OLGA THE MOUSE

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(I try to translate it myself, and I hope you'll understand everything… If you find some mistakes, please let me know: juliabardonnet@hotmail.com)

This little mouse is made in DROPS *Cotton Light* (50%cotton, 50% acrylic. 110m / 50g, n°4). It's measures 16 cm.

Matériel :

1 ball in beige n°4 (A Color)

½ ball in brown n°4 (B Color)

(If you want, you can make trousers in a third color (C Color). You'll just have to replace "B Color" by "C Color" in the body part).

Hook n°3mm or n°3.5mm (sizes D, E, F) (but no gauge is specified. Use hook size needed to achieve a tight fabric so stuffing will not be visible).

1 yarn needle and some stuffing material (and 2 safety eyes if you don't want to embroid them)

Abbreviations :

sc : single crochet   sl st : slip stitch   sc2tog: work 2 sc together (decrease)

At the end of each row, I note between parenthesis how many stitches you just obtained.

Technics used :

- Every parts are worked in the round, in a continuous spiral. I recommend the use of a marker to remember you the beginning of each row.

- Magic ring : This technic is shown in many videos on internet, as on Knit Spirit website (*http://knitspirit.net*), in "videos". *I thank her for her proofreading test!*

- Increases are made by crocheting 2 single crochet in 1 stitch (= 2sc in 1st). Decreases are made by crocheting 2 stitches together (sc2tog)*.*

Head :

(NB : Rows 1 to 3 form the muzzle. Rows 12 to 14 include the spot in which the left eye is sewn. Don't forget to change your yarn color by making the last yarn over of the previous stitch with the new color, just before the new color indication).

R1 : Work 5sc into a magic ring with B Color (=5sts)

R2 : Work 1sc into each stitch (=5sts). (It forms the muzzle)

R3 : Work 2sc into each stitch (=10sts). Close this row with a slip stitch, and change to A Color.

R4 : With A Color work *sc into next st, 2sc into next st * (repeat from * to * around) (=15sts)

R5 : *sc into next 2 sts, 2sc into next st* (repeat from * to * around) (=20sts)

R6 : *sc into next 3 sts, 2sc into next st* (repeat from * to * around) (=25sts)

R7 : *sc into next 4 sts, 2sc into next st* (repeat from * to * around) (=30sts)

R8 to R11 : Continue sc into each st around (=30sts)

R12 : Work 8sc, change to B Color, 2sc, change to A Color, 20sc (=30sts)

R13 : Work 7sc, change to B Color, 4 sc, change to A Color, 19sc (=30sts)

R14 : Work 8sc, change to B Color, 3sc, change to A Color, 19sc (=30sts)

R15 : Continue sc into each st around (=30sts). Embroider the eyes and mouth.

R16 : *sc into next 4sts, sc2tog* (repeat from * to * around) (=25sts)

R17 : *sc into next 3sts, sc2tog* (repeat from * to * around) (=20sts)

R18 : *sc into next 2sts, sc2tog* (repeat from * to * around) (=15sts)

R19 : *sc into next st, sc2tog* (repeat from * to * around) (=10sts). Stuff the head firmly.

R20 : sc2tog around (=5sts). Cut yarn, fasten off and hide the tail.

Body :

(NB : If you want to make trousers, use B Color from Row 1 to Row 15, and continue with A Color from Row 16 to the end. Otherwise, the all body is in A Color only.)

R1 : Work 6sc into a magic ring with A Color (beige) (=6sts)

R2 : Work 2sc into each st (=12sts)

R3 : *sc into next st, 2sc into next st* (repeat from * to * around) (=18sts)

R4 : *sc into next 2sts, 2sc into next st* (repeat from * to * around)   (=24sts)

R5 : *sc into next 3sts, 2sc into next st* (repeat from * to * around)   (=30sts)

R6 : *sc into next 4sts, 2sc into next st* (repeat from * to * around) (=36sts)

R7 : *sc into next 5sts, 2sc into next st* (repeat from * to * around) (=42sts)

R8 to R14 : Continue sc into each st around (=42sts)

R15 : *sc into next 5 sts, sc2tog* (repeat from * to * around) (=36sts). *(Change to A Color if you are making trousers)*

R16 : Continue sc into each st around (=36sts)

R17 : Continue sc into each st around (=36sts)

R18 : *sc into next 4sts, sc2tog* (repeat from * to * around) (=30sts)

R19 : Continue sc into each st around (=30sts)

R20 : Continue sc into each st around (=30sts)

R21 : *sc into next 3sts, sc2tog*(repeat from * to * around) (=24sts)

R22 : Continue sc into each st around (=24sts)

R23 : Continue sc in every st around (=24sts)

R24 : *sc into next 2sts, sc2tog* (repeat from * to * around) (=18sts)

R25 : Continue sc into each st around (=18sts)

R26 : Continue sc into each st around (=18sts)

R27 : *sc into next st, sc2tog* (repeat from * to * around) (=12sts)

R28 : Continue sc into each st around (12sts). Fill the body firmly.

R29 : sc2tog around (=6sts). Cut yarn, fasten off and hide the tail.

Arms (x2) :

R1 : Work 4sc into a magic ring with A Color (beige) (=4sts)

R2 : Work 2 sc into each st (=8sts)

R3 : *sc into next st, 2sc into next st* (repeat from * to * around) (=12sts)

R4 to R8 : Continue sc into each st around (=12sts)

R9 : *sc in next st, sc2tog* (repeat from * to * around) (=8sts)

R10 : Continue sc into each st around (=8sts). Stuff the arm.

Cut yarn leaving a long tail to sew it on the body. Close the arm sewing edge to edge (look at the pictures to see how I did). Make a second one.

Feet (x2) :

R1 : Work 5sc into a magic ring with B Color (brown) (=5sts)

R2 : Work 2 sc into each st (=10sts)

R3 : *sc into next st, 2sc into next st* (repeat from * to * around) (=15sts)

R4 to R7 : Continue sc into each st around (=15sts)

R8 : *sc in next st, sc2tog* (repeat from * to * around) (=10sts)

R9 and R10 : Continue sc into each st around (=10sts). Stuff the foot, not too firmly.

Cut yarn leaving a long tail to sew it on the body. Close the foot sewing edge to edge (look at the pictures to see how I did). Make a second one.

Ears (x2) :

R1 : Work 5sc into a magic ring with B Color (brown) (=5sts)

R2 : Work 2 sc into each st (=10sts)

R3 : *sc into next st, 2sc into next st* (repeat from * to * around) (=15sts)

R4 to R8 : Continue sc into each st around (=15sts)

R9 : *sc in next st, sc2tog* (repeat from * to * around) (=10sts)

Cut yarn leaving a long tail to sew it on the head. Close the ear sewing edge to edge. Make few stitches to fold the ear and create the hollow (look at the pictures to see how I did). Make a second one.

Tail :

With B Color, chain 33 (for a 15 cm tail), or as many stitches you need to obtain the length you want.

In the second stitch from the hook, slip stitch in each stitch over the entire length. Cut yarn leaving a long tail to sew it on the body.

Finishing :

Sew the head at the top of the body (the smaller side), being careful of keeping the eyes and the mouth in a correct horizontal position. Sew the head back enough for it to maintain the muzzle forward, as shown on the pictures.

Sew the ears on the head, about 2 rows behind each eye, the hollow forward.

Sew the arms on both sides of the body.

Sew the feet under the body, enough forward that the mouse seat properly.

Sew the tail on the back of the body, not too low not to interfere with the seat.

Once again, I hope my translation is understandable… Sorry for my approximate English! Enjoy!

Don't forget to leave me a mail with pics of your Olga ;)