Cheeky angel

Material:

When using the suggested materials, it will be about 12 cm tall standing and about 8 cm sitting.
The listed wool and hook sizes are only suggestions. It is, of course, entirely your personal choice, which yarn you use.
Please keep in mind that different yarn may result in a bigger or smaller piece. Make sure to adapt your hook size according to your yarn and personal tension.

- Wool in color of choice (e. g. DROPS Muskat - DK weight)
- optional: some fluffy wool for the hair (e. g. Schachenmayr Brazilia)
- Chrochet hook in suitable size (for me: 2.5 mm)
- Stuffing
- Some thin black yarn to embroider the face

Abbreviations (US Terms):

MR = magic ring	inc = increase
sc = single crochet	dec = decrease
ch = chain	BLO = back loop only
slst = slip stitch	FLO = front loop only
st = stitch	
(-) x = repeat inside of () for x nr of times	

Crochet in continuous rounds (spirals), unless otherwise stated.

Head / Body:

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
4. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)
5. (sc 3, inc) x6 (30)
6. (sc 4, inc) x6 (36)

7.-12. (6 Rounds) sc in each st around (36)

If you're using safety eyes, attach them between round 9 and 10 with a distance of about 5 stitches.

13. (sc 4, dec) x6 (30)
14. (sc 3, dec) x6 (24)
15. (sc 2, dec) x6 (18)
16. (sc 1, dec) x6 (12)
17. sc in each st around (12)
18. (sc 3, inc) x3 (15)
19. sc in each st around (15)
20. (sc 4, inc) x3 (18)

Stuff the head.

21. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)
22. sc in each st around (24)
23. sc 6, inc x6, sc 6 (30)

24.-26. (3 Rounds) sc in each st around (30)

27. (sc 3, dec) x6 (24)
28. (sc 2, dec) x6 (18)
29. (sc 1, dec) x6 (12)

Stuff the body.

30. dec x6 (6)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing (more long than usual, you'll sculpt face and belly button with it).

Thread the end thread through a long needle. Insert the needle in the bottom center. The advantage of this position is that the cheeky angel can automatically sit well and gets (in my opinion) a good shape. The disadvantage (doesn't bother me personally) is a dent in this area and you need a long needle.

If you don't want the dent at this spot, you shouldn't insert the needle at the bottom. In this case I would also sculpt the belly button and eyes separately, for the belly button I would insert the needle at the back opposite the spot where the belly button should be and for the eyes at the back of the neck.

A belly button looks really funny with the standing cheeky angel, with the seated one it is not so important. So if you don't want to do the belly button, just skip this step.
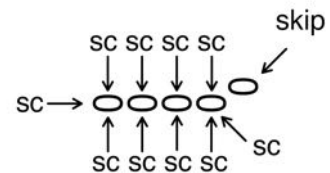
So, here we go: First mark the spots for the eyes and possibly the belly button with pins. Insert the needle at the bottom in the middle and come out at the belly button pin, insert a stitch to the left or right offset and go with the needle upwards to one of the eye pins. Insert the needle one round upwards and come out at the pin of the

other eye. Insert the needle back down, one stitch offset to the starting point (not directly in the starting point this time). Now carefully pull on the threads to sculpt the eyes and the belly button, also the head slightly tilts down. As already mentioned, who wants to avoid this posture and the dent at the bottom, takes the above-mentioned alternative puncture sites. But that's exactly what I wanted :o
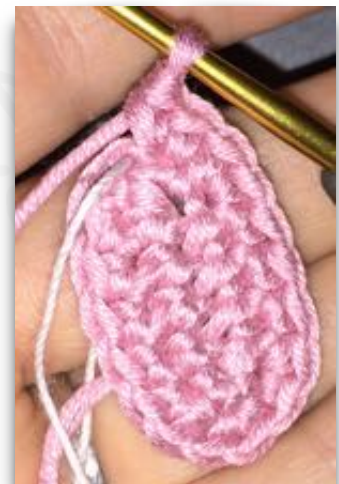
Crochet an oval

O = chain
sc = single crochet

Foot (make 2):

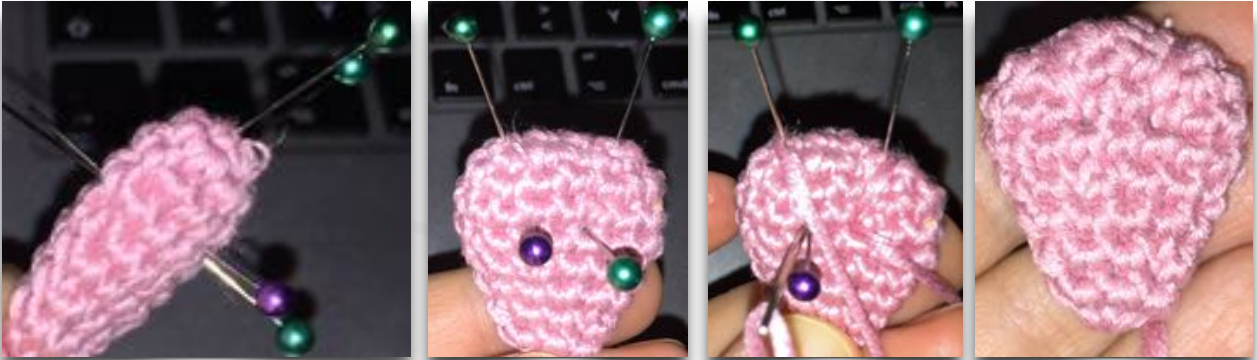*You will start with an oval (see the diagram).*

1. ch 5, starting in 2nd chain from hook: sc 3, sc 3 in last ch, rotate 180 degrees and crochet along the opposite side of the foundation chain: sc 2, sc 2 in last ch (10)
2. inc, sc 2, inc x3, sc 2, inc x2 (16)
3.-4. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (16)
5. (sc 2, dec) x4 (12)
6. sc in each st around (12)
7. (sc 2, dec) x3 (9)
8. sc in each st around (9)

Stuff it, but not too tight, so the toes can be shaped easily.
Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Shape the foot:

To shape the foot, use a thread of the same wool. Mark both points for the toes with pins and place two pins at the top as thread guide (see pictures). Insert the needle at the first pin and go through the foot, run the thread over the top and insert again into the first point, but now come out at the second pin, also run the thread over the top and insert it again, coming out at the very first insertion point, tighten the threads and knot them well. Then hide the threads inside the foot.

Leg (make 2):

1.　　sc 6 in MR (6)
2.　　*BLO:* (sc 1, inc) x3 (9)
3.　　sc in each st around (9)
4.　　(sc 2, inc) x3 (12)
5.　　sc in each st around (12)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.
Sew the leg with the closed site to the foot. Stuff leg and sew it to the body (either sitting or standing).

Hand / Arm (make 2):

1.　　sc 6 in MR (6)
2.　　inc x6 (12)
3.-4.　(2 Rounds) sc in each st arund (12)
5.　　dec x6 (6)
6.-11.　(6 Rounds) sc in each st around (6) - *36 stitches in total*

Stuffing is not necessary but of course you can do it if you want.
Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.
Sew the arms directly below the head to the left and right of the body.

Unfortunately I couldn't work the wings exactly mirror-inverted, even if I tried it on different ways. The result is not quite perfect, but you can hardly see any difference.

Wing (make 2:
Crochet in rows. At the end of each row, chain 1 and turn.
1.   ch 4, skip 1, sc 2, slst 1, ch 1, turn
2.   sc 1, inc, ch 3, turn
3.   sc 2, inc, sc 1, slst 1, ch 1, turn
4.   sc 1, inc, sc 3, ch 3, turn
5.   sc 5, inc, sc 1, slst 1, don't turn, just rotate 90 degrees
slst 3 along the site
First wing: fasten off invisibly.
Second wing: fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.
Place both wings on top of each other and sew them together (see photos) and then sew it to the back.
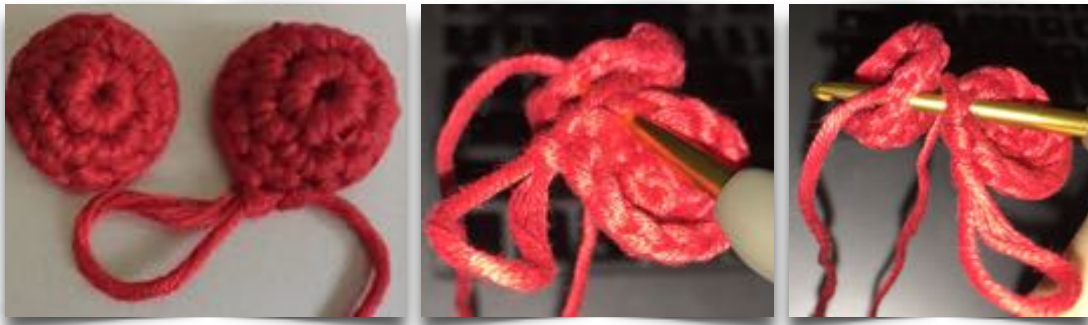

Heart:

Upper part (make 2):
1.   sc 6 in MR (6)
2.   inc x6 (12)
3.   sc in each st around (12)
Fasten off the first, leave a long tail for connecting; don't fasten off the second part. Pull out the loop a little and let it hang.
Insert hook into the next stitch from the inside, in the second part insert into the last stitch (where the end thread is), pull the end thread through and connect it with a slip stitch and fix it.
From here crochet over both pieces, starting with the first stitch to the left of the connection point, but do not crochet into the connection point.

4.　sc 12 along the first part, sc 12 along the second part (24)
If there is a small hole at the joint, it can be closed with a few sewing stitches with the end thread of the first part.
5.　(sc 6, dec) x3 (21)
6.　(sc 5, dec) x3 (18)
7.　(sc 4, dec) x3 (15)
8.　(sc 3, dec) x3 (12)
Stuff the heart.
9.　(sc 2, dec) x3 (9)
10.　(sc 1, dec) x3 (6)
Finish stuffing.
Fasten off invisibly.

For the hair I simply crocheted sc 6 in MR of fuzzy wool and increase each stitch in the next round, brushed the fuzz on one side and sewn to the head. Alternatively, you can also knot in threads of plain wool or omit the hair completely.

Of course you can omit both the wings and the heart, depending on what you need the cheeky one for :o)

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