



Presto the Poodle

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SKILL LEVEL: Advanced Beginner

SIZE & MATERIALS:

Finished Dimensions: 11" tall (tip of feet to top of tufts)

Featured Yarn:

HiKoo® *Simplicity*, 55% Merino Superwash, 28% Acrylic, 17% Nylon; 117 yds / 50g hank; **Yarn A** - one (1) hank

HiKoo® *Abracadabra*, 35% Superwash Merino, 50% Polypropylene, 15% Nylon; 100 yds / 50g hank; **Yarn B** - one (1) hank

addi® Needles: 4.0 mm (US F) crochet hook

Additional Notions: Tapestry needle, removable stitch marker scrap yarn for nose and eyes, stuffing

Optional: Rice, sealable small plastic bag

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GAUGE: 5.5 sts and 5 rnds = 1" in single crochet (sts should be tight enough so that the stuffing cannot be seen through them)

*To save time, check your gauge
And read all instructions thoroughly before beginning.*

DESIGNER NOTES:

- 1) Do not join rounds, as crocheting is worked in a continuous spiral.
- 2) To help identify the completion of a round, place a stitch marker on the first stitch of each round and move it up with each spiral.
- 3) Make all pieces separately before sewing them together.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Body:

Use Yarn A to make a Magic Ring and work 6 sc sts into it; pull tight.

Rnd 1: [2 sc in each st] 6x. (12 sts)

Rnd 2: [Sc, 2 sc in next st] 6x. (18 sts)

Rnd 3: [2 sc, 2 sc in next st] 6x. (24 sts)

Rnd 4: [3 sc, 2 sc in next st] 6x. (30 sts)

Rnd 5: [4 sc, 2 sc in next st] 6x. (36 sts)

Rnd 6: [5 sc, 2 sc in next st] 6x. (42 sts)

Rnd 7: [6 sc, 2 sc in next st] 6x. (48 sts)

Rnds 8 - 12: Sc in each st around for 5 rnds.

Rnd 13: [6 sc, sc2tog] 6x. (42 sts)

Rnd 14: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 15: [5 sc, sc2tog] 6x. (36 sts)

Rnd 16: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 17: [4 sc, sc2tog] 6x. (30 sts)

Rnds 18 - 20: Sc in each st around for 3 rnds.

Rnd 21: [3 sc, sc2tog] 6x. (24 sts)

Rnd 22-26: Sc in each st around for 5 rnds

Optional: Pause to fill a small plastic bag with about 1/2 cup of rice.

Seal the bag and place it inside and at the bottom of the body.

Rnd 27: [2 sc, sc2tog] 6x. (18 sts)

Rnd 28: [Sc2tog] 6x. (12 sts)

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Pull yarn through last stitch. Leave a 7" tail for seaming. Fill body with desired amount of stuffing.

Legs: (make 4)

Use Yarn A to make a Magic Ring and work 6 sc sts into it; pull tight.

Rnd 1: [2 sc in each st] 6x. (12 sts)

Rnds 2 - 20: Sc in each st around for 19 rnds.

Pull yarn through last stitch. Leave a 7" tail for seaming.

Note: Fill legs with desired amount of stuffing, but do not over-stuff the tops of the legs. They need to be somewhat flat at the top in order to allow the toy to sit up and be balanced.

Head:

Use Yarn A to make a Magic Ring and work 6 sc sts into it; pull tight.

Rnd 1: [2 sc in each st] 6x. (12 sts)

Rnd 2: [Sc, 2 sc in next st] 6x. (18 sts)

Rnd 3: [2 sc, 2 sc in next st] 6x. (24 sts)

Rnd 4: [3 sc, 2 sc in next st] 6x. (30 sts)

Rnd 5: [4 sc, 2 sc in next st] 6x. (36 sts)

Rnd 6: [5 sc, 2 sc in next st] 6x. (42 sts)

Rnd 7-11: Sc around for 5 rnds.

Rnd 12: [5 sc, sc2tog] 6x. (36 sts)

Rnd 13: [4 sc, sc2tog] 6x. (30 sts)

Rnd 14: [3 sc, sc2tog] 6x. (24 sts)

Rnd 15: [2 sc, sc2tog] 6x. (18 sts)

Rnds 16 - 18: Sc in each st around for 3 rnds.

Stop and fill Head with desired amount of stuffing.

Rnd 19: [Sc, sc2tog] 6x. (12 sts)

Rnds 20 - 21: Sc in each st around for 2 rnds.

Rnd 22: [Sc2tog] 6x. (6 sts)

Weave tail through the remaining 6 sts, pulling tight to close the gap.

Weave remaining tail into the head.

Ears: (make 2)

Use Yarn B to make a Magic Ring and work 6 sc sts into it; pull tight.

Rnd 1: [2 sc in each st] 6x. (12 sts)

Rnd 2: [Sc, 2 sc in next st] 6x. (18 sts)

Rnds 3 - 4: Sc in each st around for 2 rnds.

Rnd 5: [Sc, sc2tog] 6x. (12 sts)

Rnd 6: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 7: [Sc2tog] 6x. (6 sts)

Rnds 8 - 9: Sc in each st around for 2 rnds.

Pull yarn through last stitch. Leave a 7" tail for seaming.

DO NOT FILL the ears with stuffing!

Tail:

Use Yarn B to make a Magic Ring and work 6 sc sts into it; pull tight.

Rnds 1 - 6: Sc in each st around for 6 rnds.

Pull yarn through last stitch. Leave a 7" tail for seaming.

Do not fill the tail with stuffing!



ASSEMBLY:

Sew pieces together in the following order:



Sew the arms to the top of the body.

Sew the head onto the body and over the tops of the arms.

Sew legs onto the bottom, using beginning round for placement.

Sew on ears and tail.



Note: In order to determine where to begin the tufts for the head, sew on Presto's eyes and nose before covering his head with tufts.

Eyes:

Using black scrap yarn, sew a V for each eye that is two rnds tall and uses one strand of yarn for each leg of the V.

Nose:

Using either black scrap yarn or some of the *Abracadabra*, *sew a horizontal stitch across the front of the nose. Bring the needle back out at the lower center part of the nose, then thread the needle under the horizontal stitch just made (entering the stitch from below). Pull

firmly on the vertical stitch so that the horizontal stitch is pulled downward and creates a V. Insert the needle again to bring it out at one side of the nose. Repeat from the * another 3 or 4 times, until nose is the desired size, and all the body color is covered.

Adornments (Tufts):

Head Tufts:

Working in Yarn B, make a slip knot and sc into one stitch two rounds above the top of the eye, *ch 8, sc; repeat from * in every stitch across the forehead. Cover the head in the same way, working between the ears, and not going beyond the Magic Ring at the back of the head. Anchor last ch-8 and fasten off.



Leg Tufts:

Using Yarn B, make a slip knot and sc into one stitch of Rnd 3 of leg, *ch 5, sc; repeat from * into every other stitch following the spiral and working up the leg for a total of 3 rnds.



Tail Tufts:

Make a slip knot and sc into one stitch of Rnd 1 of tail. *ch 5, sc; repeat from * into every other stitch following the spiral and working up the tail for a total of 2 rnds.

ABBREVIATIONS:

ch	chain
sc	single crochet
sc2tog	single crochet two stitches together
rnd(s)	round(s)
st(s)	stitch(es)
x	time(s)

TECHNIQUES:

Magic Ring:

- 1) Loop the yarn around your fingers with the working yarn on the right and the tail on the left.
- 2) Insert the crochet hook through the ring and pull up a loop from the working yarn.
- 3) Chain one stitch.
- 4) Work a single crochet stitch into the ring (around the ring and tail yarn). Single crochet the desired number of stitches in the ring.
- 5) Pull tail yarn to cinch the ring closed.
- 6) Slip stitch into the first stitch to join the round.



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