

Purzelchen

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Materials:

When using the suggested materials, it will be about 22 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. When crocheting Amigurumis you should use a much smaller needle size than indicated on the label or you would use it for other crochet projects so that no holes are made when the piece is stuffed.

- Wool (bulky 7 wpi), e. g. Schöller + Stahl Elfin (No. 36, No. 12)
- Some black or pink wool for the nose (I used DK cotton wool - DROPS Muskat)
- Crochet hook in suitable size (with me: 3 mm)
- Eyes (with me: 10 mm)
- Stuffing

Abbreviations (US Terms):

MR = magic ring	inc = increase
sc = single crochet	dec = decrease
hdc = half double crochet	BLO = back loop only
ch = chain	FLO = front loop only
slst = slip stitch	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 „Tips, Tricks and Tutorials“section on my website www.zhaya.de.

If you want to brush the wool, it is easier to brush the the single pieces before sewing them together. I used a wired grooming brush.



I have crocheted the cat in two colors. In the following I will talk about color A (main color - beige for me) and color B (secondary color - brown for me). Of course you can choose each color you want.

Head:

Color B

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
4. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)
5. sc in each st around (24)
6. (sc 3, inc) x6 (30)
7. sc in each st around (30)
8. (sc 4, inc) x6 (36)
9. sc in each st around (36)
10. (sc 5, inc) x6 (42)
11. (sc 6, inc) x6 (48)

You may change to color A.

12. (sc 7, inc) x6 (54)
13. (sc 8, inc) x6 (60)
- 14.-23. (10 Rounds) sc in each st around (60)
24. (sc 8, dec) x6 (54)
25. (sc 7, dec) x6 (48)
26. (sc 6, dec) x6 (42)
27. (sc 5, dec) x6 (36)
28. (sc 4, dec) x6 (30)
29. (sc 3, dec) x6 (24)
30. (sc 2, dec) x6 (18)

Stuff the head but do not overstuff because you want to shape the head later.

31. sc 1, dec) x6 (12)
32. dec x6 (6)

Fasten off, weave in loose ends..

Thread a sturdy thread in contrasting color through a long needle. Insert the needle at the bottom of the head in the middle, guide the thread around the outside and insert in the middle of the first round of the head (magic ring), go back out at the bottom of the starting point and tighten gently. Repeat this 2-3 more times so that the face shapes.



Nose:

Black or pink

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
- 3.-7. (5 Rounds) sc in each st around (12)

Stuff the nose.

8. dec x6 (6)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

If you want to brush your head, it should be brushed before applying or embroidering the face.

Sew on the nose in the middle of the face.

Embroider or sew eyes (I would advise against safety eyes because they are very difficult to place in advance).

Ear (make 2):

Color B

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. (sc 1, inc) x3 (9)
3. (sc 2, inc) x3 (12)
4. (sc 3, inc) x3 (15)
5. (sc 4, inc) x3 (18)
- 6.-8. (3 Rounds) sc in each st around (18)

Fasten off, do not close, leave a long tail for sewing.

Pin the ears to the head and sew on the ears if they look good for you.

Fuß/Bein (make 2):

Color B

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
 2. inc x6 (12)
 3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
 - 4.-5. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (18)
- You may change to color A.*
6. sc in each st around (18)
 7. sc 5, dec x4, sc 5 (14)
 8. sc 5, dec x2, sc 5 (12)
 - 9.-13. (5 Rounds) sc in each st around (12)

Crochet 2 or 3 more sc at the first leg to reach the middle of the later inside, fasten off and leave a long tail for connecting the legs, do not fasten off the second leg.

Put both legs next to each other (make sure the feet are correctly aligned), insert hook through both touching stitches (this one with the end thread of the first leg should be one of the touching stitches) and pull up a loop using the end thread of the first leg, join both legs with a slip stitch, fasten off.



Grab now the active loop of the second leg, from here starts the:

Body:

1. *Crochet around both legs:* sc 12 around 1st leg, sc 12 around the 2nd leg (24)
2. sc 7, inc, sc 1, inc, sc 1, inc, sc 1, inc, sc 7, inc, sc 1, inc (30)
3. sc 7, inc, sc 2, inc, sc 2, inc, sc 2, inc, sc 7, inc, sc 3, inc (36)
4. (sc 5, inc) x6 (42)
5. (sc 6, inc) x6 (48)
- 6.-15. (10 Rounds) sc in each st around (48)

Stuff and shape the legs.

16. sc 5, (sc 4, dec) x5, dec, sc 11 (42)
17. sc in each st around (42)
18. sc 5, (sc 3, dec) x5, dec, sc 1 (36)
19. sc in each st around (36)
20. (sc 4, dec) x6 (30)
21. sc in each st around (30)
22. (sc 3, dec) x6 (24)
23. sc in each st around (24)

Stuff and shape the body.

24. (sc 2, dec) x6 (18)
- 25.-27. (3 Rounds) sc in each st around (18)
28. (sc 1, dec) x6 (12)
29. sc in each st around (12)

Fasten off, do not close, leave a long tail for sewing. Finish stuffing.

Place the head on the body and sew it on, preferably with the mattress stitch.

Arm (make 2):

Color B

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
- 3.-4. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (12)

You may change to color A.

5. (sc 2, dec) x3 (9)
- 6.-23. (18 Rounds) sc in each st around (9)

Stuff lightly or not at all (I have them not stuffed), fold in half, close top with a row of sc.

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Sew arms close under the head to the side of the body.

Tail:

Color B

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
 2. inc x6 (12)
 - 3.-4. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (12)
 5. (sc 3, inc) x3 (15)
 - 6.-7. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (15)
- You may change to color A.*

- 8.-17. (10 Rounds) sc in each st around (15)
18. dec, sc 13 (14)
- 19.-21. (3 Rounds) sc in each st around (14)
22. dec, sc 12 (13)

23.-25. (3 Rounds) sc in each st around (13)

26. dec, sc 11 (12)

27.-31. (5 Rounds) sc in each st around (12)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Sew the tail on the body.

If you like, you can now crochet a collar, make a chain in the appropriate length and go back along the chain with a row single crochet stitches, starting in second chain from hook. Put it around the neck and sew it together at the back. I put up a little pendant.

Congrats, Purzelchen is now done. :o)

