



Crocheted Monster

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Background

Chain CH

Slip Stitch SLST

Single Crochet SC

Stitch ST

Time

Time will vary with new beginners. If members have not finished the project at the meeting they can take it home and work on it. Activity I

Materials

- Aluminum crochet hook size H-8
- Three colors of yarn
- Poly fiber fill
- Yarn Needle
- Scrap of black and white felt
- 2 google eyes and glue per member
- Scissors

Space Required

Room with comfortable chairs.



Before the Meeting

Have members bring their supplies or gather enough supplies for every one participating. Make sure there are enough chairs for everyone. Have members wash their hands to keep yarn clean before they start crocheting. Have list of needed supplies for the next meeting to send home with members.

Crocheting is fun. It is a great tool to use to make gifts. We will use this tool to make a fun monster.

Mademoiselle Riego de la Blanchardiere is generally credited with the invention of Irish Crochet, publishing the first book of patterns in 1846. Irish lace became popular in Europe and America, and was made in quantity until the World War I.

Learning to sew pieces together is very important. In many different projects this will be required, from top, hats, afghan, cardigan and many more. The seams will provide structure and help the items keep its shape. With practice this technique becomes easier.

Color can have impacts on children's mood and how they learn and observe information. Here is a chart of colors and impacts on youth. Using bright colors can help infants brains learn to recognize colors where they only see black and white when they are born.

Color	Impact
Red	Creates alertness and excitement Encourages creativity Increase appetite May be disturbing to anxious individuals.
Blue	Creates a sense of well-being. Sky blue is tranquilizing Can lower temperature Inhibits appetite.
Yellow	Creates a positive feeling. Optimum color for maintain attention. Encourages creativity.
Orange	Increase alertness
Green	Creates calmness
Purple	Creates calmness
Brown	Promotes a sense of security and realization
Off-White	Creates positive feelings Helps maintain attention.



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Activity Instructions: (Time)

1. Body, Color 1

- With first color, make a slip knot that has a 14 inch tail
- CH 14 stitches.
- SC in the second CH from the hook, and in each CH across (12 SC crochets). CH 1 and turn.

2. Rows 2—23

- SC in the first SC and in each SC across. CH 1 and turn. Leave a long strand of yarn.
- Pull strand through the loop and tie off. Fold in half. Using the long strand, thread a yarn needle and sew side seam.
- Using an 8 inch piece of color 1 yarn, thread a yarn needle and sew the second side seam.
- Lightly stuff with poly fiber fill. Using the beginning of the long yarn strand, thread a yarn needle and sew across the bottom seam.

3. Legs

- Using color 3, thread a yarn needle and place a straight ST in between 6 and 7. Stitch up row 1-6 form the legs.

4. Hair

- Cut 33 five-inch long strands of color 2 yarn.
- Fold three strands in half, insert hook between first two ST and at the top edge, hook the folded end and pull through creating a loop. Using the hook, grab the ends and pull through the loop tightly. Repeat across the top edge. Trim ends.

5. Eyes

- Using the pattern to the right, cut two large white and two small black ovals out of felt. Glue the black oval to the white oval. Sew on buttons or glue the google eyes to the black felt and glue to the monster. (Do not glue on eyes if it is for small children's use: this is a choking hazard.)



Reflect and Apply Questions:

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2. Knowing this about colors how might this help you pick colors for future projects in crocheting and learning in school?



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