

TIPS AND REMINDERS:

- You can use any weight of yarn you'd like, but remember to use a hook size appropriate for the yarn weight. The thicker the yarn, the bigger the hook, and the larger your finished piece will be.
- In Amigurumi you want to always be using a hook that is one or two sizes smaller than you would usually use for a particular yarn weight. This is so your stitches are tight, so that when you stuff your work you won't have stuffing coming out of the gaps.
- Our pattern is written using US crochet terms which are different to UK terms, so be sure to check each pattern before beginning. It might be helpful to print out a US/UK crochet conversion chart.
- Stitch markers are used to help you keep track of the start of your round so you know where you are in the pattern. They are inserted under both bits of the top of the stitch (where you would usually insert your hook.) When you get back to the stitch marker, remove the stitch marker, make your first stitch, then insert the stitch marker into the stitch you've just worked.

Basic Amigurumi Shape:

Amigurumi are shaped using a combination of increases and decreases, in addition to the regular stitches.

Increases are simple – you just work two stitches (in this pattern they are single crochets) into the same stitch.

Decreases are a bit more complicated – you are basically joining two stitches to make one stitch. Insert your hook into the first stitch, yarn over, and pull through stitch. You should have two loops on your hook. Insert your hook into the next stitch, yarn over, and pull through stitch. You should have three loops on your hook now. Yarn over once more and pull through all three loops. You've completed a decrease!

1. Magic ring.
2. 6sc into MR. (6)
3. Inc in each sc. (12)
4. *Sc, inc. *Repeat around. (18)
5. *Sc x2, inc. *Repeat around. (24)
- 6 – 15. Sc in each (24)
16. *Sc x2, dec. *Repeat around. (18)
17. *Sc, dec. *Repeat around. (12) STUFF AT THIS STAGE
18. Dec in each sc. (6)

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