

Gumball

This is a pattern for Gumball, the wacky blue cat who stars in the cartoon [The Amazing World of Gumball](#). It's a favourite of my nieces and I made this guy as a present for the youngest. Gumball's best friend is a goldfish named [Darwin](#), whose pattern is now on the blog.

Let me know if you have any problems. Enjoy!

Gumball



Size

18cm/7in tall

Skill Level

Advanced. Please read through the pattern before you begin. This pattern requires that you crochet in a spiral and in rows. The muzzle, legs and arms require you to crochet around a chain. Some parts are quite small. There are several colour changes in the pattern. I recommend these two tutorials on changing yarn colour: [Colour Changes in Amigurumi](#) by June Gilbank and [Crocheted Jogless Stripe](#) by NeedleNoodles. *I've included lots of photos and if you need any help with the pattern, please feel free to contact me.*

Note on yarn and hook size

I used DK weight yarn and a 2.75mm hook (US size C, UK size 11) and a 2.0mm hook (US size 1/B, UK size 14) for this pattern. You can use a different weight yarn than DK but it will change the size of your toy. Remember to use the same weight yarn for all parts so that your toy is in proportion. Choose a hook size that will give you a nice tight stitch.

Materials

Yarn

Blue

Brown

Beige

Dark Grey

Powder Blue

Black for the whiskers and paws

White for the tooth and belt buckle

Maroon for the nose

Crochet Hook – 2.75mm and 2.0mm

Filling

Tapestry needle

White and Black felt for the eyes and eyebrows

Craft glue and/or thread and sharp needle for attaching felt

Pins

Scissors

Terminology

This pattern was written using US crochet terminology

Rnd – Round

sc – Single crochet

sc2tog – Single crochet two stitches together.

sl st – Slip stitch

st – Stitch. This term covers ch, sc, hdc, sl st and other stitches used in crochet.

Make a ring – The starting point for crocheting in a spiral. There are several methods. If you've never crocheted in a spiral before, Google crochet magic ring and this will lead you to some tutorials on how to get started.

* * - Repeat the instructions between the asterisks as directed.

() – The number of stitches that should be in a completed round are placed in brackets at the end of that round's instructions.

Instructions

Head (in Blue with 2.75mm hook)

Make a ring.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in ring (6)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around (12)

Rnd 3: *sc in next st, 2 sc in next st* around (18)

Rnd 4: *sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st* around (24)

Rnd 5: *sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st* around (30)

Rnd 6: *sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st* around (36)

Rnd 7: *sc in next 5 st, 2 sc in next st* around (42)

Rnd 8: *sc in next 6 st, 2 sc in next st* around (48)

Rnd 9-16: sc in each st around

Rnd 17: sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next 6 st, sc in next 28 st, 2 sc in next 6 st, sc in next 4 st (60)

Rnd 18-22: sc in each st around

Rnd 23: sc in next 4 st, sc2tog six times, sc in next 28 st, sc2tog six times, sc in next 4 st (48)

Rnd 24: *sc in next 6 st, sc2tog* around (42)

Rnd 25: *sc in next 5 st, sc2tog* around (36)

Rnd 26: *sc in next 4 st, sc2tog* around (30)

Start stuffing.

Rnd 27: *sc in next 3 st, sc2tog* around (24)

Rnd 28: *sc in next 2 st, sc2tog* around (18)

Rnd 29: *sc in next st, sc2tog* around (12)

Finish stuffing firmly.

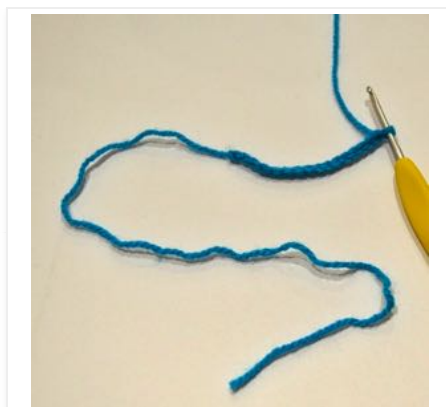
Rnd 30: sc2tog around (6)

Cut yarn and weave end through remaining stitches. Pull tight to close up hole. Weave in yarn end.

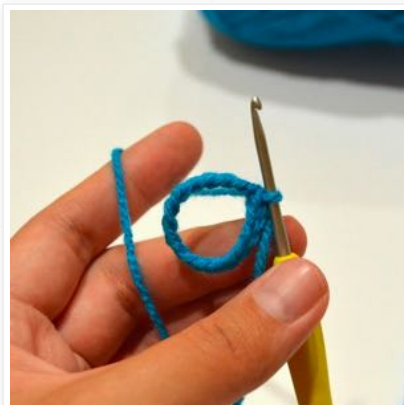
Body (in Blue, Brown, Beige and Dark Grey with 2.75mm hook)

Start with Blue

Chain 16, leaving a long tail at the beginning of the chain. This will be used to join the body to the head.



Leave a long tail at beginning of chain to use for joining.



Single crochet in first chain made.

Rnd 1: Sc in first chain made, making a large ring. Sc in each chain around (16)

Change to Brown.

Rnd 2-3: sc in each st around

Change to Beige.

Rnd 4-10: sc in each st around

Rnd 11: *sc in next st, 2 sc in next st* around (24)

Rnd 12: sc in each st around

Change to Dark Grey.

Rnd 13: sc in each st around

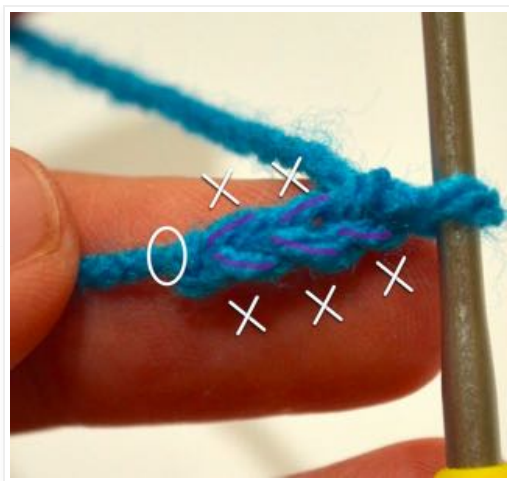
Rnd 14: *sc in next st, sc2tog* around (16)

Rnd 15: sc2tog around (8)

Cut yarn and weave end through remaining stitches. Pull tight to close up hole. Weave in yarn end. Stuff firmly.

Arms (in Blue, Brown and Beige with 2.75mm hook)

For the arms, instead of crocheting in a ring, I like to begin by crocheting around a chain. This gives a slightly squarer paw. If you're not comfortable with crocheting around a chain, you can start with a ring as normal.



When crocheting around a chain, you work in the loops of the chain. These are highlighted in purple in the photo above. The crosses show where you'll place the single crochets and the oval indicates where you make the chain in the first round. If you're having difficulty, [this tutorial](#) I made a while back may help you out.

Start with Blue.

Chain 3.

Rnd 1: Working in the back loops of the chain, sc in second st from the hook, sc in next st, chain 1, turn the work around 180 degrees so that you can work in the unworked loops of the stitches, sc in next 3 st (6)

Rnd 2: sc in each st around (6)

Change to Brown.

Rnd 3: sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 st (7)

Rnd 4-5: sc in each st around

Change to Beige.

Rnd 6-10: sc in each st around

Cut yarn and fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn to use when attaching the arms to the body.

Leave unstuffed. Make two.

Legs (in Blue, Beige and Dark Grey with 2.75mm hook)

Like the arms, I start the legs by crocheting around a chain. Again, if you prefer, you can start the legs by crocheting in a ring. Stuff the legs as you go but leave the top part unstuffed.

Start with blue.

Chain 3.

Rnd 1: Working in the back loops of the chain, sc in second st from the hook, sc in next st, chain 1, turn the work around 180 degrees so that you can work in the unworked loops of the stitches, sc in next 3 st (6)

Rnd 2: sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 st (7)

Rnd 3: sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 st (8)

Rnd 4: sc in each st around

Some short rows are now worked to make a flap which will make the heel of the foot.

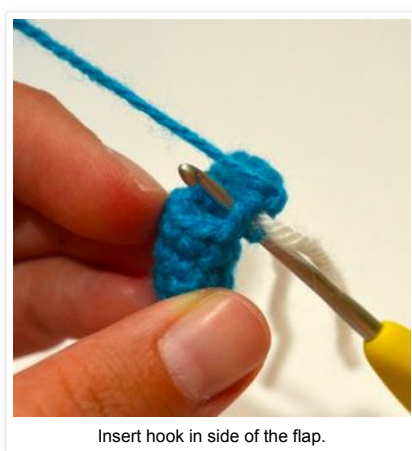
Turn your work, sc in the last 4 st made in rnd 4

Turn, sc in next 4 st

The foot should now look like this. The white yarn marks the first stitch made in round 4 --

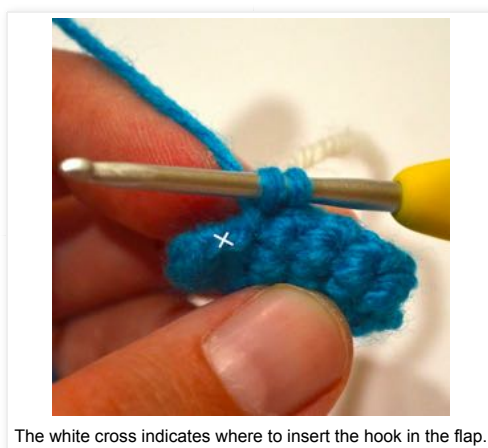


Rnd 5: Insert the hook into the middle of the side of the flap and pull up a loop, insert hook into the next sc at the bottom of the flap and pull up a loop, pull yarn through all three loops on the hook to make first st of the round.



Insert hook in side of the flap.

Sc in next 2 st. Insert hook in next st, pull up a loop, insert hook into the middle of the side of the flap and pull up a loop, pull yarn through all three loops on the hook to complete the stitch. Sc in next 4 st (8)



The white cross indicates where to insert the hook in the flap.

Change to Beige.

Rnd 6-7: sc in each st around

Change to Dark Grey.

Rnd 8-11: sc in each st around

Rnd 12: sc2tog, sc in next 6 st (7)

Cut yarn and fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn to use when attaching the legs to the body. Make two.

Ears (in Blue with 2.75mm hook)

Make a ring.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in ring

Rnd 2: *sc in next st, 2 sc in next st* around (9)

Rnd 3: *sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st* around (12)

Rnd 4: *sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st* around (15)

Rnd 5: *sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st* around (18)

Rnd 6: sc in each st around.

Cut yarn and fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn to use when attaching the ears to the head.

Leave unstuffed. Make two.

Tail (in Blue with 2.75mm hook)

Make a ring.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in ring

Rnd 2: *sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st* twice (8)

Rnd 3-4: sc in each st around

Rnd 5: sc2tog, sc in next 6 st (7)

Rnd 6: sc in each st around

Rnd 7: sc2tog, sc in next 5 st (6)

Rnd 8: sc in each st around

Cut yarn and fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn to use when attaching the tail to the body. Leave unstuffed.

Muzzle (in Powder Blue with 2.0mm hook)*

Last time ... the muzzle starts by crocheting around a chain. Refer to the picture in the arm section to see where the stitches are made when crocheting around a chain.

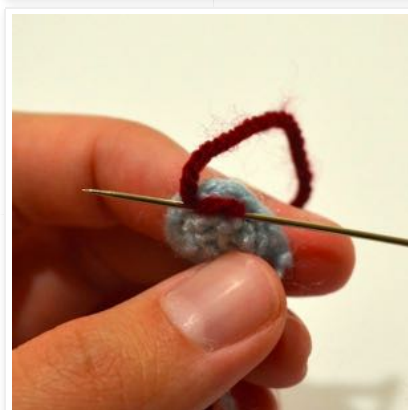
Chain 3.

Rnd 1: Working in the back loops of the chain, sc in second st from the hook, sc in next st, chain 1, turn the work around 180 degrees so that you can work in the unworked loops of the stitches, sc in next 3 st (6)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around (12)

Cut yarn and fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn to use when attaching the muzzle to the head.

Now is a good time to stitch the nose onto the muzzle. Take a length of Maroon yarn and stitch the nose on close to the outer edge of the muzzle. To secure the yarn ends, tie them in a knot and trim so that the knot fits neatly inside the muzzle.





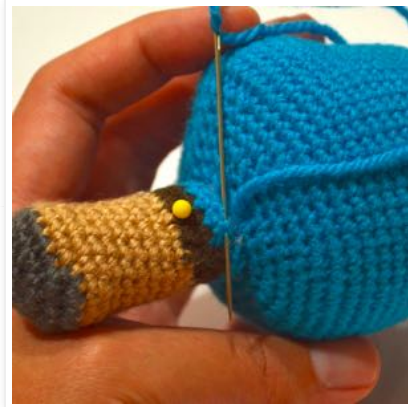
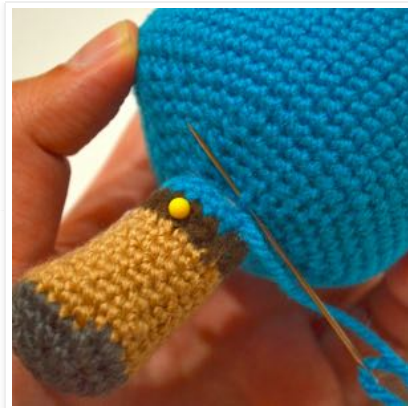
* The muzzle in the photos may look a little different from yours. This is because I couldn't find a DK weight yarn in powder blue so I used a thinner yarn and added a third even round. Just wanted to let you know in case you found it confusing.

Assembly

These are guidelines only. Be guided by your own eyes at all times.

Join the head to the body. Centre the body over the closed opening of the head. Pin it in place and stitch on using the yarn end left on the body.





Join the arms to the body. Pin the arms to the body just below the brown line and stitch on using the tail ends left on the arms.

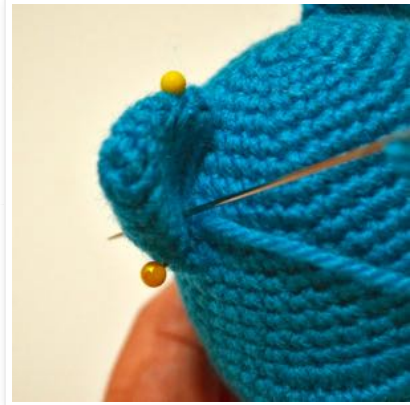


Join the legs to the body. Pin the legs onto the bottom part of the body so that it looks like Gumball is sitting. I've found this makes it easier to position and stitch them on. Use the yarn ends on the legs to stitch them on.



Join the ears to the head. Gumball's ears sit quite far back so you want the ears to sit a little bit back from the centre of the top of the head. Pin to the head and stitch them on using the yarn ends on the ears.

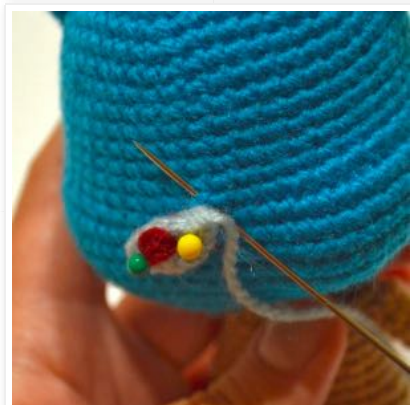




Join the tail to the bottom. Pin the tail near the top of the dark grey area, Gumball's pants, and stitch on using the yarn end left on the tail.

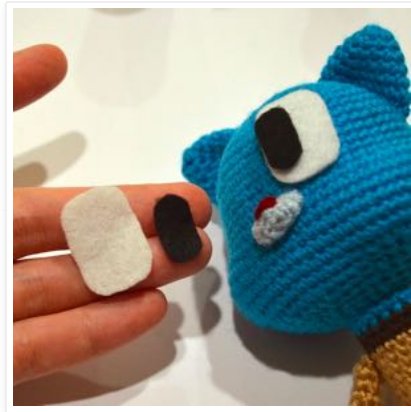


Join the muzzle to the head. The muzzle sits between the top of the cheeks. It should be slightly angled. Pin to the head and stitch on using the yarn end on the muzzle.

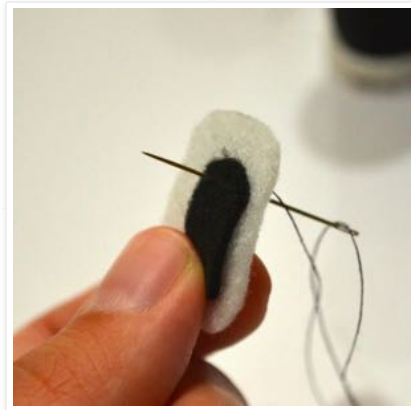


Make and attach the eyes. I like using felt and for me it was the easiest way to make the eyes. If you don't like using felt, you could try crocheting the eyes. I would recommend using a thinner yarn and smaller hook than used for the body. Also, if you're comfortable with using fabric paint, I think it would work really well with this project, not only for the eyes but also for the whiskers and eyebrows.

Gumball's eyes are a rounded rectangular shape. Cut out two large rounded rectangles from white felt. Mine were about eight rows tall but cut them to a size that feels right to you. You can cut out a paper template first to help you out. Cut two smaller and thinner rounded rectangles from black felt for the pupils.



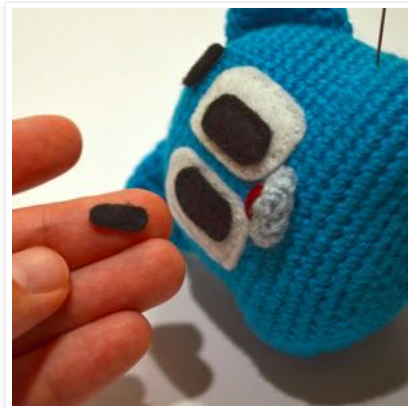
Attach the pupils onto the white rectangles using black thread and a needle or glue.



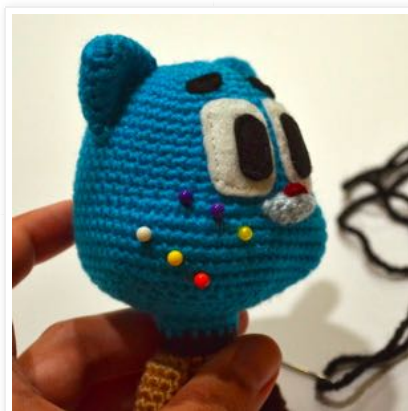
Pin the eyes close together above the muzzle and attach to the head using white thread and a needle or glue.

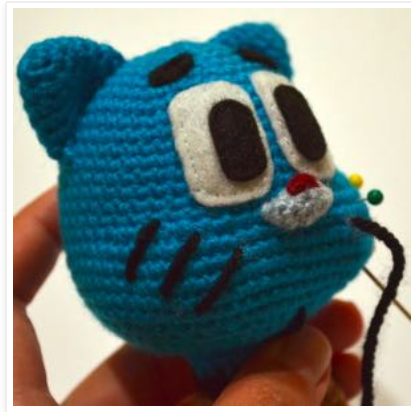


Make and attach the eyebrows. Cut two small oblong shapes from black felt. Glue or stitch on above the eyes. If you prefer you could use black yarn to stitch in the eyebrows instead of making them out of felt.



Stitch in the whiskers using black yarn. Gumball has three whiskers on each cheek. To guide you when you're stitching, you can use pins to plot out the position of the whiskers first.

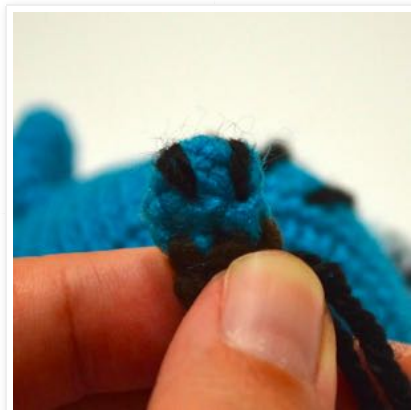




Stitch in the muzzle line using black yarn.



Stitch in the paw lines using black yarn. There are two lines on each paw.



Stitch in Gumball's tooth with white yarn. The tooth sits below the raised end of the muzzle.



Stitch in Gumball's buckle with white yarn.



And that's it! You've finished Gumball! Congratulations! Now, what should we make next ... [Darwin!!](#)



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