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Hedgehog Amigurumi

Mimi-chan by amiguruMEI for Craft Passion Skill level: Intermediate Duration: About 5 hours

Description: Mimi-chan (short for Ayumi) is a baby hedgehog who loves watching the autumn leaves fall. Her weakness? Sweet, ripe apples. She enjoys clambering from tree to tree. She hopes she will

grow up to become a bushy-tailed squirrel

Abbreviations

- Ch: chain
- Sc: single crochet
- Dc: double crochet
- Dtr: double treble crochet
- Inv dec: invisible decrease

Materials

2.3mm hook
2.5mm hook
Acrylic yarn in beige, dark brown and sea green
Fuzzy yarn in dark brown (I used Daiso's Moco Café Fuwa Fuwa yarn)
White and yellow felt
2 x 8mm black brads
1 x 8mm doll's eye
Dark brown eye shadow
Pink blush
Cotton buds
Darning needle
Polyester fiberfill
Stuffing pellets

Body

With beige yarn and 2.3mm hook: Round 1: Sc 6 in magic ring {6}. Round 2: [Inc] around {12}. Round 3: [Inc, sc 1] around {18}. Round 4: [Inc, sc 2] around {24}. Round 5: [Inc, sc 3] around {30}. Round 6: [Inc, sc 4] around {36}. Round 7: [Inc, sc 5] around {42}. Round 8: [Inc, sc 6] around {48}. Round 9: [Inc, sc 7] around {54}. Round 10: [Inc, sc 8] around {60}. Round 11-14 (4 rounds altogether): Sc around {60}. Change to dark brown yarn. (I used a slightly thicker yarn and a 2.5mm hook to match) Round 15-20 (5 rounds altogether): Sc around {60}. Round 21: [Inv dec, sc 8] around {54}. Round 22: [Inv dec, sc 7] around {48}. Round 23: [Inv dec, sc 6] around {42}. Round 24: [Inv dec, sc 5] around {36}. Round 25: [Inv dec, sc 4] around {30}. Round 26: [Inv dec, sc 3] around {24}. Round 27: [Inv dec, sc 2] around {18}. Turn the beige part of the body towards you. This means the opening should be to the back of the doll, instead of at the bottom. Fill with plastic pellets. This is to weigh down the doll. Add stuffing. At this point, start shaping the doll as you would a triangle onigiri (rice ball). Round 28: [Inv dec, sc 1] around {12}. Round 29: [Inv dec] around {6}.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

Eye indentations

With a new strand of beige yarn and 2.3mm hook, thread it through a darning needle and bring it up to a spot below Round 9 of the head.

Make a horizontal backstitch and bring the yarn back down to the bottom of the body. Gently tug to create an indentation. Repeat on the other side. There should be about 10 stitches in between. Bring yarn to the bottom of the head and trim excess.

Snout

With beige yarn and 2.3mm hook: Round 1: Sc 5 in magic ring {5}. Round 2: [Inc] around {10}. Round 3: Sc around{10}. Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing.

Lips

With beige yarn and 2.3mm hook: Round 1: Sc 5 in magic ring {5}. Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing.

Ears

Make 2 with beige yarn and 2.3mm hook: Round 1: Sc 7 in magic ring {7}. Round 2: Sc around{7}. Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing.

Arms

Make 2 starting with beige yarn and 2.3mm hook: Round 1: Sc 7 in magic ring {7}. Round 2-5 (4 rounds altogether): Sc around {7}. Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing.

Feet

Make 2 starting with with beige yarn and 2.3mm hook: Round 1: Sc 6 in magic ring {6}. Round 2: [Inc] around {12}. Round 3-4: Sc around{12}. Round 5: Inv dec around {6}. Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing.

Flower

With sea green yarn and 2.3mm hook: Round 1: Ch 4. Slip stitch to first st to form a ring. Round 2: *[Ch 3, 2 dtr, ss] repeat from * 3 more times. (4 petals altogether) Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing.

Creating fuzzy hedgehog quills

With dark brown fuzzy yarn and 2.5mm hook, surface crochet with sc onto the dark brown part of the body. Using fuzzy yarn means it's okay to make a mistake, since it won't be immediately visible. Crochet around as you normally would in a spiral fashion and ensure you cover the entire back with fuzz.

Assembly

1. Cut two pieces of white felt into small crescents to match the size of the black brads.

- 2. Glue the brads and white felt in place as the eyes.
- 3. Insert the doll's eyes (used as a nose here) into the snout piece and sew the snout in place.

4. Sew on the lips.

- 5. Sew on the arms, feet and ears.
- 6. Use dark brown yarn to make eyebrows with the backstitch technique.
- 7. Glue a small yellow felt circle onto the centre of the flower.

8. Use dark brown eyes shadow to give the eyes some depth and dimension. Apply with the help of a cotton bud.

9. Dab on some pink blush on the cheeks and the small centre of the lips.

While you fill the body with stuffing, start shaping the doll as you would a triangle onigiri (rice ball).

Add eye indentations.

Sew on the snout and lips after gluing on the eyes in place.

Sew on the ears, arms and feet.

Use fuzzy yarn to create hedgehog quills.

Highlight features with dark brown eye shadow and pink blusher.













