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yarn kit

safety eyes, stuffing

Practise and perfect the amigurumi basics by trying our

pocket pals

The Japanese art of amigurumi is adorable, and one you absolutely must try. Typically worked in spiral rounds and featuring sweet animal designs, the technique leaves a sturdy, hard-wearing finish that is fantastic for little ones and appealing to our inner child as well. Here, **Irene Strange's** three crochet chums are just the thing to kickstart your amigurumi affair — and if you're feeling imaginative, try using the basic shapes to add details of your own and make up your favourite animal.



stitches used

Chain (ch)
Double crochet (dc)
Reverse double crochet (rev dc)
Double crochet two together (dc2tog)
Double crochet three together (dc3tog)

SIZE

Camilla crocodile: 4cm width x 10cm height
Patricia pig: 4cm width x 7cm height
Doris dolphin: 4cm width x 10cm length

Camilla crocodile

body

Using 4.5mm hook and Tennis Green make 6ch, join with a sl st to first ch to form a ring
Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

Rnds 3–17: 1dc in each st to end

* Insert safety eyes

Rnd 18: (dc2tog) to end. Nine sts

Stuff

Rnd 19: (dc3tog) to end. Three sts

Fasten off *

back leg

Make two

Using 4.5mm hook and Tennis Green make 2ch on base of Body

* **Row 1:** 1ch, 2dc in same ch sp, turn. Two sts

Row 2: 1ch, 1dc in each st

to end, turn

Row 3: 1ch, dc2tog.

One st

Fasten off *

front leg

Make two

Using 4.5mm hook and Tennis Green hook yarn through body fabric

Row 1: 1ch, 2dc in same ch sp, turn. Two sts

Rows 2–3: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn

Row 4: 1ch, dc2tog. One st

Fasten off

tail

Using 4.5mm hook and Tennis Green make 5ch, join with a sl st to first ch to form a ring

Rnd 1: 1dc in each st to end. Five sts

Rnds 2–5: 2dc in next st, 1dc in each st to end. Nine sts

Rnd 6: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off





mouth inside

Using 4.5mm hook and Shell Peach make 4ch
Row 1: starting second ch from hook 1dc in each st to end, turn. Three sts
Rows 2-12: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn
 Fasten off

lower jaw

* Using 4.5mm hook and Tennis Green make 4ch
Row 1: starting second ch from hook 1dc in each st to end, turn. Three sts
Rows 2-5: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn *
 Fasten off

upper jaw

Work as for Lower Jaw from * to *. Three sts
Rnds 6-7: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end, turn
 Fasten off

to make up

Sew in ends. Place Upper Jaw over Mouth Inside. Using 4.5mm hook and Tennis Green join them tog using a row of dc along outside of top half. Place Lower Jaw over top of Mouth Inside. Rep joining method as for top half. Sew Mouth to Body. Embroider teeth using white yarn with two short sts for each tooth. Sew Tail to Body. Using 4.5mm hook and Tennis Green hook yarn through Body at top of back. Make spine by working a row of rev dc along back and Tail

Doris dolphin

body

Using 4.5mm hook and Powder Blue make 6ch, join with a sl st to first ch to form a ring
Rnds 1-2: work as for Rnds 1-2 of Crocodile Body. 18 sts
Rnds 3-8: 1dc in each st to end
 Insert safety eyes
Rnd 9: (dc2tog, 4dc) to end. 15 sts
Rnd 10: (dc2tog, 3dc) to end. 12 sts
Rnd 11: (dc2tog, 2dc) to end. Nine sts
 Stuff
Rnd 12: (dc2tog, 1dc) to end. Six sts

Rnd 13: (dc2tog) to end. Three sts

Rnd 14: 3ch, (1tr, 1dtr, 1tr) in next st, 3ch, one sl st in next st, 3ch, (1tr, 1dtr, 1tr) in same st, 3ch, one sl st in same st
 Fasten off

beak

Using 4.5mm hook and Powder Blue make 4ch, join with a sl st to first ch to form a ring

Rnds 1-3: 1dc in each st to end
 Fasten off

side fin

Make two

Using 4.5mm hook and Powder Blue hook yarn through side of Body, 2ch, 2tr in same st. Two sts
 Fasten off

top fin

Note: work Top Fin from back of Body towards front
 Using 4.5mm hook and Powder Blue hook yarn through top of Body, 2ch, 1tr in same st, 1tr, 1htr, 1dc, one sl st. Five sts
 Fasten off, sew in ends

to make up

Sew Beak to Body. Using Fresh White embroider teeth along middle of Beak



Patricia pig

body

Using 4.5mm hook and Shell Peach make 6ch, join with a sl st to first ch to form a ring
Rnds 1-2: work as for Rnds 1-2 of Crocodile Body. 18 sts
Rnds 3-12: 1dc in each st to end
 Work as for Crocodile Body from * to *

snout

Using 4.5mm hook and

Shell Peach make 6ch, join with a sl st to first ch to form a ring

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

Rnd 2: working in back loops only 1dc in each st to end
 Fasten off

foot

Make two on upper half of Body and two on base of Body

Using 4.5mm hook and Shell Peach hook yarn through Body fabric
 Work as for Crocodile Back Leg from * to *

tail

Using 4.5mm hook and Shell Peach hook yarn through Body fabric, make 8ch
Row 1: starting second ch from hook one sl st in each st to end. Seven sts
 Fasten off

ear

Make two
 Using 4.5mm hook and Shell Peach make 4ch
Row 1: starting second ch from hook (1dc, 1htr) in next st, 2tr in next st, (1htr, 1dc) in next st. Six sts
 Fasten off

to make up

Sew Snout to Body between eyes. Sew Ears to Body



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clever

Working the smaller details straight onto the body pieces helps you to save time and use less yarn