

Craft: *Crochet-Along*

Fuzzy Panda Amigurumi

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Pattern for Fuzzy Panda

Abbreviations

Ch – chain
Sc – single crochet
Hdc – half double crochet
Dc – double crochet
Sc2tog – single crochet 2 together (decrease)
MM – Move stitch marker
FO – finish off or bind off

Finished Size

Approx: 8" tall. Size can widely vary if you use anything but the recommended yarn and hook size. Tension also plays a large roll.

Materials

Yarn

- » **1 skein Lion Brand Wool-Ease Worsted Weight in Azalea Pink #195**
- » **2 skeins Lion Brand Alpine Wool in Vanilla #099**
Note: I only needed one, but it was close, so I recommend having a back-up skein

Hooks

- » **6mm Crochet hook**
- » **4mm Crochet hook**
You will need two different sized hooks for this project. I don't use letters because using the millimeters is the most accurate way to get the proper size.

Eyes

- » **1 pair of 18mm doll eyes** I used blue and black eyes which are not widely available in stores. You can get plain black eyes at your local Joann Craft store. If you want colored eyes like the ones I used, here is a list of online retailers:
suncatchereyes.net *the ones I used are from this site*
EnamiEyes.etsy.com
6060.etsy.com

- » **2 pair of 9mm doll eyes** Just black will be fine as you won't ever see them. We will be using them as joints in the arms and legs of our doll.

Brushes

- » **Dog Slicker Brush** This is a dog brush with tiny metal teeth that are bent slightly. They are meant for getting to the undercoat of your dog, but in this case will be creating a coat for our bear using it. If you don't already own a slicker brush they are readily available at your local pet store or in the pet section of your grocery store. I recommend trying to find one with a relatively narrow head (one designed for smaller dogs). Some brushes can have very wide heads and that will make maneuvering more difficult. A yarn



carding brush would work well too, though I have no experience in using one for this.

- » **Soft Bristle Brush** My dog slicker brush came with a soft bristle side ... I have found it to be most useful in finishing the doll and smoothing out the coat. If you can find a slicker brush with a soft bristle side, get it! If not, a soft bristled hair brush would work fine.

You will also need

- » **A yarn needle** (I recommend metal not plastic)
- » **Polyester stuffing material** (ie: Poly-fil)
- » **Sharp scissors**
- » **Stitch markers**

Directions

Head

Work head and body all in Lion Brand Alpine Wool 'Vanilla'

Use your 6mm crochet hook:

- R1-Ch2, 6sc in 1st chain, mm
- R2-2sc in each sc around (12sc) mm
- R3-*2sc in first sc, 1sc in next, repeat from * around, mm (18sc)
- R4-*2sc in first sc, 1sc in next 2sc, repeat from * around, mm (24sc)
- R5-*2sc in first sc, 1sc in next 3sc, repeat from * around, mm (30sc)
- R6-*2sc in first sc, 1sc in next 4sc, repeat from * around, mm (36sc)
- R7-*2sc in first sc, 1sc in next 5sc, repeat from * around, mm (42sc)
- R8-*2sc in first sc, 1sc in next 6sc, repeat from * around, mm (48sc)
- R9 thru R18-sc in each stitch around, mm
- R19-*sc2tog, 1sc in next 6sc, repeat from (*) around, mm (42sc)
- R20-*sc2tog, 1sc in next 5sc, repeat from (*) around, mm (36sc)
- R21-*sc2tog, 1sc in next 4sc, repeat from (*) around, mm (30sc)
- R22-*sc2tog, 1sc in next 3sc, repeat from (*) around, mm (24sc)
- FO

Use your Dog Slicker Brush

- When you use a dog slicker, one direction with smooth and the other direction will have resistance as it is grabbing fibers. Brush in the direction with resistance (you should feel tugging) in short even strokes. Go in the same direction for several strokes and you will begin to see fur forming.
- Now turn your work and with the same grabbing side, brush sideways over spot you have just brushed.
- Doing this back and forth method will produce the fur much faster than if you worked in the same direction. Continue working back and forth until your get the desired results.

Once you have achieved the desired results, you should have a very fuzzy surface and the stitches beneath should be almost invisible but not completely, set the finished piece aside.

Body

Use 6mm crochet hook:

R1-Ch2, 6sc in 1st chain, mm

R2-2sc in each sc around (12sc) mm

R3-*2sc in first sc, 1sc in next, repeat from * around, mm (18sc)

R4-*2sc in first sc, 1sc in next 2sc, repeat from * around, mm (24sc)

R5 thru R14- sc in each stitch around

FO

Brush the body just as you did the head. Set aside.

Eyes: (Make 2)

In Lion Brand Wool-Ease 'Azalea Pink'

Use 4mm crochet hook:

Ch6, join with a slip stitch in the first chain to form a ring.

*you want a larger hole so the larger 18mm eye stem will fit through it
Ch2

dc 15 times in ring

hdc 5 times in ring

join with a slip stitch in the first dc

FO leaving a 8" tail for stitching

Slip your 18mm doll eyes into the center of ring.

Insert the stem of the eye into the head in between rounds 14 & 15

Secure the eye in place with your plastic washer. It snaps on.

Count 10 stitches across (this might be a little tricky with all the fuzz) and secure the second eyes the same way.

Using your tail of yarn, whip stitch the eye in place

Weave in ends

Stuff!

Using small handfuls, push stuffing out from the center, making sure to keep the shape smooth.

Ears: (Make 2)

In Lion Brand Wool-Ease 'Azalea Pink'

Use 4mm crochet hook:

R1-Ch2, 6sc in 1st chain, mm

R2-2sc in each sc around (12sc) mm

R3-*2sc in first sc, 1sc in next, repeat from * around, mm (18sc)

R4-*2sc in first sc, 1sc in next 2sc, repeat from * around, mm (24sc)

R5 thru R8-sc in each stitch around

FO leaving 8" tail for stitching

Fold the ear flat letting it naturally curve.

Holding it so that the open end (now folded shut) is shaped like a "C"

Use your tail to stitch to the top of the head.

The top corner should begin at R5 and the bottom corner should end at around R10

With a long length of Azalea yarn:

- Stitch a nose in between the eyes at R11
- It should be about 2 round deep and 3 stitches wide
- Then from the tip of the nose make a stitch down to where the mouth will be 3 rounds long
- Come up with your needle two stitches to the left, Back in to the center, up two stitches to the right, back into the center and out through the open end of the head.
- Take your exposed end and go across the top of your stitches at the nose and out the open end.
- Tie your ends together firmly to secure.

Arms and Legs: (Make 4)

In Lion Brand Wool-Ease 'Azalea Pink'

Use 4mm crochet hook:

R1-Ch2, 6sc in 1st chain, mm

R2-2sc in each sc around (12sc) mm

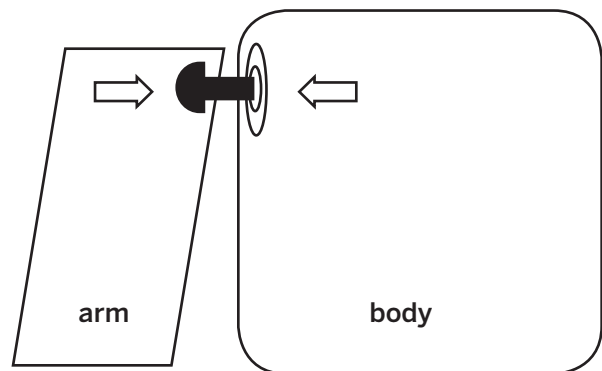
R3-*2sc in first sc, 1sc in next, repeat from * around, mm (18sc)

R4 thru R9-sc in each stitch around, mm

R10-sc2tog in each stitch around

FO

- Use your 9mm doll eyes to make the doll jointed at the arms and legs.
- Follow the Diagram below to start using your doll eyes as makeshift joints. Now your doll's arms and legs can become more pose able.
- Remember!!! If your washer has a prickly side, it is better to have it facing inward, toward your stuffing. It might hurt a little while snapping it in place ... but worth the effort.



Stuff Arms/Legs and close hole with end of yarn

Stuff the body and attach head to body with a whip stitch around. Use the smoother side of your Dog Slicker brush to smooth the fur as desired. You're Done!