

pucker the goldfish

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Pucker the goldfish just wants peace on earth and thinks that if we kissed more, there would be fewer wars.

Finished Size: About 4" wide, 4" long, and 4" tall.

Yarn: Worsted Weight (#4 Medium).

Shown Here: Red Heart Kids (100% acrylic; 290 yd [265 m]/5 oz [141 g]; **(4)**): #2252 orange, 1 skein.

Hook: Size F/5 (3.75 mm). Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

Notions: Stitch markers (m); yarn needle; pair of 18 mm safety eyes; polyester fiberfill.

Gauge: Gauge is not critical for this project.

Skill Level: Easy.

Notes

Exact gauge is not necessary for this project. Gauge should be tight enough to make a fabric that will hold the stuffing in place and keep its shape.

Weave in loose ends as work progresses.

FISH

Shape mouth:

Rnd 1: Ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in first sc to join—6 sts.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in each sc around, sl st in first sc to join—12 sts.

Shape body:

Rnd 3: Working across WS of piece, sl st in back of first sc in Rnd 2, sl st in back of first sc of Rnd 1, ch 1, turn (the sc are now worked with the RS facing inside of fish), 2 sc in back of each sc of Rnd 1 around, do not join, work in continuous rnds—12 sts.

Rnd 4: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] 6 times—18 sts.

Rnd 5: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc] 6 times—24 sts.

Rnd 6: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc] 6 times—30 sts.

Rnd 7: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 4 sc] 6 times—36 sts.

Rnds 8–10: Sc around.

Rnd 11: [Sc2tog (see Glossary), sc in next 4 sts] 6 times—30 sts.

Rnd 12: [Sc2tog, sc in next sc] 3 times, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts] 3 times (for belly bulge)—30 sts.

Rnd 13: Sc around.

Rnd 14: [Sc2tog, sc in next 8 sc] 3 times—27 sts.

Rnd 15: [Sc2tog, sc in next 7 sc] 3 times—24 sts.

Rnd 16: [Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sc] 3 times—21 sts.

Attach safety eyes on either side of mouth with belly bulge at the bottom.

Rnd 17: [Sc2tog, sc in next 5 sc] 3 times—18 sts.

Rnd 18: [Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sc] 3 times—15 sts.

Stuff body. Cont to stuff piece until complete.

Rnd 19: [Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sc] 3 times—12 sts.

Rnd 20: [Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sc] 3 times—9 sts.

Rnd 21: [Sc2tog, sc in next sc] 3 times—6 sts.

Rnd 22: Sc2tog around—3 sts. Do not fasten off.

Shape tail:

Row 1: *Ch 10, working in bottom ridge lps, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next ch, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next 2 ch, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in last ch (first fin made); rep from * to form 2nd fin, sc in base of first fin, sl st in next sc of Rnd 22. Do not fasten off.

With a separate piece of scrap yarn and yarn needle, loosely baste a straight line across the center top of the fish to tail.

Shape top fins:

With yarn from Row 1 of tail, work surface sl st (see Glossary) along the basted line, taking care not to catch the basting sts, working 1 sl st over each of next 12 rows, turn.

Row 1: Ch 7, working in bottom ridge lps, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next ch, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, hdc in next ch, sk next sl st on top of body, sl st in next sl st on body, turn.

Row 2: Sc in last hdc of Row 1, sc in next st, turn.

Row 3: Ch 8, working in bottom ridge lps, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next ch, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next 3 ch, dc in next 2 sc, sk the next sl st on body, sl st in next sl st on body, turn.

Row 4: Sc in last dc of Row 3, sc in next st, turn.

Row 5: Ch 5, working in bottom ridge lps of ch-5, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next ch, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next sc, hdc in next sc, sk next sl st on body, sl st in next sl st on body. Fasten off.

SIDE FINS (MAKE 2)

Ch 12, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next ch, sc in next 2 ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next 4 ch, hdc in next ch, sc in last ch. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Pin both side fins to body. Set fish on a level surface to make sure the fins help keep fish upright. Sew fins in place. Weave in loose ends.

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