Eddie, the alien

Materials:

When using the suggested materials, it will be about 17 cm tall.
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 (Sport Weight), e. g. Schachenmayr Catania/Scheepjes Catona (about 1 ball of the main color (No. 212), some white, black, red, orange, light purple and yellow
- Crochet hook in suitable size (for me: 2.0 mm)
- Stuffing
- Pipe cleaner

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.

For help with invisible color changes, increases and decreases, please visit the „Tipps, Tricks and Tutorials" section on my website www.zhaya.de.

Inner part of the mouth:

Black
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)

Color change to green
6. (sc 4, inc) x6 (36)

Fasten off invisibly.

Tongue:

Red
1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 5, inc) x2 (14)
4.-6. (3 Rounds) sc in each st around (14)
7. (sc 5, dec) x2 (12)
8. sc in each st around (12)
9. (sc 4, dec) x2 (10)
10. sc in each st around (10)

Fold the top edge together and seam using a single crochet along the top edge, crocheting through both stitches.
Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Tooth (make 2):

White
Crochet in joined rounds (join each round with a slst and chain 1).
1. ch 4, starting in 2nd chain from hook: sc 2, sc 3 in last st, rotate 180 degrees and crochet along the opposite side of the foundation chain: sc 1, sc 2 in last st, join round with a slst in 1st st, ch 1 (8)
2. sc in each st around, join round with a slst in 1st st (8)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Head / Body:

Green
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.-7. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (30)
8. (sc 9, inc) x3 (33)
9.-10. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (33)
11. (sc 10, inc) x3 (36)
12.-13. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (36)
14. (sc 5, inc) x6 (42)
15. (sc 6, inc) x6 (48)
16. sc in each st around (48)
17. (sc 7, inc) x6 (54)

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18. (sc 8, inc) x6 (60)
19.-21. (3 Rounds) sc in each st around (60)
22. sc 21, ch 18 / skip 18, sc 21 (60)
23. sc 21, sc 18 along the chain, sc 21 (60)
24. sc 23, inc, sc 5, inc, sc 5, inc, sc 24 (63)
25. (sc 20, inc) x3 (66)
26.-30. (5 Rounds) sc in each st around (66)

Do NOT fasten off here, just drop the actual loop for now.
Crochet in the inner part of the mouth at this point. For this you either need a second ball or just take out the thread from the inside of the ball. Join new in the corner of the mouth from the outside, sc 18 at the lower half, sc 1 in the corner of the mouth, sc 18 at the upper half, sc 1 in the corner of the mouth, always insert hook through both parts (a total of sc 38). Fasten off, pull the end thread inside and secure it. It is best to sew on the tongue and teeth now. At this point this is very comfortable, of course it is still possible later.

Now proceed in the original loop (on the body).
31. (sc 9, dec) x6 (60)
32. sc in each st around (60)
33. *BLO:* (sc 8, dec) x6 (54)
34. (sc 7, dec) x6 (48)
35. (sc 6, dec) x6 (42)
36. (sc 5, dec) x6 (36)
Stuff and shape the body, be aware not to overstuff the mouth part so it doesn't bent outwards. Stuffing is a bit fiddly, but it is worth to work carefully :o)
37. (sc 4, dec) x6 (30)
38. (sc 3, dec) x6 (24)
39. (sc 2, dec) x6 (18)
Stuff again, make sure that the bottom remains as flat as possible.
40. (sc 1, dec) x6 (12)
Finish stuffing.
41. dec x6 (6)
Fasten off invisibly.

Tentacles (make 7):

Green
1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. sc in each st around (6)
3. (sc 1, inc) x3 (9)
4. sc in each st around (9)

5. (sc 2, inc) x3 (12)
6. sc in each st around (12)
7. dec, sc 3, inc, sc 1, inc, sc 1, inc, sc 2 (14)
8. sc in each st around (14)
9. dec, sc 4, inc, sc 1, inc, sc 1, inc, sc 3 (16)
10. sc in each st around (16)
11. dec, sc 5, inc, sc 1, inc, sc 1, inc, sc 4 (18)
12. sc in each st around (18)
Fasten off, do not close, leave a long tail for sewing.

Eyeball (make 3):
Black
1. sc 6 in MR (6)
Color change to your desired eye color (I used 3 different colors)
2. inc x6 (12)
Color change to white
3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
4. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)
5.-8. (4 Rounds) sc in each st around (24)
9. (sc 2, dec) x6 (18)
10. (sc 1, dec) x6 (12)
Stuff and shape the eyeball.
11. dec x6 (6)
Fasten off.
You can use the end thread to embroider some highlights to the eye. Weave in loose ends.

Eye (make 3):
Green
Leave a longer starting thread for sewing.
1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. *BLO:* sc in each st around (12)
4. sc in each st around (12)
5. (sc 2, dec) x3 (9)
6.-15. (10 Rounds) sc in each st around (9) - sc 90 counted in a row
16. (sc 2, inc) x3 (12)
17. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
18. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)
19. (sc 7, inc) x3 (27)
20.-24. (5 Rounds) sc in each st around (27)
Put the eyeball in.
25. dec, (sc 3, dec) x5 (21)
Fasten off invisibly.
Insert pipe cleaner into the stems of the eyes, I took mine twice. If your pipe cleaner is very thin, just fold it more often. You'll get moveable but stable alien eyes.

Nose:
Green
1.   ch 11, starting in 2nd chain from hook: sc in each st (10)
Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Finishing:
- *If not done yet: sew teeth and tongue on the mouth as shown at the photo.*
- *Stuff tentacles and pin them to the body, leave the front free. Best put it on the table and see if Eddie's standing well. It all fits, sew them on with the end threads.*
- *Now pin the eyes on top and a little bit at the back of the head and sew on with the starting threads.*
- *Finally pin the nose as shown on the photo and sew it on.*

So, the sewing madness is over, Eddie's done, congratulations :o)