Crochet Mice – pattern 2

Materials needed:

> Small amount of wool
> 3.5mm crochet hook
> Some stuffing
> Bell (optional)
> Dried catnip (optional)

Abbreviations:

> st = stitch
> sc = single crochet
> 2tog = 2 stitches together
> sl st = slip stitch
> f/o = finish off

Order:

1. Make the body
2. Stuff the body
3. Close up the head
4. Bring the wool tail though the back and crochet a tail
5. Make and sew on the ears
6. Add in the nose
7. Add the eyes

Ears:

1: Adjustable loop with 6st (6)

2: 1 and turn, 1sc in each f/o and leave long tail for sewing. Sew the ears in between the 10th and 11th row. Pin them in place before sewing them in. When all done, bring the wool tails out through one hole in the body, knot off then hide inside the body.

Pattern - Body:

Row 1: Adjustable loop with 6st (6)

Row 2: 2sc in each (12)

Row 3: 1sc then 2sc in next st (18)

Row 4: 1sc in next 2st then 2sc in next st (24)

Row 5-6: 1sc in each st for 2 rows

Row 7: 1sc in next 2st then 2tog (18)

Row 8-9: 1sc in each st for 2 rows

Row 10: 1sc in next 7st then 2tog (16)

Row 11: 1sc in next 6st then 2tog (14)

Row 12: 1sc in next 5st then 2tog (12) *Start stuffing the body. Stuff it firm, pushing the stuffing into the sides near the back end to give the body a more triangular shape.

Row 13: 1sc the 2tog (8) *Stuff more as needed. Make sure you are going to be happy with how the head looks before finishing off this row.

Row 14: 2tog twice then f/o leaving a long tail for sewing, you will also be using this wool tail to crochet a chain for the tail. Using a wool needle, neatly weave in and out of the remaining stitches, pull tight to close the gap and neatly knot off then pull the wool tail inside the body and right out the back through the magic circle you started the body with.

Chain any length you want the tail then f/o and weave the wool tail in and out along the chain and knot it off once you reach the body. Hide the remaining wool tail inside the body

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