Crochet • Beginner (first amigurumi)

Little Acorn

A small stuffed acorn crocheted in spiral rounds: a magic ring, a few increases and plain rounds for the nut, then a wider cap to sit on top. A gentle first amigurumi.

Size

About 2½ in (6.5 cm) tall and 1¾ in (4.5 cm) across.

Materials

- Yarn: worsted-weight (#4) cotton or acrylic in two colours, about 10 yds (9 m) of A (nut) and 8 yds (7 m) of B (cap and stem).
- Hook: US E-4 (3.5 mm), a little smaller than the yarn label asks for, so the stuffing doesn't show.
- Notions: a handful of polyester fibrefill, a stitch marker, tapestry needle.

Gauge

Not critical; keep the stitches tight.

Abbreviations

ch: chain
sl st: slip stitch
rep: repeat
sc: single crochet
st(s): stitch(es)
*: repeat the instructions after the * as directed

Notes

- US crochet terms.
- Work in a spiral: don't join at the end of a round. Move the marker up to the first stitch of each new round.
- The nut and the cap are separate pieces; the cap starts with its own magic ring.

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Place a marker in the first stitch of each round.

☐ Nut

Round 1: With A, 6 sc in a magic ring. Pull the ring tight. (6 sc)
Round 2: *Sc in the next st, 2 sc in the next st; rep from * 2 more times. (9 sc)
Round 3: *Sc in the next 2 sts, 2 sc in the next st; rep from * 2 more times. (12 sc)
Round 4: *Sc in the next 3 sts, 2 sc in the next st; rep from * 2 more times. (15 sc)
Round 5: *Sc in the next 4 sts, 2 sc in the next st; rep from * 2 more times. (18 sc)
Rounds 6–10: Sc in each st around. (18 sc)

☐ Cap

Round 11: With B, 6 sc in a new magic ring. Pull the ring tight. (6 sc)
Round 12: 2 sc in each st around. (12 sc)
Round 13: *Sc in the next st, 2 sc in the next st; rep from * around. (18 sc)
Round 14: *Sc in the next 5 sts, 2 sc in the next st; rep from * around. (21 sc)
Rounds 15–16: Sc in each st around. (21 sc)

☐ Finishing

- Nut: fasten off A, leaving a short tail. Stuff the nut firmly.
- Cap: sl st in the next st, fasten off B leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail. Put the cap over the open top of the nut and sew it on all round with the tail, adding a little more stuffing before you close it.
- Stem: with B, ch 5. Sl st in the 2nd ch from the hook and in the next 3 ch. Fasten off and sew the stem to the centre of the cap. Weave in the ends.
- Small parts and stuffing: not for children under 3.

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