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TECHNIQUE USED: Crochet

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FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Caterpillar measures approximately 16"/40.5 cm long x 3"/7.5 cm tall (excluding antenna).

MATERIALS:

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Caron International's Wintuk (100% acrylic; 3oz/85g, 150yds/164m skein):

2 oz (A), 2 oz (B), 2 oz (C), 2 oz (D)

Shown in:

#3256 Jonquil (A); #3251 Holiday Green (B); #3261 Orange (C); #3030 Royal (D); #3005 Christmas Red (E)

One size US G-6 (4 mm) crochet hook, or size to obtain gauge.

Stitch markers

Polyester fiberfill

One pair of safety eyes—18mm diameter

Yarn needle

GAUGE

Gauge is not critical for this project.

STITCHES USED

Chain (ch), half double crochet (hdc), single crochet (sc), slip stitch (sl st)

SPECIAL TERMS

hdc2tog: Half double crochet 2 together—[Yarn over, insert hook in next st and pull up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 5 loops on hook.

sc2tog: Single crochet 2 together—Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop, (2 loops on hook), insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

NOTE

Work tightly so that stuffing will not show through stitches.

HEAD AND BODY

With A, ch 2.

Round 1 (head): Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook; do not join or turn; place a marker for beginning of round; move marker up as work progresses—6 sc.

Round 2: Sc in next 3 sc, 2 hdc in next 3 sc—9 sts.

Round 3: Sc in next 3 sts, [2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st] 3 times—12 sts.

Round 4: Sc in next 3 sts, [hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st] 3 times—15 sts.

Round 5: Sc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next 8 sts, sc in next 2 sts—23 sts.

Round 6: Sc in next 3 sts, [sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st] twice, sc in next 4 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts] twice—27 sts.

Round 7: 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, sc in next 18 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts—31 sts.

Round 8: [Hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st] twice, sc in next 24 sts, 2 hdc in next st—34 sts.

Round 9: Hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 28 sts—36 sts.

Rounds 10–15: Sc in each st around.

Following package directions, insert safety eyes between stitches of Round 7, space the eyes 4 stitches apart centered on top of the head.

Round 16: [Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog] 9 times—27 sts.

Round 17: [Sc2tog, sc in next st] 9 times—18 sts. Sl st in next st. Fasten off.

Round 18 (2nd segment): Join B with sc in same sc as sl st just made, [2 sc in next st, sc in next st] 8 times, 2 sc in next st—27 sts.

Round 19: [Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st] 9 times—36 sts.

Rounds 20–29: Sc in each st around.

Round 30: [Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog] 9 times—27 sts.

Round 31: [Sc2tog, sc in next st] 9 times—18 sts. Sl st in next st. Fasten off.

Rounds 32–45 (3rd segment): With C, repeat Rounds 18–31. Sl st in next st. Fasten off.

Rounds 46–59 (4th segment): With D, repeat Rounds 18–31. Sl st in next st. Fasten off.

Rounds 60 and 61 (tail): With E, repeat Rounds 18 and 19—36 sts.

Rounds 62–68: Sc in each st around.

Round 69: Sc in next 2 sts, [sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts] 5 times, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts—30 sts.

Round 70: Sc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 6 sts, sc in next 4 sts, [sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts] twice, sc2tog—27 sts.

Round 71: Sc in next st, sc2tog, hdc in next 9 sts, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog—24 sts.

Round 72: Hdc in next 10 sts, [sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts] twice, sc2tog—21 sts.

Round 73: Sc2tog, hdc in next 6 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts—18 sts.

Round 74: Hdc in next 8 sts, [sc2tog] twice, sc in next 2 sts, [sc2tog] twice—14 sts.

Rounds 75 and 76: Hdc in next 8 sts, sc in next 6 sts.

Round 77: [Hdc2tog] 4 times, sc in next 6 sts—10 sts.

Round 78: [Hdc2tog] twice, [sc2tog] twice, sc in next 2 sts—6 sts.

Round 79: [Sc2tog] 3 times—3 sts. Sl st n next st.

Fasten off.

NOSE

With B, ch 2.

Round 1: Work 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook—5 sc.

Round 2: Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next 2 sc—7 sc. Sl st in next st.

Fasten off leaving an 8"/20.5cm tail for sewing.

ANTENNA (make 2)

With E, ch 2.

Round 1: Work 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook—5 sc.

Round 2: 2 sc in each sc around—10 sc.

Round 3: [Sc2tog] 5 times—5 sts.

Rounds 4–8: Sc in each st around. Sl st in next st.

Fasten off leaving an 8"/20.5cm tail for sewing. Flatten top (first 3 rounds) of antenna. With a separate piece of yarn sew through the top of the antenna, through the flattened area, and out the bottom of the flattened area, working around top of the antenna to sew it flat.

FINISHING

With D, embroider a mouth on Row 5 of face. Sew antenna to top of head over Rounds 11 and 12. Sew nose to tip of face. Using yarn needle, weave in all ends.

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