

Amigurumi Felted Sheep

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Not sure if you can really call her Amigurumi if she's felted and in half-double crochet, but she is definitely in the Amigurumi style!



Supplies:

Wool yarn that is suitable for felting

I hook, or one size larger than recommended, particularly if you crochet tightly for everything except the hoofs.

G hook, or 2 sizes smaller, for the hoofs.

Eyes – 9mm are shown.

Fiberfill stuffing for head and upper body.

Heavier fill, such as in beanbag toys and dolls, for legs and lower body.

Notes:

Do all work in rounds, without joining rounds.

Use all half-double crochets, except for the final stitch on each individual piece and when decreasing stitches.

For decreasing, use single crochet 2 together as follows:

Insert hook in next stitch and pull up a loop; insert hook in next stitch and pull up a loop; yarn over and pull through both loops on hook.

Finished size after felting is 6" tall by 7" long.

Nose:

In contrast color using I hook (or your larger hook).

Ch 3. 6 half-double crochets in the third chain from hook.

2 half-double crochets in each stitch - 12 stitches.

Alternate 1 half-double crochet, 2 half-double crochets in each stitch – 18 stitches.

Work 1 round even. Final stitch is a single crochet. Fasten off.

2 Ears:

In contrast color using I hook (or your larger hook).

Ch 3. 6 half-double crochets in the third chain from hook.

Alternate 1 half-double crochet, 2 half-double crochets in each stitch – 9 stitches.

Work 2 more rounds at 9 stitches.

Alternate single crochet 2 stitches together and 1 half-double crochet – 6 stitches.

Final stitch is a single crochet.

Fasten off, but do not close.

Face:

Begin with contrast color using I hook (or your larger hook).

Ch 3. 6 half-double crochets in the third chain from hook.

2 half-double crochets in each stitch - 12 stitches.

Alternate 1 half-double crochet, 2 half-double crochets in each stitch - 18 stitches.

Half-double crochet in next 3 stitches, 2 half-double crochets in next stitch - 24 stitches.

Switch to main color in last step of last stitch. Break off contrast color.

Half-double crochet in next 3 stitches, 2 half-double crochets in next stitch - 30 stitches.

Work 3 more rounds even - 30 stitches.

Half-double crochet in next 3 stitches, single crochet 2 stitches together - 24 stitches.

Half-double crochet in next 2 stitches, single crochet 2 stitches together - 18 stitches.

Half-double crochet in next stitch, single crochet 2 stitches together - 12 stitches.

Single crochet 2 stitches together around LOOSELY - 6 stitches.

Fasten off, but do not close.

2 Hind Legs:

Begin with contrast color using G hook (or your smaller hook).

Ch 3. 6 half-double crochets in the third chain from hook.

2 half-double crochets in each stitch - 12 stitches.

Work 1 row even, switching to main color in last loop of round - 12 stitches.

Also, switch to your I or larger hook.

Work 1 row even - 12 stitches.

Half-double crochet in next 3 stitches, 2 half-double crochets in next stitch - 15 stitches.

Work even for 2 rounds - 15 stitches.

Your last stitch should be a single crochet.

Fasten off, but do not close.

2 Front Legs:

Begin with contrast color using G hook (or your smaller hook).

Ch 3. 6 half-double crochets in the third chain from hook.

2 half-double crochets in each stitch - 12 stitches.

Work 1 row even, switching to main color in last loop of round - 12 stitches.

Also, switch to your I or larger hook.

Work even for 4 rounds.

Your last stitch should be a single crochet.

Fasten off, but do not close.

Body:

In main color using I hook (or our larger hook).

Ch 3. 6 half-double crochets in the third chain from hook.

2 half-double crochets in each stitch - 12 stitches.

Alternate 1 half-double crochet, 2 half-double crochets in each stitch - 18 stitches.

Half-double crochet in next 3 stitches, 2 half-double crochets in next stitch - 24 stitches.

Half-double crochet in next 3 stitches, 2 half-double crochets in next stitch - 30 stitches.

Half-double crochet in next 4 stitches, 2 half-double crochets in next stitch - 36 stitches.

Work even for 6 rounds - 36 stitches.

Half-double crochet in next 4 stitches, single crochet 2 stitches together - 30 stitches.

Half-double crochet in next 3 stitches, single crochet 2 stitches together - 24 stitches.

Half-double crochet in next 2 stitches, single crochet 2 stitches together - 18 stitches.

Half-double crochet in next stitch, single crochet 2 stitches together - 12 stitches.

Single crochet 2 stitches together around LOOSELY - 6 stitches.

Fasten off, but do not close.

Tail:

In main color using I hook (or our larger hook).

Ch 3. 6 half-double crochets in the third chain from hook.

Alternate 1 half-double crochet, 2 half-double crochets in each stitch - 9 stitches.

Work 2 more rounds at 9 stitches.

Final stitch is a single crochet.

Fasten off, but do not close.



Sheep pieces before felting.



Sheep pieces after felting.

Making Up:

Sew ears and nose to head, positioning nose toward bottom of contrasting portion of face. Place all pieces in a lingerie bag. Place bag in washer with hot water and other heavy clothing or towels. Check pieces after 10 minutes of agitation, and every 10 minutes thereafter until you get the look you like. My sheep took 30 minutes of agitation, but all yarns are different.

Affix eyes to head. Stuff head with light fiberfill type stuffing. Sew shut and then sew to body. Stuff legs with pellets or heavy, weighted stuffing. Sew onto body. Stuff the lower part of body with the heavier stuffing, and fill to the top with fluff. Sew shut. Sew tail.

Knit or crochet a nice little scarf for you sheep and take her photo!

