Worry monster with a pocket

US terms



Finished size

About 5 in (12.5 cm) tall from the base of the body and 7 in (18 cm) across the arms, with a mouth about 3½ in (9 cm) wide and a pocket about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) deep

Skill

Intermediate

13 pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn

Medium (4), 5 colors

Hook

3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge

20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet, in a spiral.

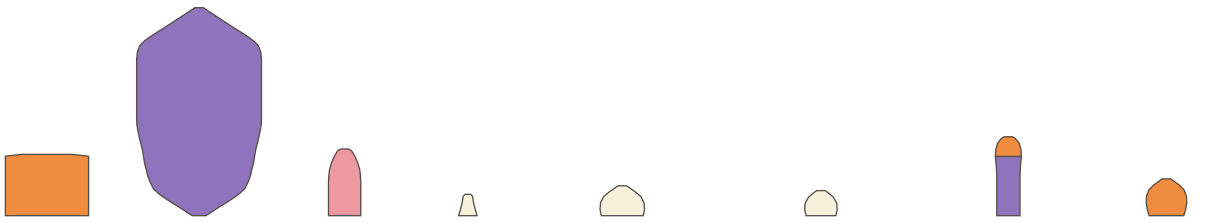
What you need

Yarn A: violet, body and arm	**about 120 yd (110 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: tangerine, pocket, arm and foot	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, several of the pieces	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: black, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: pink, tongue and the details	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 110 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins, scissors and two black plastic eyes with washers, 10 mm.

The pieces



Pocket

Body

Tongue

Fang x 2

Large eyeball
to the body

Small eyeball x 2
to the body

Arm x 2
to the body

Foot x 2
to the body

Envelope

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Gauge

20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, in a spiral.

To check it, work a flat circle: 6 sc in a magic ring, then 6 more sc in each round (12, 18, 24, 30, 36). After round 6 it should measure about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) across. The stitches should be tight enough that the stuffing does not show.

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Instructions

US terms.

sc single crochet (UK dc), **ch** chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc2tog** 2 sc made into one, **st** stitch.
2 sc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Sc in next 2 sts: one in each.
Rounds run in a **spiral**: mark the first stitch and move the marker up each round. **Working in the round**
(36 sc): the round now has 36; a check, not a step. **How to read a pattern**
Also: RS right side, yo yarn over.
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Special stitches

bobble: [yarn over, insert hook in the stitch, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops] 4 times in the same stitch, yarn over, pull through all 5 loops (United Kingdom: a bobble of 4 trebles). Push it out to the right side.

Pocket

Yarn B, tangerine.

☐ **Start**	With B, ch 36; being careful not to twist the chain, sl st in the first ch to form a ring. Round 1 begins in that same ch.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	Sc in each ch around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rounds 2 to 10**	Sc in each st around 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	(36 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 36 in (91 cm) tail for sewing. Press the tube flat, so that the foundation chain makes a straight double edge of 18 chains. With a new length of B (tangerine), sew this edge closed, chain to chain, through both layers. Turn the pocket inside out: the right side is now inside.	

Body

Yarn A, violet.

Round 1 is the middle of the base.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)

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☐ **Round 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Round 8**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Round 9**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	(54 sc)
☐ **Rounds 10 to 15**	Sc in each st around	(54 sc)

10 11 12 13 14 15

☐ **Round 16**	Sc in next 18 sts, ch 18 and skip next 18 sts, sc in next 18 sts	(54 sts)

Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 27 and 28 of round 16. It faces the front.

☐ **Round 17**	Sc in each st and in each ch around	(54 sc)
☐ **Rounds 18 to 22**	Sc in each st around	(54 sc)

18 19 20 21 22

☐ **Round 23**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 16 sts**] 3 times**	(51 sc)
☐ **Round 24**	Sc in each st around	(51 sc)
☐ **Round 25**	**[**sc in next 15 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Rounds 26 to 27**	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)

26 27

☐ **Round 28**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 3 times**	(45 sc)
☐ **Round 29**	Sc in each st around	(45 sc)
☐ **Round 30**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 13 sts**] 3 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Round 31**	Sc in each st around	(42 sc)
☐ **Round 32**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 33**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 34**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)

Sew in the pocket now (step 1 of Assembly). Then stuff firmly behind, above and below the pocket, leaving the pocket itself empty and flat, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Round 35**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 36**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 37**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	(6 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches, pull it tight to close the hole and bury the end inside.	

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Tongue

Yarn E, pink.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **Rounds 5 to 11**	Sc in each st around	(14 sc)

5 6 7 8 9 10 11

☐	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 7 stitches.	

Fang: make 2

Yarn C, cream.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	4 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	Sc in each st around	(4 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 4 stitches.	

Large eyeball

Yarn C, cream.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 3 times**	(21 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	Sc in each st around	(21 sc)

Fix the eyes now: three 10 mm black plastic eyes, one in the large eyeball and one in each small eyeball, each pushed through round 1 from the right side, close beside the middle of the magic ring. For a child under three, or a pet, leave them out and embroider them later.

☐ **Round 6**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	(18 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

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Small eyeball: make 2

Yarn C, cream.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 4 times**	(16 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	Sc in each st around	(16 sc)

Fix the eyes now: three 10 mm black plastic eyes, one in the large eyeball and one in each small eyeball, each pushed through round 1 from the right side, close beside the middle of the magic ring. For a child under three, or a pet, leave them out and embroider them later.

☐ **Round 5**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts	(13 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Arm: make 2

Begin with yarn B, tangerine.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rounds 3 to 4**	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)

3 4

☐ **Round 5**	With A, **[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rounds 6 to 13**	Sc in each st around	(10 sc)

6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

☐	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Foot: make 2

Yarn B, tangerine.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	Sc in next 6 sts, bobble in next st, sc in next 2 sts, bobble in next st, sc in next 2 sts, bobble in next st, sc in next 5 sts	(18 sts)
☐ **Rounds 5 to 6**	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)

5 6

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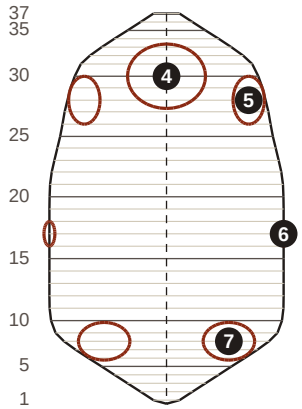
☐ **Round 7**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 3 times**	(15 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Envelope

Yarn C, cream.

☐ **Start**	With C, ch 18; being careful not to twist the chain, sl st in the first ch to form a ring. Round 1 begins in that same ch.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	Sc in each ch around	(18 sc)
☐ **Rounds 2 to 7**	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7	
☐	Fasten off and weave in the end. Press the tube flat, right side out, so that the foundation chain makes a straight double edge of 9 chains, the bottom of the envelope. With a new length of C (cream), sew this edge closed, chain to chain, through both layers. Round 7 is the top and stays open.	

Assembly



Body: 4 large eyeball, 5 small eyeballs, 6 arms, 7 feet

A number is the step below that puts it on; a letter is put on under Finishing. Each line is a round, counted as the rounds are worked. The upright broken line is the center line. A place with a broken edge is on the far side.

1. While the body is still open at the top, push the pocket in through the mouth (the slit of round 16) from the front, its closed edge first, its open edge at the slit. Its open edge (36 sts) goes all the way round the slit: pin 18 of its stitches to the 18 skipped stitches of round 15 along the lower lip, and the other 18 to the under side of the 18 chains along the upper lip, stitch to stitch. Sew them together all the way round with the tail of the pocket, and close the two corners with an extra stitch.

2. Lay the tongue in the mouth, its tip (round 1) hanging out over the lower lip: its flat 7-stitch edge lies across the lower side of the pocket, along round 6 of the pocket, 4 rounds in from the lip, in the middle, so that 5½ of the 18 stitches of the lower side are free at each end. Sew through both layers of the 7-stitch edge with the tail of the tongue, and catch the under side of the tongue to the lower lip with two stitches.

3. Sew the two fangs to the edge of the upper lip, pointing down in front of the mouth: the flat 4-stitch edge of each lies along round 17 of the body, from 2 to 6 stitches from the center line, one to each side (4 stitches between the two). Sew through both layers of each 4-stitch edge with its tail.

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4. Pin the large eyeball to the body: the middle of the open edge lies on round 30, on the center line. The edge (18 sts) covers about rounds 27 to 33 of the body. It points up and forward. Turn it so that its plastic eye lies straight above the middle of its magic ring. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

5. Pin the two small eyeballs to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 28, one to each side, 7 stitches from the center line (14 stitches apart). The edge (13 sts) covers about rounds 26 to 30 of the body. They point up and forward. Turn each so that its plastic eye lies straight above the middle of its magic ring. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

6. Pin the two arms to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 17, one to each side, 13½ stitches from the center line (27 stitches apart). The edge (10 sts) covers about rounds 16 to 18 of the body. They point out to the side and down, then curve until the tip of each points straight down. Bend each as you pin it and hold the curve with a few running stitches along its inner side, drawn up a little. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

7. Pin the two feet to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 8, one to each side, 5 stitches from the center line (10 stitches apart). The edge (15 sts) covers about rounds 6 to 10 of the body. Turn each foot so that its three bobbles lie at the top of the front, the middle one highest. They point forward from under the front edge of the body, lying along the table. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

8. The envelope is not sewn on. Write a worry on a slip of paper, fold it and tuck it into the open top of the envelope, then post the envelope in the mouth, its closed bottom first, between the tongue and the upper lip.

Finishing

- Put in the plastic eyes when the words of a piece say so, or embroider eyes in the same places with the other details. Embroider with one strand of yarn and the yarn needle when the pieces round the place are sewn on; begin and end each strand inside the toy. Satin stitch is straight stitches side by side until the shape is filled. Backstitch is a line of short stitches end to end: bring the needle up one stitch ahead, put it down at the end of the stitch before, and repeat.
- Eyes: three 10 mm black plastic eyes, one in the large eyeball and one in each small eyeball, each pushed through round 1 from the right side, close beside the middle of the magic ring.
- Envelope flap: with D (black), in backstitch, two straight lines that meet in a V on one side of the envelope, its front, through the front layer only, so that the envelope stays open. Each begins on round 7, ½ stitch in from a side fold, one at the left and one at the right, and both end on round 4, half way between the two folds. Begin and end the strands between the two layers of the envelope.
- Envelope seal: with E (pink), in satin stitch, a heart about 3/8 in (10 mm) wide and 3/8 in (9 mm) tall on the front of the envelope, through the front layer only, over the point of the V: its middle is on round 4, half way between the two folds. Begin and end the strand between the two layers of the envelope.
- Weave every tail through the toy and trim it. For a toy that will be played with, go round each seam a second time with a new length of yarn. Check the seams and small parts from time to time.

In all: 13 pieces; 2,884 stitches.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Notes

- Every piece is worked in a continuous spiral with the right side facing you: do not join and do not turn. Put the marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up.

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- Square brackets hold a repeat; work it as many times as the line says. The number in parentheses is the count at the end of the round.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work round 1 into the loop and pull the tail to close it. Or chain 2 and work round 1 into the first chain.
- Color change: where a line begins "With A," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in A. Cut the old yarn and knot the ends on the wrong side.
- Center line: places on a piece are given by round and by stitches from a center line. It is half way round from where the rounds begin. Mark it with a pin or a scrap of yarn as listed here, run it straight from round 1 to the last round by eye, and count out from it along the round, in stitches and half stitches.
- Body: the center line runs between stitches 27 and 28 of round 16 (54 sts). It faces the front.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the toy. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- Running stitches go in and out along a line.
- In every step of putting it together: where a piece meets or overlaps another, sew through both. Where no tail is left or a tail is too short, sew with a new length of the yarn of the piece you are putting on.
- To work sc2tog, put the hook under the front loop only of each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over, pull through both loops, yarn over, pull through 2 loops.
- For a child under three, or a pet, embroider the eyes instead: satin stitch dots of the same size in D (black).
- The rounds and stitches are the same for every size; the yarn and the hook make the difference. Lengths in the words (tails, ovals, details) are for Standard, the size written here: for another size multiply them by the number in its line.
- Small: fine (2, sport) yarn, 2.25 mm (B-1) hook, 27 sc and 30 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): 3¾ in (9.5 cm) tall from the base of the body and 5¼ in (13.5 cm) across the arms, with a mouth about 2 5/8 in (6.5 cm) wide and a pocket about 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) deep; eyes 7 mm; multiply lengths by 0.74; about 0.74 times the yarn.
- Large: bulky (5, chunky) yarn, 5 mm (H-8) hook, 14 sc and 15.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): 7¼ in (18.5 cm) tall from the base of the body and 10 in (25.5 cm) across the arms, with a mouth about 5 in (12.5 cm) wide and a pocket about 2 5/8 in (6.5 cm) deep; eyes 14 mm; multiply lengths by 1.4; about 1.4 times the yarn.
- Jumbo: super bulky (6, plush or velvet) yarn, 6.5 mm (K-10½) hook, 11 sc and 12.1 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): 9 in (23 cm) tall from the base of the body and 12¾ in (32.5 cm) across the arms, with a mouth about 6½ in (16.5 cm) wide and a pocket about 3¼ in (8.5 cm) deep; eyes 18 mm; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

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