

Plushie Pet Platypus by Melissa Mall



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Difficulty: Intermediate

Finished Size: Approx. 13.5" from bill to backside, not including tail; 7.5" high

Materials:

- ◆ G/6 (4.00 mm) hook
- ◆ Vanna's Choice Solid [100% Acrylic, 170yd/155m per 3.5oz/100g skein] Color: Aqua; 1 skein
- ◆ Red Heart Super Saver Solids [100% Acrylic, 364yd/333m per 7oz/198g skein] Color: Pumpkin, 55yds; Bright Orange, 50 yds; Black, 10yds; White, 10yds
- ◆ Stitch marker to keep track of rounds (optional)
- ◆ Stuffing or fiberfill
- ◆ Yarn needle

Gauge: 15 sts/14 rows = 4 inches/10 cm

Abbreviations:

ch = chain

dc = double crochet

dec = decrease by pulling up a loop in each of the next 2 sts and working as one

inc = increase by making 2 sts in each st

rnd = round

sc = single crochet

sl st = slip stitch

tr = triple crochet

Note: Do not join rounds unless directed.

Directions

Body:

Rnd 1: With Aqua, ch 2. Make 6 sc in 2nd st from hook. (6 sc)
 Rnd 2: [Sc inc] in each st around. (12 sc)
 Rnd 3: [Sc inc in next st, sc in next st] around. (18 sc)
 Rnd 4: [Sc inc in next st, sc in each of next 2 sts] around. (24 sc)
 Rnd 5: [Sc inc in next st, sc in each of next 3 sts] around. (30 sc)
 Rnd 6: [Sc inc in next st, sc in each of next 4 sts] around. (36 sc)
 Rnd 7: [Sc inc in next st, sc in each of next 5 sts] around. (42 sc)
 Rnd 8: [Sc inc in next st, sc in each of next 6 sts] around. (48 sc)
 Rnd 9: [Sc inc in next st, sc in each of next 7 sts] around. (54 sc)
 Rnd 10: [Sc inc in next st, sc in each of next 8 sts] around. (60 sc)
 Rnds 11-38: Sc in each sc around. (60 sc)
 Rnd 39: [Sc dec across next 2 sts, sc in each of next 8 sts] around. (54 sc)
 Rnd 40: [Sc dec across next 2 sts, sc in each of next 7 sts] around. (48 sc)
 Rnd 41: [Sc dec across next 2 sts, sc in each of next 6 sts] around. (42 sc)
 Rnd 42: [Sc dec across next 2 sts, sc in each of next 5 sts] around. (36 sc)
 Rnd 43: [Sc dec across next 2 sts, sc in each of next 4 sts] around. (30 sc) Stuff body.
 Rnd 44: [Sc dec across next 2 sts, sc in each of next 3 sts] around. (24 sc)
 Rnd 45: [Sc dec across next 2 sts, sc in each of next 2 sts] around. (18 sc)
 Rnd 46: [Sc dec across next 2 sts, sc in next st] around. (12 sc)
 Rnd 46: [Sc dec across next 2 sts] around. (6 sc)
 Finish off, leaving a tail of yarn several inches long. Weave yarn through last 6 sts and pull tight to close. Weave in ends.

Front Legs (make 2):

With Aqua, ch 2. Make 6 sc in 2nd st from hook. (6 sc)
 Rnd 2: [Sc inc] in each st around. (12 sc)
 Rnds 3-7: Sc in each st around. (12 sc)
 Rnd 8: [Sc inc in next st, sc in next st] around. (18 sc)
 Rnds 9-12: Sc in each sc around. (18 sc)
 Sl st in next st; finish off.

Back Legs (make 2):

Rnd 1: With Aqua, ch 2. Make 6 sc in 2nd st from hook. (6 sc)

Rnd 2: [Sc inc] in each st around. (12 sc)

Rnd 3: [Sc inc in next st, sc in next st] around. (18 sc)

Rnds 4-7: Sc in each sc around. (18 sc)

Sl st in next st; finish off.

Tail:

Rnd 1: With Pumpkin, ch 24. Join with a sl st in first ch made to form ring. Ch 1; sc in each sc around. (24 sc) Join rnd.

Rnds 2-10: Ch 1; sc in each sc around. (24 sc) Join.

Rnd 11: Ch 1; [sc inc in next st, sc in each of the next 7 sts] 3 times. (27 sc) Join.

Rnd 12-14: Ch 1; sc in each st around. (27 sc) Join.

Rnd 15: Ch 1; [sc inc in next st, sc in each of the next 8 sts] 3 times. (30 sc) Join.

Rnds 16-18: Ch 1; sc in each st around. (30 sc) Join.

Rnd 19: Ch 1; [sc inc in next st, sc in each of the next 9 sts] 3 times. (33 sc) Join

Rnds 20-22: Ch 1; sc in each st around. (33 sc) Join.

Rnd 23: Ch 1; [sc inc in next st, sc in each of the next 10 sts] 3 times. (36 sc) Join.

Rnds 24-27: Ch 1; sc in each st around. (36 sc) Join.

Rnd 28: Ch 1; [sc dec across next 2 sts, sc in each of the next 4 sts] around. (30 sc) Join.

Rnd 29: Ch 1; [sc dec across next 2 sts, sc in each of the next 3 sts]. (24 sc) Join.

Rnd 30: [Sc dec across next 2 sts] around. (12 sc) Join. Finish off.

Bill:

Rnd 1: With Bright Orange, ch 30. Join with a sl st in first ch made to form ring. Ch 1; sc in each sc around. (30 sc) Join rnd.

Rnd 2: Ch 1. [(Sc dec across next 2 sts) 3 times, sc in each of the next 9 sts] 2 times. (24sc) Join.

Rnd 3: Ch 1; sc in each of the next 6 sts. [Sc inc] 3 times, sc in each of the next 15 sts. (27 sc) Join.

Rnd 4: Ch 1; sc in each st around. (27 sc) Join.

Rnd 5: Ch 1; sc in each of the next 6 sts. [Sc dec] 3 times, sc in each of the next 15 sts. (24 sc) Join.

Rnds 6-12 : Ch 1; sc in each st around. (24 sc) Join.

Rnd 13: Ch 1; [sc dec] around. (12 sc) Finish off.

Nose:

Row 1: Ch 2; sc in 2nd ch from hook. Ch 1; turn.

Row 2: Sc inc. (2 sc) Ch 1, turn.

Row 3: [Sc inc] 2 times. (4 sc) Ch 1; turn.

Row 4: Sc in next st, [sc inc] 2 times, sc in next st.

(6 sc) Finish off.

Feet (make 2):

Rnd 1: With Bright Orange, ch 2. Make 6 sc in 2nd st from hook. (6 sc)

Rnd 2: [Sc inc] in each st around. (12 sc)

Rnd 3: [Sc inc in next st, sc in next st] around. (18 sc)

Rnds 4-8: Sc in each st around. (18 sc)

Rnd 9: Flatten piece so that you have 9 sts across, two

layers thick. Sc (through both layers) in each pair of stitches across. (9 sc) This should give you a flat, closed edge. Turn.

Row 10: Ch2; dc in each of the next 2 sts, sl st in next st. Sc in next st, make 2 tr in next st, sc in next st. Sl st

in next st, dc in next 2 sts. Finish off.

Eyes (make 2):

Rnd 1: With white, ch 2. Make 6 sc in 2nd st from hook. (6 sc)

Rnd 2: [Sc inc] in each st around. (12 sc)

Rnd 3: [Sc inc in next st, sc in next st] around. (18 sc)

Rnd 4: Sc in each st around. (18 sc) Sl st in next st; f finish off.

Pupils (make 2):

Rnd 1: With black, ch 3. Make 8 hdc in 3rd ch from hook; join rnd. Finish off.

Finishing:

1. Stuff front legs firmly and sew to body, taking care not to distort shape.
2. Sew feet to back legs; stuff back legs and sew to body.
3. Flatten tail (do not stuff); sew closed at Rnd 30. With a doubled length of Pumpkin yarn and a needle, embroider criss-cross pattern on tail. Take care to tack down any long pieces of yarn so they do not get caught on anything.
4. Sew tail to back of body.
5. Sew Rnd 13 of Bill closed. Stuff lightly, sew to Body. Sew Nose to center top of Bill, as pictured.
6. Sew Pupils to Eyes. Stuff Eyes, sew to body as pictured.

