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Another Pixie Purrfect Pattern

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This adorable bathtub playmate is reproduced in detailed crochet. It stands four and a half inches long by three inches wide by three and a half inches tall.

In the last few years, the “Duckie’s” have become very collectible. Start a collection of your very own.

This classic bath time buddy brings back many fond memories. And if you take it in the bath, probably won't float, but will bring back fond memories of a simpler time.

YOU WILL NEED

- 3.0mm Crochet Hook
- 3.5mm (E/4) Crochet Hook
- Color A: Paton’s Melody in Sunny Yellow (CA)
- Color B: Bernat Satin in Sunset (CB)
- PixieKitten Sparkle Animal Eyes (6.0mm) - Solid Black (Safety Eyes)
- Stitch Marker or contrasting yarn to mark rows
- Stuffing: Fiberfill or desired stuffing material
- Hemostat or other stuffing tool
- Wool Needle or Large Tapestry Needle for sewing the pieces together.
- Scissors
- Size: 3.5" tall and 4.5" from bill to tail

ABBREVIATIONS

CA = Color A

CB = Color B

ch = chain

dc = double crochet (UK treble crochet)

hdc = half double crochet

hdc2tog = half double crochet 2 stitches together (decrease)

MC = Magic Circle

mm = millimeter(s)

sc = single crochet (UK double crochet)

sc2tog = single crochet 2 stitches together (decrease)

sc3tog = single crochet 3 stitches together (decrease)

sk = skip

sl st = slip stitch (UK/Aus single crochet)

st = stitch(es)

STITCHES USED

Single Crochet (sc) = Insert hook in stitch, yarn over hook and pull through (2 loops on hook). Yarn over and pull through 2 loops.

Half Double Crochet (hdc) = Yarn over hook and insert hook into stitch, yarn over hook and pull through. (3 loops on hook) Yarn over and pull through all 3 loops.

Double Crochet (dc) = Yarn over hook and insert hook into stitch, yarn over hook and pull through 2 loops. (2 loops on hook) Yarn over and pull through 2 loops.

Single Crochet 2 together (sc2tog) = Insert hook in stitch, yarn over hook and pull through and insert hook in next st, yarn over and pull through (3 loops on hook). Yarn over and pull through all 3 loops. (Decrease 1 stitch)

Single Crochet 3 together (sc3tog) = Insert hook in stitch, yarn over hook and pull through and insert hook in next st, yarn over and pull through and insert hook in next st, yarn over and pull through (4 loops on hook). Yarn over and pull through all 4 loops. (Decrease 2 stitches)

Half Double Crochet 2 together (hdc2tog) = Yarn over hook and insert hook into stitch, yarn over hook and pull through and insert hook in next st, yarn over and pull through. (4 loops on hook) Yarn over and pull through all 4 loops. (Decrease 1 stitch)

Magic Circle (MC) or Adjustable Ring = Wrap yarn around 3 fingers making a loop with the loose end under the working yarn, with hook reach under the loose yarn (above where the yarns cross) and pull the working yarn through and chain 1 stitch (1 loop on hook). Working around the yarn held by the chain stitch, single crochet the number of stitches called for in the pattern. For an MC of 6, you would crochet 6 single crochet stitches around the starting loop. Then pull the loose end of the yarn tight and you have made your Magic Circle. (Alternate instructions are provide for (ch 2 and in second ch from hook 6 sc in st)

NOTES:

Do not join rounds unless otherwise indicated.

Use a yarn marker or contrasting yarn to mark rows.

Insert PixieKitten Sparkle Eyes then secure safety backs before stuffing.

Keep the crochet stitches close together so the stuffing won't show.

The number in brackets (#) at the end of the row is the number of stitches you should have in that row.

PATTERN DIRECTIONS**BODY** (Using 3.5mm hook)

1. In CA, MC of 6 or (ch 2 and in second ch from hook, 6 sc in st) (6)
2. 2 sc in each st. (12)
3. *1 sc in st, 2 sc in st* repeat from * to * around. (18)
4. *1 sc in 2 st, 2 sc in st* repeat from * to * around. (24)
5. 1 sc in 4 st, *2 hdc in st, 1 dc in 4 st, 2 hdc in st* 1 sc in 6 sc, repeat from * to *, 1 sc in 2 st. (28)
6. 1 sc in 18 st, 1 hdc in 2 st, 1 dc in 4 st, 1 hdc in 2 st, 1 sc in 2 st. (28)
7. 1 sc in 18 st, 1 hdc in 3 st, 1 dc in 2 st, 1 hdc in 3 st, 1 sc in 2 st. (28)
8. 1 sc in 19 st, sc2tog, hdsc2tog, hdsc2tog, sc2tog, 1 sc in st. (24)
9. 1 sc in 6 st, sc2tog, 1 sc in st, sc2tog, 1 sc in 6 st, 1 hdc in st, sc2tog (3 times.) (19)
10. 1 hdc in st, 1 sc in 4 st, 1 hdc in 6 st, 1 sc in 4 st, 1 hdc in st, sc2tog, 1 hdc in st. (18)
11. *1 sc in st, sc2tog* repeat from * to * around. (12)
12. 1 sc in each st (12) and fasten off with long tail for sewing pieces together.

HEAD (Using 3.5mm hook)

1. In CA, MC of 6 or (ch 2 and in 2nd ch from hook, 6 sc in st) (6)
2. 2 sc in each st. (12)
3. *1 sc in st, 2 sc in st* repeat from * to * around. (18)
- 4-5. 1 sc in each st (18)
6. *1 sc in st, sc2tog* repeat from * to * around. (12)
7. *Sc2tog* repeat from * to * around (6) and fasten off with tail for sewing pieces together.



BILL (Top) (Using 3.0mm hook)

1. In CB, Ch 13, in second ch from hook, 1 sc in 3 st, sc2tog (3 times), 1 sc in 3 st, ch 1 to turn. (9)
2. 1 sl st in st, 1 sc in 2 st, sc3tog, 1 sc in 2 st, 1 sl st in st (7) and fasten off with long tail for attaching to head.

BILL (Bottom) (Using 3.0mm hook)

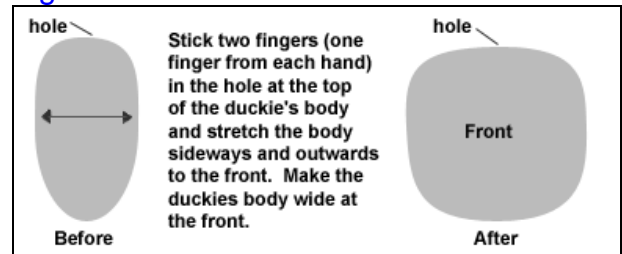
1. In CB, Ch 11, in second ch from hook, 1 sc in 2 st, sc2tog (3 times), 1 sc in 2 st, ch 1 to turn. (7)
2. 1 sl st in st, 1 sc in st, sc3tog, 1 sc in st, 1 sl st in st (5) and fasten off with long tail for attaching to the head.

ASSEMBLING

Insert the PixieKitten Sparkle Animal Eyes and secure the safety backs **before** stuffing the head. Keep the placement of the eyes to the top third of the head, as you will need space to sew the bill in place later.

Stuff the head and body pieces with fiberfill, making each firm but not overstuffed and shaping the piece as you stuff. The crocheted duckie body will stretch quite a bit, so don't be afraid to stretch it to get the shaping correct.

With stuffing in the duckie body, use your fingers (one finger from each hand) through the stuffing hole to make the front of the duckie wider and pressing the fiberfill into the wider curve (as in Figure 1.) then stuff in more fiberfill into the center to hold the shape. You may need to repeat this after you shape the tail section in Figure 2. Repeat until you are satisfied with the shape.

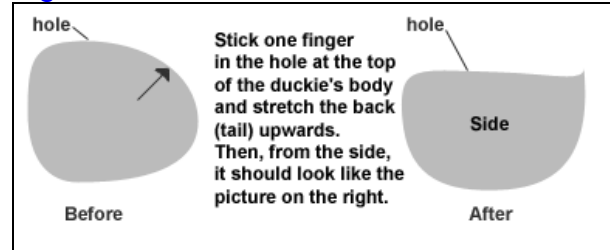
Figure 1

Tip: Don't be afraid to pull the stuffing out and start over to get the right shape.

Using one finger, push upwards at the back of the duckie (where the tail should be) so it becomes pointed at the tail (as in Figure 2.) and then make sure there is enough fiberfill in the back to keep the tail shape.

If needed, go back to Figure 1 and repeat. When you are happy with the shape, then you can close the stuffing hole. With the tail, weave the tail through the stitches around the hole and pull to close the hole. Sew across the closed spot to keep it closed and weave the tails in.

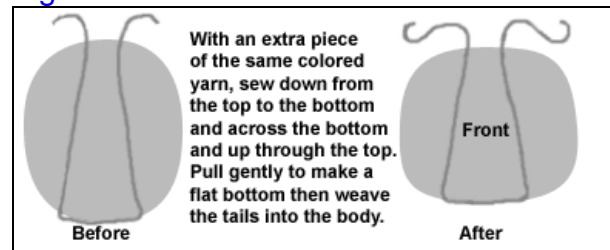
Figure 2




Tip: to create the shape after the duckie is finished, or handled a great deal, you can create the tail bump by taking a crochet hook and inserting it in the tail area and pulling upwards gently.

Now that the shape is right, we need to keep the bottom of the body flat, so the duckie will sit straight, you will need an extra piece of CA yarn. Using the extra piece, sew from the top of the body to the bottom and then sew across the bottom and back through up to the top, pull gently until the bottom is flat. This gives the duckie a more squat shape and allows the bottom to be flat (as in Figure 3.) Then weave the tails back into the body.

Figure 3

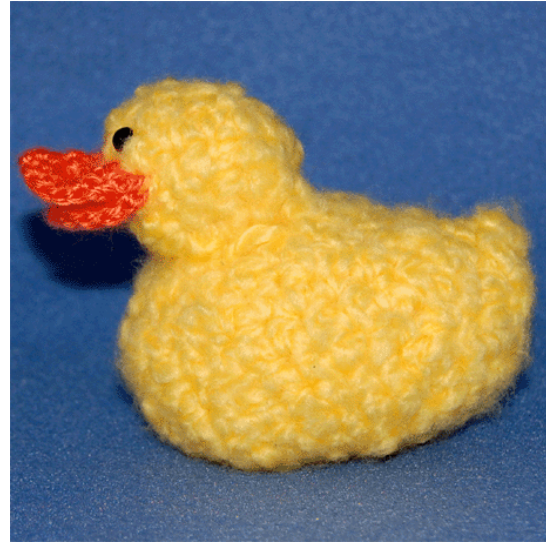


Tip: Think about the shape of a Rubber Duckie, they are squat and wide. But we are just aiming for a flatter bottom.

 **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Make sure the safety eyes are in and the safety backs are secured **before** you stuff and sew the head closed. . Keep the placement of the eyes to the top third of the head, as you will need space to sew the bill in place later.

To sew hole closed in the Head, weave the tail through the stitches around the hole and pull to close the hole. Then Sew across the closed spot to keep it closed. Now you are ready to attach the head to the body of the duckie.

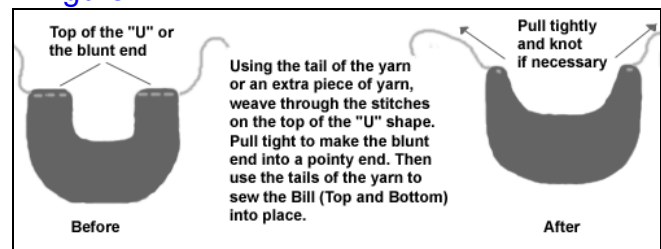
Using the tail on the Head, sew the Head to the front of the duckie. Make sure that the Head is in line with or slightly forward of the front of the body (as shown in the picture.) Pin the front of the head to the body and then using the tail, sew the head starting at the back of the head.



Next, to make sure that the bill is easier to attach, you are going to need to prepare the Bill (Top) and Bill (Bottom) pieces, before they can be sewn on. The blunt ends or the top of the "U" shape of the bills need to be made pointy.

Take the tail of the yarn and weave it through the stitches on the blunt end or the top of the "U" shape (as in Figure 4,) then pull the tail tight to make the end a pointy shape and knot if necessary. Now, the Bill (Top and Bottom) will be ready to sew onto the Head.

Figure 4



Once the preparation is done on the Bill (top and bottom,) you can attach Bill (top) to front of the head below the Eyes and curving the corners up slightly so the duckie is smiling. If you don't want a smiling duckie, then sew the bill on level with no curving. It is not always easy to ensure that the bill is going to end up with the corners curving up slightly. But don't worry as there should be enough give that you can shape it after by pulling up slightly on the corners of the bill.

Then sew the Bill (bottom) below the top bill, you will make sure that the corner of the Bill (Bottom) is very close to the corner of the Bill (Top.) Now, this won't be exact as the bottom Bill is slightly smaller than the top. Position the Bill (Bottom) slightly under and inside the Bill (Top) but as close as you can get it to the corner. As you sew the Bill (Bottom) in place make the center of the Bill (Bottom) lower so it is like a smile (Close at the corners but apart in the middle.)

Once you have both Bills attached, flatten them together, and then with the tail sew the corner of the top and bottom bills together. This will make them look more like one piece at the base.

To give the bill expression, separate the bill at the very front so it looks like the bill is open. Grab the top bill and stick the tip of your finger in a bit (but not too much) to give the bill some shape. This will make the Bill (Top) bump up slightly in the middle and at the front edge. And then curve the corners upwards slightly.

Now your duckie is finished and should be ready to display.



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