

Fipsi, the snail

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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 (No. 257, 246, 172)
- Crochet hook in suitable size (for me: 2.0 mm)
- Stuffing
- optional: pipe cleaner
- optional: some fluffy yarn (e. g. Schachenmayr Brazilia)
- Eyes in suitable size (for me: 10 mm), you can also crochet or embroider the eyes

Abbreviations (US Terms):

MR = magic ring	inc = increase
sc = single crochet	dec = decrease
hdc = half double crochet	BLO = back loop only
rsc = reverse sc (crab stitch)	FLO = front loop only
ch = chain	slstflo = slip stitch 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.

Cut a thread of body color of about 20 cm and put it away.

Body:

Beige or light brown, hook size 2.0 mm

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)
6. (sc 5, inc) x6 (21)
7. sc in each st around (21)
8. (sc 6, inc) x6 (24)
9. sc in each st around (24)
10. inc x3, sc 7, inc x3, sc 11 (30)
- 11.-12. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (30)
13. (sc 1, inc) x3, sc 7, (sc 1, inc) x3, sc 11 (36)
- 14.-28. (15 Rounds) sc in each st around (36)

Stuff the front part.

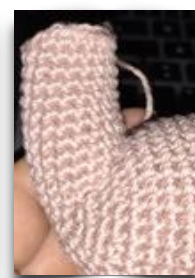
slstflo = slip stitch crocheted in front loop only

29. (sc 2, dec) x2, sc 3, slstflo 6, sc 3, (sc 2, dec) x4 (30)
30. sc 8, slstflo 8, sc 14 (30)
31. (sc 1, dec) x2, sc 1, slstflo 10, sc 1, (sc 1, dec) x4 (24)
32. sc 4, slstflo 12, sc 8 (24)
33. dec x2, slstflo 12, dec x4 (18)
34. sc 4, slstflo 6, sc 8 (18)

Stuff the body, make sure that the bend of the neck is shaped properly.

- 35.-40. (6 Rounds) sc in each st around (18)

Now sew the neck to the body with the thread we have previously prepared (see photos below). You can also sew it on later, I have chosen to secure it here.



- 41.-46. (6 Rounds) sc in each st around (18)

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

Head:

Beige or light brown, hook size 2.0 mm

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)
6. (sc 2 inc) x6 (24)
- 7.-8. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (24)
9. inc, sc 9, inc x3, sc 9, inc x2 (30)
10. sc 1, inc, sc 9, (sc 1, inc) x3, sc 9, (sc 1, inc) x2 (36)

11. sc 2, inc, sc 9, (sc 2, inc) x3, sc 9, (sc 2, inc) x2 (42)
12. sc in each st around (42)
13. (sc 6, inc) x6 (48)
- 14.-23. (10 Rounds) sc in each st around (48)
24. (sc 6, dec) x6 (42)
25. (sc 5, dec) x6 (36)
26. (sc 4, dec) x6 (30)
27. (sc 3, dec) x6 (24)
28. (sc 2, dec) x6 (18)

Stuff and shape the head, make sure to shape the cheeks.

29. (sc 1, dec) x6 (12)

Finish stuffing.

30. dec x6 (6)

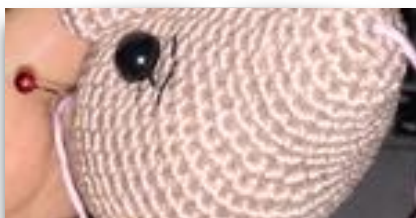
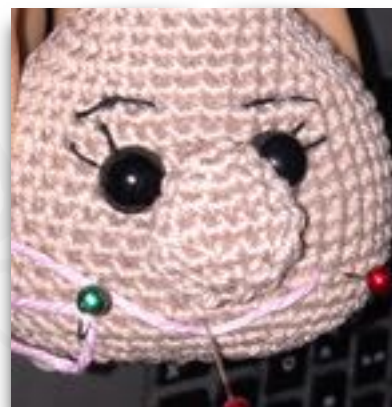
Fasten off invisibly.



Mark the spots for eyes and mouth with pins.

Use strong thread (e. g. sewing thread) to sculpture the face. Starting at the bottom of the head, insert your needle, exiting right at your first eye marker, reinsert your needle one stitch offset down and guide your needle back to the bottom, knot well. Repeat for the second eye, cut the yarn and weave in loose ends.

Start now from the top of the head, insert your needle and go now to the marker for the corner of the mouth, run the thread over the face and under the 3rd pin (in the middle - it's just a support pin), insert your needle at the marker for the other corner of the mouth, guide your needle back to the top of the head exactly where the starting thread is. Tighten the thread until the mouth is formed nicely, knot well, weave in loose ends (do not let confuse, the pictures sometimes show a nose, I finally decided against a nose).



Feeler (make 2):

Beige or light brown, hook size 2.0 mm

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

Stuff it.

5. (sc 1, dec) x4 (8)
- 6.-12. (7 Rounds) sc in each st around (8)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Insert pipe cleaner into the feeler or just stuff it.

Pin the feelers to the head and sew them on.



Latch hook some threads of wool at the top of the head or crochet it with fluffy wool (sc 6 in MR) and sew it on.

Snail shell:

Pink, hook size 2.0 mm

Attention: Each 2nd round work in the back loops only, it's not mentioned separately.

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. (sc 1, inc) x3 (9)
- 3.-51. (49 Rounds) sc in each st around (9)

Insert pipe cleaner or stuff as usual - when you stuff it you may have to start earlier with it.

52. (sc 2, inc) x3 (12)
- 53.-54. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (12)
55. (sc 3, inc) x3 (15)
- 56.-57. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (15)
58. (sc 4, inc) x3 (18)
- 59.-60. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (18)
61. (sc 5, inc) x3 (21)
- 62.-63. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (21)
64. (sc 6, inc) x3 (24)
- 65.-66. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (24)
67. (sc 7, inc) x3 (27)
- 68.-69. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (27)

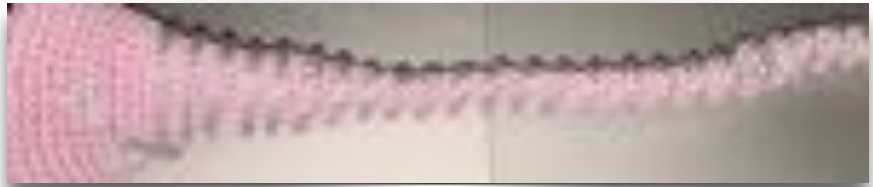
Work in both loops from here.

70. (sc 8, inc) x3 (30)
- 71.-72. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (30)
73. (sc 9, inc) x3 (33)
74. (sc 10, inc) x3 (36)
75. (sc 5, inc) x6 (42)
76. (sc 6, inc) x6 (48)
77. (sc 7, inc) x6 (54)
78. (sc 8, inc) x6 (60)
79. slst 1, ch 1, rsc 60 (reverse sc / crab stitch) (60)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Rejoin with contrasting color (for me: silver) at the top of the snail shell and slst 1 (loose) in each of the unused front loops.





Stuff about half of the lower part of the snail shell, roll up the upper part and sew the spiral in place.





Now stuff the rest of the snail shell, pin it to the body and sew it on. Finish stuffing before you finally close it.

If not done yet - sew the head on the neck.

Congrats, Fipsie is ready now :o)

