

Koala Lovey

What You'll Need

MC: [Scheepjes Cahlista in 074 Mercury](#) – 2 balls (100% cotton, aran weight, 50g, 85m)

CC: [Scheepjes Cahlista](#) in your choice – 1 ball (100% cotton, aran weight, 50g, 85m)

I used 385 Chrystalline and 256 Cornelia Rose in my samples.

Scrap black, preferably [Scheepjes Cahlista](#) – about 2 metres

4mm hook (amigurumi parts)

6mm hook (mini-blanket)

5mm hook (border of mini-blanket)

Toy filling (or you can stuff the head with scrap yarn or anything you have at home that will be a bit squishy)

Stitch markers

Measurements

Mini-blanket: 16 rows and 17sts over 10 cm in YUdc

Head: not important, but stitches should be tight, so use at least a hook size down from what the yarn recommends.

Tension

Mini-blanket – 30 x 30cm blocked

Notes

This pattern is worked both amigurumi style in continuous rounds (with no joining) and sewn together to make the koala's head, and also back and forth in rows using the yarn under colourwork technique to make the mini-blanket.

Work instructions inside parentheses (...) the indicated number of times.

Special Abbreviation

YUdc (yarn under double crochet) is a colourwork technique using two strands of working yarn. To work the stitch insert hook with mc, yoh, pull up a loop, with cc yoh from front to back (keeping cc in front of mc), with mc yoh, pull through 3 loops.

Abbreviations

(UK terms)

Ch chain

MR magic ring

Ss slip stitch

St(s) stitch(es)

Ch chain

Dc double crochet

DcInc double crochet increase (2 sts increased in 1 st)

Dec double crochet decrease (1 st worked decreased over 2 sts)

HtrInc half treble crochet increase (2 sts increased in 1 st)

Tr treble crochet

YUdc yarn under double crochet

MC main colour

CC(1) contrast colour. Number denotes which colour to be used

Rep repeat

Pm place marker

Rm remove marker

Flo front loop only

Yoh yarn over hook

Instructions

Koala head

Working in rounds, with MC and 4mm hook

Round 1 6dc in MR (mark first st and move marker up each round to keep track of starting point) (6)

Round 2 6dcinc (12)

Round 3 (dclnc, dc) six times (18)

Round 4 (dclnc, 2dc) six times (24)

Round 5 (dclnc, 3dc) six times (30)

Round 6 (dclnc, 4dc) six times (36)

Round 7-17 36dc (36)

Round 18 dec twice, pm second dec, 14dc, dec twice, pm second dec, 13dc, dec, rm. (32)

Round 19 dec, pm, 12dc, dec twice, rm, pm second dec, 11dc, dec, ss. (28)

Cut yarn, leave tail long enough to sew top shut when assembling.

Ear

(make 2)

Working in rounds, with MC and 4mm hook

round 1 6dc in MR (6)

round 2 6dclnc (12)

round 3 (dclnc, dc) six times (18)

round 4 dclnc, pm in second st of dclnc, 8dc, dclnc, pm in second st of dclnc, 9dc (20)
(starting point is moved by 1 st)

round 5 20dc

round 6 dclnc, pm in second st of dclnc, 9dc, dclnc, pm in second st of dclnc, 10dc (22)
(starting point is moved by 1 st)

Round 7-10 22dc. Ss (22)

Cut yarn and leave tail to sew to head when assembling.



Nose

Working in rounds, with black and 4mm hook

Round 1 6dc in MR (6)

Round 2 6dcInc (12)

Round 3 (3htrinc, 3dc) twice, ss to join (18)

Cut yarn, leave long tail to sew to head and make eyes.

Mini Blanket

Working back and forth in rows using both MC and CC, 6mm hook

See short video tutorial [here](#).

Row 1 MC, ch42

Row 2 YUdc in third loop and each ch across to end (40)

Row 3 ch1 (does not count as a st), YUDC to end (40)

Row 4-42 rep row 3 (40)

Cut MC and continue working the border in CC.

Border

Working in rounds 5 and 6mm hooks

Round 1 turn, with 6mm hook, work 40ss loosely across to corner, ch1, 40ss across the rows (note, there are two more rows than border sts, so you will need to "lose" two sts). Continue around to end and ch1 and ss to 1st st of the round.

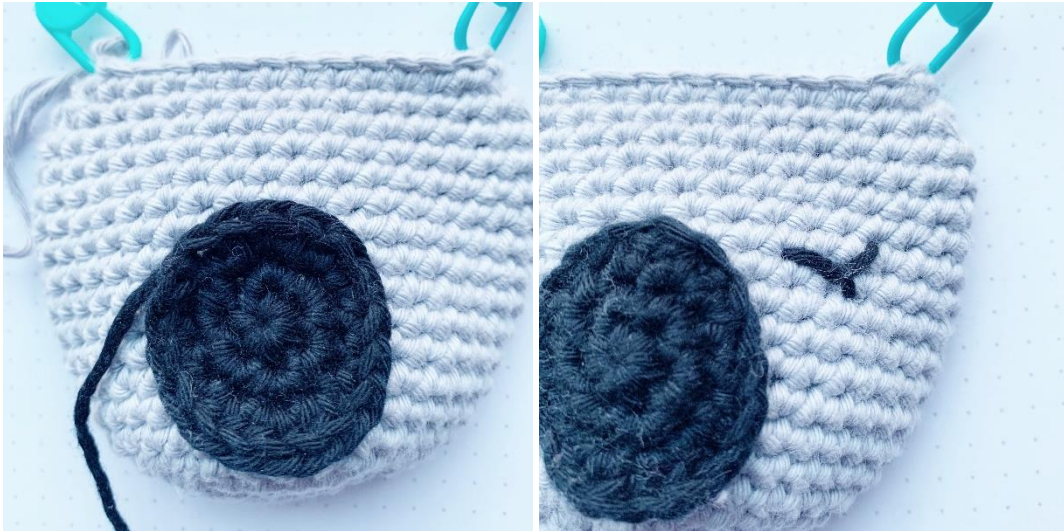
Round 2 change to 5mm hook, ch2, working into the ss, ltr to corner ch (tr, ch1 tr) in flo of corner ch, rep around to end, ss to join. Cut yarn.

Round 3 flip your work so the back is facing you, ss to join at a corner, ch2, tr in the back of the ss from round 1, rep round 2.

Round 4 now we'll join the two rounds. Ch1, dc in the flo of round 3 sts and the corresponding blo from round 2 sts to join the two rounds together. Rep to corner, 3dc in the corner ch, then rep all the way round to end. Ss to join, cut yarn, weave in ends and block.

Assembly

Position nose 7 rounds below opening at mid-point between markers, sew to head. Make eyes 1 st to the side of the nose, 3 sts wide and slightly angled (1 round) upwards at the outer side. Fasten the eye loop on row below to fix it in place.



Stuff the head with toy filling and sew shut. Attach ears to side of head on an angle, 3 sts in from the sides of the sewn shut head.



Sew the head to the middle of the blanket, either using the leftover yarn tails, or a new length of yarn, using round 3 of the head as your guide.

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