

Crocheted Guinea Pig

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Size: About 7 inches long

Materials:

- Red Heart Super Saver in color Buff Fleck – one skein is enough to make more than one guinea pig
- Red Heart Super Saver in color Black – small amount needed for nose/mouth and ears and/or legs, if you would like to make them black
- Red Heart Super Saver in any color – small amount if you would like to make a patch for the side of your guinea pig, or to make one leg a different color than all the others, as I did.
- Crochet Hook - Size US F-5 (3.75mm)
- Stitch marker. I use a small piece of a contrasting color of yarn.
- Fiberfill Stuffing
- 6 mm Darice eyes. **Note: This is not appropriate for giving to a child. Little fingers can pull off the plastic eyes!**
- A small amount of black embroidery floss to sew on the eyes

Gauge: Not important

Abbreviations: sc = single crochet, ch = chain,
 sl st = slip stitch, st = stitch,
 sc dec = single crochet decrease

Notes: The guinea pig body and legs and side patch are worked in rounds. Rounds are worked in continuous spirals, do not join. Do not turn at the end of each round.



Pattern:**Body:**

1. Chain 2
2. 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook. Mark first stitch for beginning of round and move marker up for each round.
3. 2 sc in each sc around – 12
4. sc in each sc around – 12
5. *2 sc in next sc, 1 sc in each of next 3 sc* around – 15
6. sc in each sc around – 15
7. *2 sc in next sc, 1 sc in each of next 4 sc* around – 18
8. *2 sc in next sc, 1 sc in each of next 5 sc* around – 21



9.  Stitch on nose and mouth now with black yarn.
Knot the black yarn to keep the nose and mouth stitches from coming out.



10. Sew on eyes.
11. *2 sc in next sc, 1 sc in each of next 6 sc* around – 24
12. sc in each sc around – 24

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13. *2 sc in next sc, 1 sc in each of next 7 sc* around – 27
14. sc in each sc around **for 9 rounds** – 27 for each round
15. *2 sc in next sc, 1 sc in each of next 8 sc* around – 30
16. sc in each sc around **for two rounds** – 30 for each round
17. *sc dec, 1 sc in each of next 8 sc* around – 27
18. *sc dec, 1 sc in each of next 3 sc* around, then end with with a sc dec – 21



19. This is a good time to stuff the body, making sure to push stuffing all the way down to



the nose.

20. *sc dec, 1 sc in each of next 2 sc* around, plus add 1 extra sc at the end of the round – 16
21. Add more stuffing if needed now.
22. sc dec around – 8



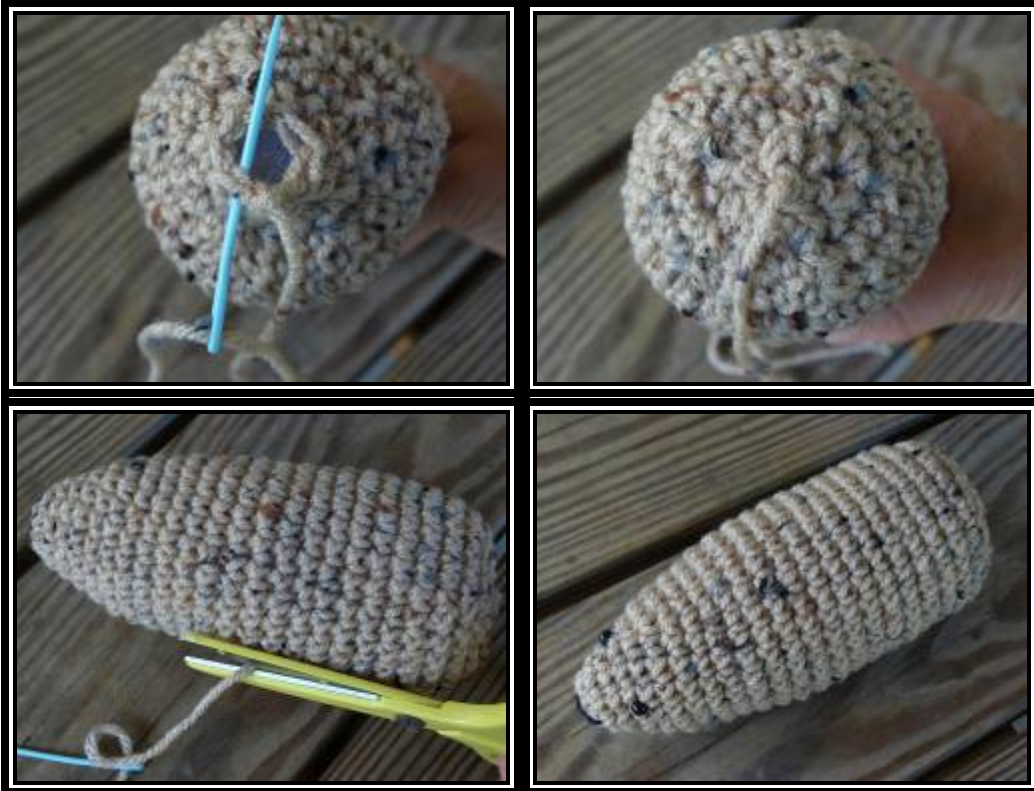
23. *sc dec* three times – 3

24. Cut yarn leaving a long tail. Knot yarn by pulling the yarn tail through the loop of yarn



that is on the hook.

25. Weave yarn in and out of the sc's all the way around the opening. Pull yarn tight to close body opening. Knot yarn and feed the excess yarn into the body to hide it. Cut off any extra yarn tail that comes out of the body.



Legs: Make 4:

1. Chain 2
2. 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook. Mark first stitch for beginning of round and move marker up for each round.
3. 1 sc in each sc **for 2 rounds** – 6 each round
4. sl st in next sc
5. Cut yarn leaving a tail long enough to sew leg to body. Knot yarn by pulling the yarn tail through the loop of yarn that is on the hook.

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Ears: Make 2:

1. Chain 2
2. 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook
3. ch 1, turn
4. 1 sc in each sc – 5
5. Cut yarn leaving a tail long enough to sew ear to body. Knot yarn by pulling the yarn tail through the loop of yarn that is on the hook.



Contrasting color Side patch – Optional:

1. Ch 2
2. 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook
3. 2 sc in each sc – 10
4. *2 sc, 1 sc in next sc* around – 15
5. *2 sc, 1 sc in next sc* twice – 6 (this makes the patch a little irregular in shape!)
6. st st
7. Cut yarn leaving a tail long enough to sew side patch to body. Knot yarn by pulling the yarn tail through the loop of yarn that is on the hook.



Assembly:

1. Sew ears onto body.



2. Sew legs onto body.



3. Sew side patch onto body, if you are adding one.



You're finished!

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