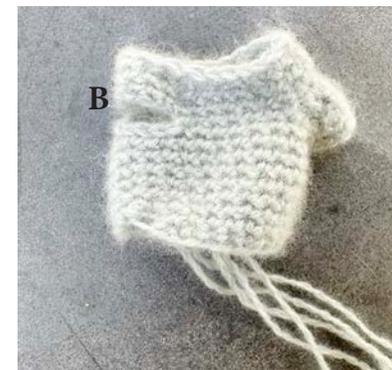


FIG. 27, work dc into each 7 chain starting from **B** for Right Sleeve

Finishing Touches

Ref. Fig. 28 Work a simple frog motif on the front of the t shirt as follows: secure yarn **A** on the WS of the t shirt, embroider four straight stitches horizontally; altering the length slightly, longest at the top, shortest at the bottom. Then, work 2 French knots either side of the top embroidered straight stitch. Secure yarn **B** on the WS of the t shirt.

Take a length of black sewing thread and work a small French knot into the centre of the yarn French knot and work a single straight stitch across the middle of the yarn straight stitches as a mouth.



FIG. 28

Finishing Touches

Ref. Fig. 28 Work a simple frog motif on the front of the t shirt as follows: secure yarn A on the WS of the t shirt, embroider four straight stitches horizontally; altering the length slightly, longest at the top, shortest at the bottom. Then, work 2 French knots either side of the top embroidered straight stitch. Secure yarn B on the WS of the t shirt. Take a length of black sewing thread and work a small French knot into the centre of the yarn French knot and work a single straight stitch across the middle of the yarn straight stitches as a mouth.

SHORTS

This pattern is worked in rows and rounds of double crochet (DC)

Starting at the **Waist Edge** with yarn A make 23CH

Row 1 (RS). 1DC in 2nd ch from hook then 1DC in each dc, do not turn but join into a ring with slip stitch in first dc - 22sts

Round 1. (RS). 1CH (*not counted as a stitch*), 1DC in each 22dc, slip stitch to 1ch

Rounds 2-6. Repeat last round five times

Leg #1

***Round 7.** dec) 1CH (*not counted as a stitch*), 1DC in next 11dc, skip next 11dc, slip stitch to 1ch at beginning of round

Round 8. inc) 1CH (*not counted as a stitch*), 1DC in next 11dc, slip stitch to 1ch

Round 9. Repeat last round once, fasten off with slip stitch in next 2 sts.

(add more or less rounds for longer or shorter shorts/ trousers)

Weave in the yarn ends.**

Leg #2

Ref. Fig. 29

Hook in and pull yarn through a dc in remaining 11 dc for Leg #2, rejoin yarn A, continue as Leg #1 from * to **.

Complete the seam joining the edges together at the first row of Waist Edge.

Weave in the yarn ends.



FIG. 29

DRESS is worked in rows and rounds of double crochet (DC)

Starting at the Neck Edge with yarn A make 31CH

Row 1 (RS). 1DC in 2nd ch from hook then 1DC in each dc, do not turn but join into a ring with slip stitch in first dc - 30sts

Round 1. (RS). 1CH (*not counted as a stitch*), 1DC in each 30dc, slip stitch to 1ch

Create Sleeves

Round 2. 1CH (*not counted as a stitch*), 1DC in next 2dc, skip 11 sts, make 11CH, 1DC in next 4dc, skip 11 sts, make 11CH, 1DC in next 2dc to beginning of round, slip stitch to 1ch at beginning of round

Round 3. 1CH (*not counted as a stitch*), 1DC in each 30sts, slip stitch to 1ch at beginning of round

Round 4. inc) 1CH (*not counted as a stitch*), 1DC in next 13dc, DCinc2, 1DC in next 2dc, DCinc2, 1DC in next 13dc to beginning of round, slip stitch to 1ch at beginning of round - 32sts

Round 5. 1CH (*not counted as a stitch*), 1DC in each 32sts, slip stitch to 1ch at beginning of round

Round 6. inc) 1CH (*not counted as a stitch*), 1DC in next 13dc, DCinc2, 1DC in next 4dc, DCinc2, 1DC in next 13dc to beginning of round, slip stitch to 1ch at beginning of round - 34sts

Round 7. 1CH (*not counted as a stitch*), 1DC in each 34sts, slip stitch to 1ch at beginning of round

Round 8. inc) 1CH (*not counted as a stitch*), 1DC in next 13dc, DCinc2, 1DC in next 6dc, DCinc2, 1DC in next 13dc to beginning of round, slip stitch to 1ch at beginning of round - 36sts

Round 9. 1CH (*not counted as a stitch*), 1DC in each 36sts, slip stitch to 1ch at beginning of round

Rounds 10-15. Repeat last round six times (*add more or less rounds for longer or shorter dress*)

Round 16. 1CH (*not counted as a stitch*), *1DC in 1dc, skip next stitch, 1CH** repeat from * to ** around, then fasten off with slip stitch in next 2 sts**.

Complete the waist seam by joining the edges together at the first row of Waist Edge.

Weave in the yarn ends.



FIG. 30

Finishing Touches

Ref. Fig. 30 Secure some contrasting yarn or thread and embroider a couple of lazy daisy stitches to create two petals at the front of the dress with a French knot in the centre and a single straight stitch as a stalk.



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