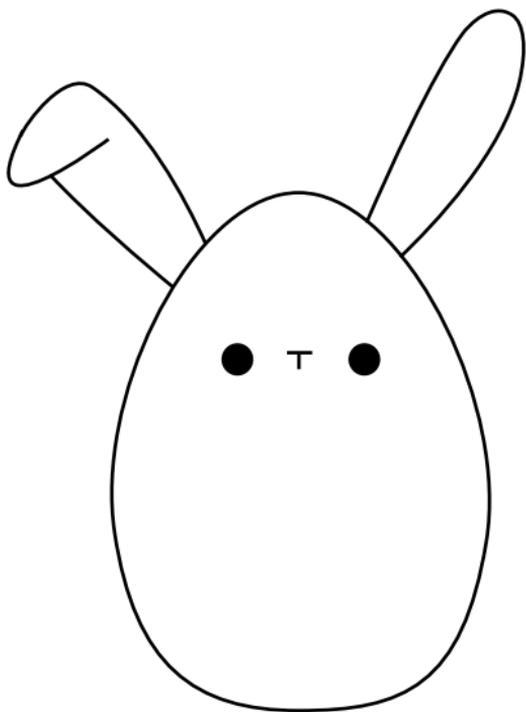# WOOL AND THE GANG

RUBY
RABBIT

INTERMEDIATE
4.5MM HOOK

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YOU'RE GOING TO FEEL GOOD
Nothing will make you happier than holding your finished project.

RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

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GET YOUR TOOLS READY.
Everything you need to get making.

2

FAMILIARISE YOURSELF WITH THE TECHNIQUES.
Everything from the stitches used to the
finishing touches for your project.

3

GET TO KNOW YOUR YARN.
Before you start your piece, play around with
your new yarn to get used to it, and to check
your tension.

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WOOL SCHOOL
Pick up your needles & yarn and make the
magic happen! For a little extra help, check
out our Wool School at:
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When you're done - let the world know.

LET'S GET CROCHETING

Tool kit
1 ball of WATG's Shiny Happy Cotton in colour A
1 Ruby Rabbit pattern
1 4.5mm crochet hook
1 sewing needle

Optional (for the eyes)
1 ball of WATG's Shiny Happy Cotton in colour B

You will also need some toy stuffing - or why not stuff your rabbit with some left-over yarn?
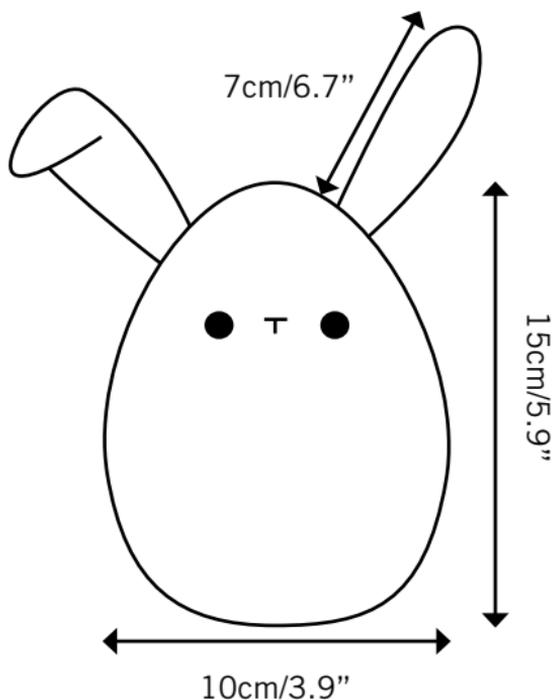
Tension
To ensure your crochet project has the same measurements as the pattern, it is a good idea to make a tension swatch before you start. A tension swatch is a small sample of crochet where you count the stitches and rows and check them against the tension given in the pattern. If you get MORE stitches/rows than the pattern's tension, it means your crochet is TIGHTER. If you get FEWER stitches/rows than the pattern, your crochet is LOOSER. Sometimes, it works to crochet tighter or looser to compensate.

Single crochet
10cm/4" = 16 stitches
10cm/4" = 18 rows

All crochet techniques can be found at the back of the pattern.

MEASUREMENTS

7cm/6.7"

15cm/5.9"

10cm/3.9"

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HOW TO CROCHET RUBY RABBIT

Your rabbit is made by crocheting the body and ears individually and stuffing them. You will make a pom pom for the tail and then join everything together.

To make the instructions easier to read, we will use some simple abbreviations:

SC1 = make 1 single crochet stitch
SC2 = make 2 single crochet stitches
SC3 = make 3 single crochet stitches

SC dec = make 1 single crochet decrease

CH1 = make 1 chain stitch

BODY

1   Using the Shiny Happy Cotton in colour A, create a magic loop and SC6 around it. Join the round by making a slip stitch into the first stitch of the round.

   You will now start working in the round in a continuous spiral (so don't join the round with slip stitches). You can use a yarn marker to mark the beginning of each of the rounds.

2   SC2 into every stitch in the round. (12 stitches.)

| **3** | ★SC1, then SC2 into the next stitch.★ Repeat the section inside the stars to the end of the round (18 stitches.) |

| **4** | ★SC2, then SC2 into the next stitch.★ Repeat the section inside the stars to the end of the round (24 stitches.) |

| **5** | ★SC3 then SC2 into the next stitch.★ Repeat the section inside the stars to the end of the round (30 stitches.) |

| **6** | SC5 ★SC4, then SC2 into the next stitch.★ Repeat the section inside the stars to the end of the round (35 stitches.) |

| **7** | SC5 ★SC5, then SC2 into the next stitch.★ Repeat the section inside the stars to the end of the round (40 stitches.) |

| **8** | SC5 ★SC6, then SC2 into the next stitch.★ Repeat the section inside the stars to the end of the round (45 stitches.) |

| **9** | SC5 ★SC7, then SC2 into the next stitch.★ Repeat the section inside the stars to the end of the round (50 stitches.) |

| **10** | SC5 ★SC8, then SC2 into the next stitch.★ Repeat the section inside the stars to the end of the round. (55 stitches.) |

11	Work 4 rounds in single crochet.
12	SC5 ★SC8, then SC dec.★ Repeat the section inside the stars to the end of the round. (50 stitches.)
13	Work 1 round in single crochet.
14	SC5 ★SC7, then SC dec.★ Repeat the section inside the stars to the end of the round. (45 stitches.)
15	Work 1 round in single crochet.
16	SC5 ★SC6, then SC dec.★ Repeat the section inside the stars to the end of the round. (40 stitches.)
17	Work 1 round in single crochet.
18	SC5 ★SC5, then SC dec.★ Repeat the section inside the stars to the end of the round. (35 stitches.)
19	Work 2 rounds in single crochet.
20	SC5 ★SC4, then SC dec.★ Repeat the section inside the stars to the end of the round. (30 stitches.)
21	Work 2 rounds in single crochet.
22	SC6 ★SC2, then SC dec.★ Repeat the section inside the stars to the end of the round. (24 stitches.)
23	Work 1 round in single crochet.

24 ★SC2, then SC dec.★ Repeat the section inside the stars to the end of the round. (18 stitches.)
You will now start stuffing the body.

25 Take your stuffing of choice and generously fill the rabbit's body. From now onwards, continue to stuff as you work to keep the rabbit's body in shape.

26 ★SC1, then SC dec.★ Repeat the section inside the stars to the end of the round. (12 stitches.)

27 SC dec in every stitch to the end of the round. (6 stitches.)

28 Cut the yarn approx. 30cm/12" from the last stitch. Pull on the loop on the crochet hook until the end pops through – you have now secured the last stitch.

EARS
Follow the instructions twice to make two ears.

1 Create a magic loop and SC6 around it. Join the round by making a slip stitch into the first stitch of the round.

2 ★SC1, then SC2 into the next stitch.★ Repeat the section inside the starts to the end of the round. (9 stitches.)

3 ★SC2, then SC2 into the next stitch.★ Repeat the section inside the stars to the end of the round. (12 stitches.)

4   Work 2 rounds in single crochet.

5   ★SC2, then SC dec.★ Repeat the section inside the stars to the end of the round. (9 stitches.)

6   Put a pinch of stuffing into the ear.

7   Work 3 rounds in single crochet.

8   ★SC1, then SC dec.★ Repeat the section inside the stars to the end of the round. (6 stitches.)\

9   Work 1 round in single crochet.

10   Cut the yarn approx. 30cm/12" from the last stitch. Pull on the loop on the crochet hook until the end pops through – you have now secured the last stitch.

EYES

Follow the instructions twice to make two eyes.

1   Using the Shiny Happy Cotton in colour B, make a foundation chain of 2 chain stitches. Make a slip stitch into the second chain from your hook.

2   Cut the yarn approx. 15cm/6" from the last stitch. Pull on the loop on the crochet hook until the end pops through – you have now secured the last stitch.

TAIL
The tail is formed by making a mini pompom.

1   Cut two cardboard circles, 7.5cm/3" in diameter, with a
     2.5cm/1" hole in the centre.

2   Thread the sewing needle with a long strand of Shiny
     Happy Cotton, hold the circles together and wind the
     yarn around the circle until it runs out. Cut another
     length of yarn, and continue winding yarn around the
     cardboard circles until the card is covered and the hole
     closes up.
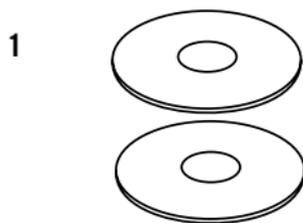
3   Using a pair of scissors, cut the yarn between the two
     pieces of card around the edge of the circle.

4   Tie a strand of yarn between the two cardboard circles
     to secure the centre of the pompom, and fasten with a
     tight knot. Now remove the cardboard.

5   Tidy up your pompom by trimming the shape with
scissors.

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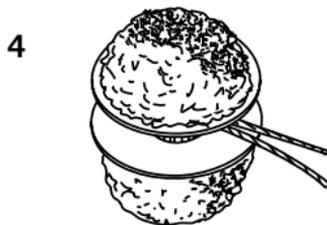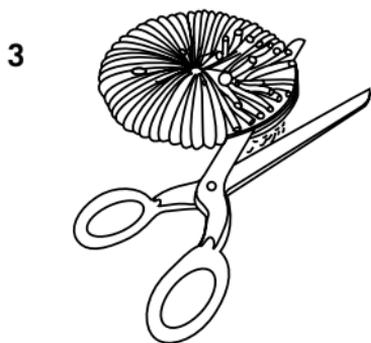
ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

ATTACHING THE EARS, EYES, NOSE AND TAIL

1   Thread your sewing needle with the tail end of yarn from
one the the ears.

2   Count 2 stitches from the centre point at the top of the
rabbit's body and sew the ear to the side of the rabbit's
body using the whip stitch technique.

3   Count 2 stitches from the centre point at the top of the
rabbit's body in the opposite direction and sew on the

other ear. Make sure each ear is very secure, to prevent a choking hazard. Secure the ends tightly, but don't cut them yet.

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4   Turn the rabbit upside down. Find the centre point at the bottom of the body, and count up 10 rows. This is where the tail will go. Use a scrap of yarn or stitch marker to mark the spot.

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5   Insert your crochet hook into the body at the pom pom tail location you marked in step 4.

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6   Working through the inside of body to the ear, pull the hanging length of yarn from the ear inside the body, and out again at the pom pom tail location. Repeat for the other ear.

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7   Using the two lengths of yarn hanging out of the rabbit at the pom pom tail location, securely attach the pom pom using the whip stitch technique. Repeat this technique with the tail ends of yarn from the pompom itself. Make sure the tail is very secure, to prevent a choking hazard.

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8   Turn the rabbit to face you. Thread your needle with Shiny Happy Cotton in colour B and count 7 rows down from the centre of the top of the head. Make a few stitches in a T-shape, 2 stitches high and 3 stitches wide. This forms the rabbit's nose

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9   Count from the bottom of the nose, up 3 rows and 5 stitches to the left, and sew on the first eye using the whip stitch technique. Repeat with the second eye, 5 stitches to the right of the nose, and secure tightly.

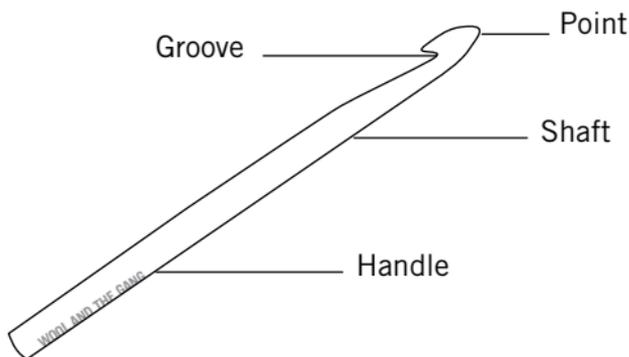**10** Finish off by hiding the yarn ends inside the rabbit's body.

CROCHET TECHNIQUES

Crochet hook

The crochet hook is your tool on the path to greatness! Your pattern may refer to different parts of the crochet hook - here is an illustration to help you understand it all a little better.

Groove ———————— Point

Shaft

Handle

Chain stitch / ⊙ <u>**Online video tutorial**</u>
This is the foundation of most crochet work and can also be used as a technique on its own.
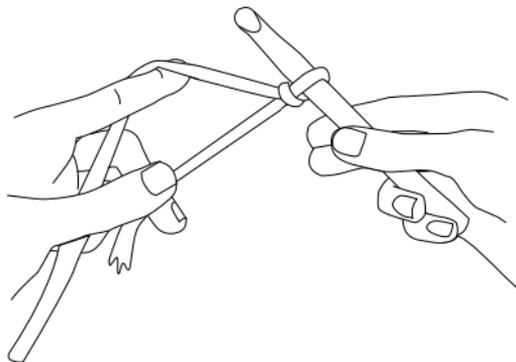
1. Make a slipknot and place it on the shaft of the crochet hook. Hold the hook in your right hand and the yarn in your left hand.
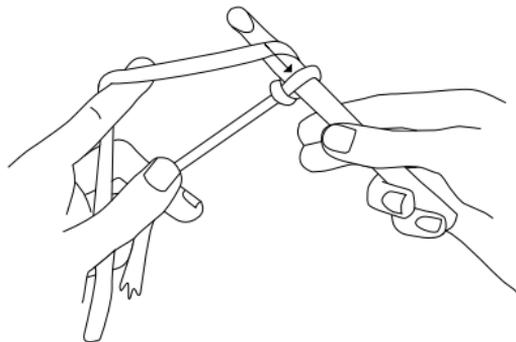

2. Move the point of the crochet hook UNDER the yarn from left to right, then move it OVER the yarn from right to left. The yarn is now looped around the crochet hook.
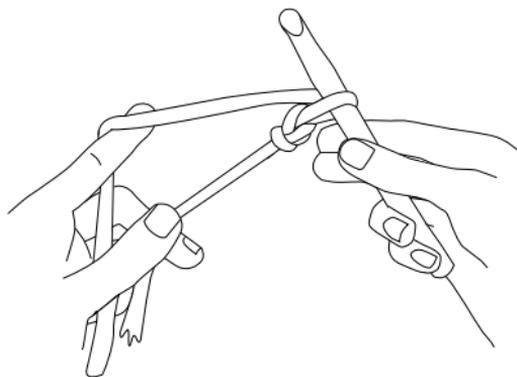
3. Scoop up the yarn with the groove of the hook, and pull it through the loop already on the hook. Slide the new stitch towards the shaft of the hook. You've now made one chain stitch.

Repeat steps 2 and 3 to keep creating new stitches. Take care not to pull your stitches too tightly! When counting the stitches, count each of the loops except the one on the hook.
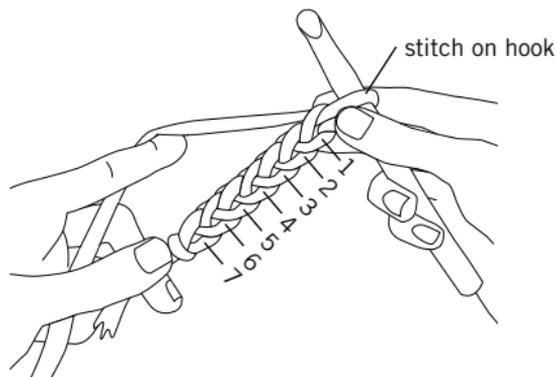
To make a chain stitch in the main body of your piece (for example, to make a turning chain), repeat steps 2 and 3.


Magic Loop / ⏵ <u>**Online video tutorial**</u>

This technique is used for starting off a circular piece. You start by making a loop with the yarn, and then create the first round of stitches by working into this loop.

1. With the tail of the yarn in the palm of your left hand, form a ring by looping the yarn around your index and middle fingers. The working yarn is now on the right.
2. Hold the point where the loop overlaps so it doesn't come undone. Insert the crochet hook into the magic loop from front to back. Loop the yarn around the groove of the hook and pull it through.
3. Make one chain stitch.
4. Insert the hook back into the ring, loop the yarn and pull through. There are now two loops on the crochet hook. Loop the yarn again, and pull it through the two loops already on the hook. You have now made your first single crochet stitch.
5. Repeat step 4 until you have made the number of stitches indicated by your pattern.
6. Pull on the tail end of the yarn to close up the hole in the centre of the work - magic!

**Single crochet** / ▶ <u>Online video tutorial</u>
This stitch is one of the most basic crochet stitches. It uses a turning chain of 1 stitch.
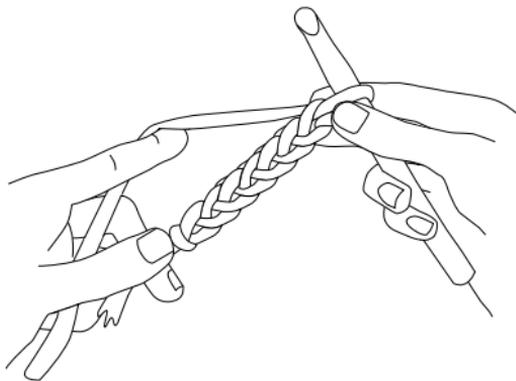

To work into a foundation chain at the beginning of your work, start with the hook in your right hand and the work in the left. Work across the foundation chain from right to left.
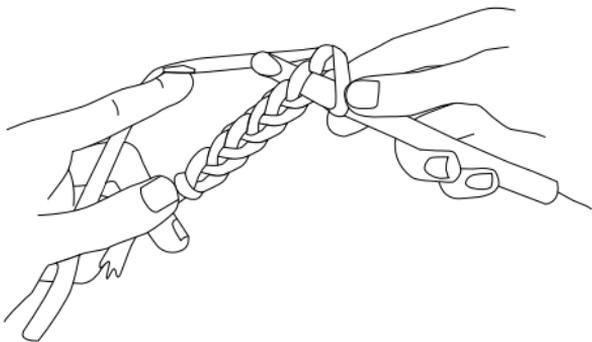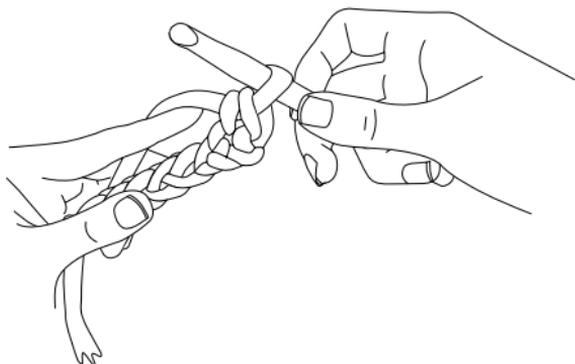
1. Insert the crochet hook into the middle of the second stitch from the hook (not counting the stitch on the hook!).
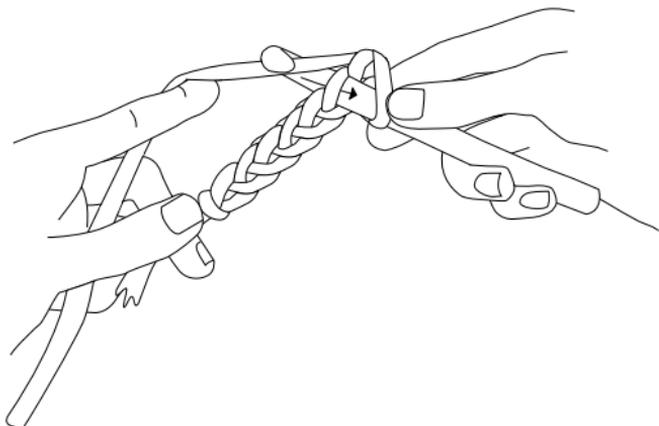
2. Move the hook under and then over the yarn. Scoop the yarn with the groove of the hook, and pull it through the stitch. There are now two loops on the hook.
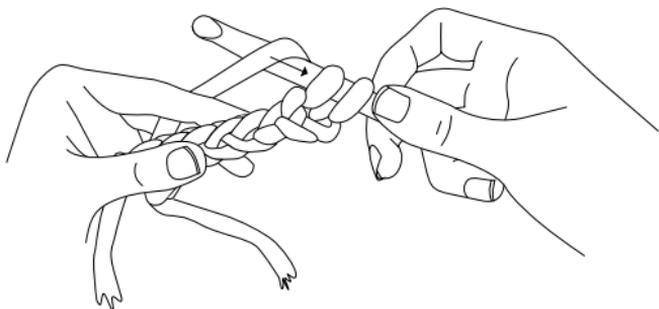
3. Loop the yarn around the hook again, and pull the yarn through BOTH of the loops on the hook. You have now worked one stitch in single crochet, and there's a single stitch on the hook again.

4. To continue working in single crochet, insert the hook into the next stitch of your row and repeat steps 2 and 3.

Single crochet decrease / ⊙ <u>Online video tutorial</u>
1. Insert your crochet hook into the next stitch. Move the hook under and then over the yarn. Scoop the yarn with the groove of the hook, and pull it through the stitch. There are now two loops on the hook.
2. Repeat step 1, there are now 3 loops on the hook.
3. Wrap the yarn once more and draw through all 3 loops on the hook.

Slip stitch / ▶ Online video tutorial

Insert your crochet hook into the next stitch. Starting with the hook in front of the yarn, move the hook under and then over the yarn, so the yarn ends up looped around the shaft of the hook. Scoop up the yarn with the groove of the hook and pull it through both the stitch and the loop on the hook. You now have a single loop on the hook. You have worked one slip stitch.

Yarn markers

Yarn markers are used to mark specific points in your crochet – they are a great way to let you off the hook when it comes to counting stitches as you work! Instead, you just continue working away until you reach your marker.

To make a yarn marker, take a length of yarn about 10cm/4" long. When the pattern tells you to place your marker, lay it across your work directly in front of your crochet hook. Continue to work the next step of your pattern over the top of the marker to hold it in place. On the next row, when you reach the marker, simply pull it out from the work and place it on your new row.

FINISHING TECHNIQUES

Whip stitch
This is a simple way of joining two pieces of crochet.
1. Place the two pieces together with the right
   sides facing you.
2. Thread your sewing needle with a strand of yarn, and
   secure it to the wrong side of the fabric.
3. Insert the sewing needle through the first stitch of the
   row and, working from the inside of your piece to the
   outside, pull the yarn through your first piece.
4. Insert the sewing needle into the next stitch in your
   second piece of fabric, and push it back from outside to
   inside. Pull the yarn through.
5. Move back to your first piece and work from inside to
   outside once more.
6. Continue in this way until the seam is done.
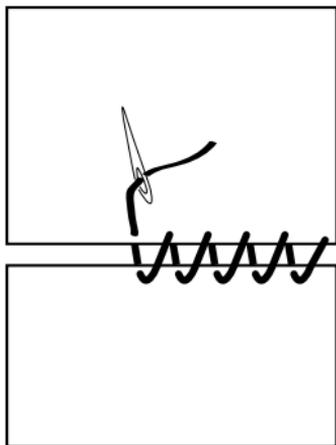
Hiding your yarn ends / ⏵ **Online video tutorial**

To hide your yarn ends, thread your sewing needle with the tail end of the yarn and push your needle into the body of the toy. Travel approx. 10cm/4" inside of the toy before pulling the needle back out of the toy. Cut the yarn close to the body and push the end inside with your finger.
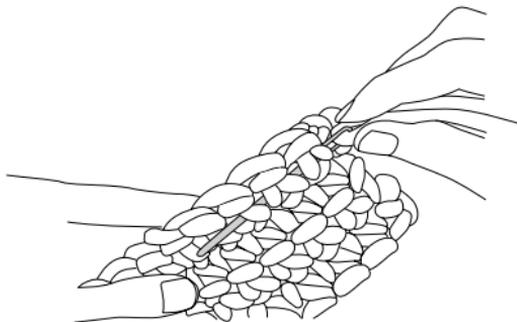
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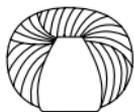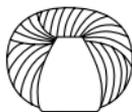|			
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