

Agustina Ballerina

Materials

Dk or sports acrylic yarn in the following colors: terracotta, skin, white, blue, sky-blue, pink, magenta, hot pink.

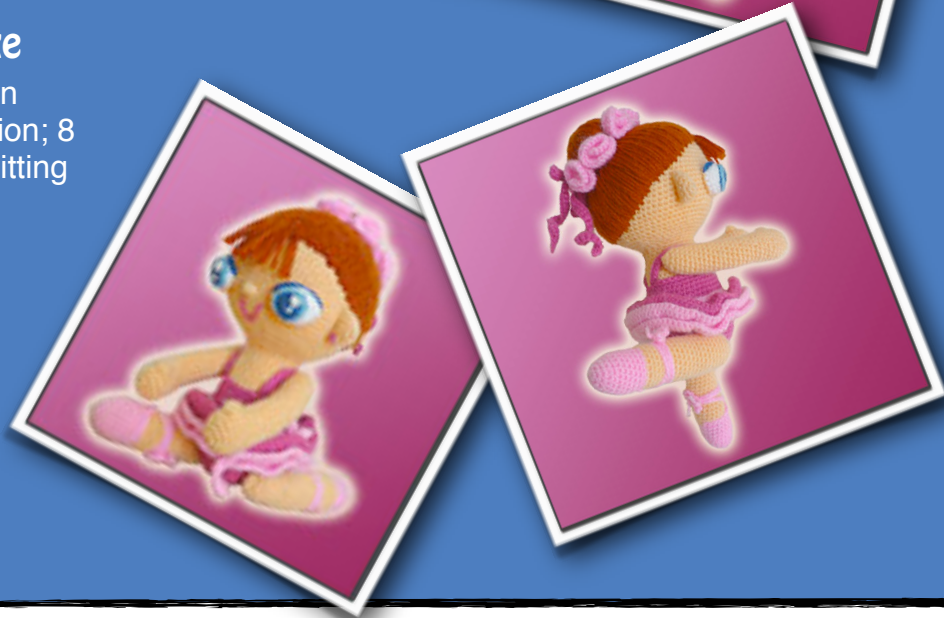
C hook (2.5 mm), a tapestry needle, stuffing, colored sewing pins and scissors.

Stitches used in the project

Double adjustable ring, chain stitch, single crochet and double crochet..

Finished Size

11 inches tall in standing position; 8 inches tall in sitting position



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Realization

Head and body:

The head and body are crocheted in a single piece, from top to bottom and have to be filled with stuffing as you go.

To avoid a hole at the beginning of your project, you need to start it with a double adjustable ring (loop twice the yarn on your finger and when you finish the round pull the remaining yarn to close the hole):

Skin color:

Rnd 1: 6 single crochet stitches.

Rnd 2: 2 single crochet in each stitch from last round (12 stitches).

Rnd 3: *1 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (18 stitches).

Rnd 4: *2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (24 stitches).

Rnd 5: *3 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (30 stitches).

Rnd 6: *4 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (36 stitches).

Rnd 7: *5 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (42 stitches).

Rnd 8: *6 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (48 stitches).

Rnd 9: *7 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (54 stitches).

Rnd 10: *8 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (60 stitches).

Rnd 11: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 12: *9 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (66 stitches).

Rnd 13: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 14: *10 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (72 stitches).

Rnd 15 to 24: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 25: *10 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (66 stitches).

Rnd 26: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 27: *9 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (60 stitches).

Rnd 28: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 29: *8 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (54 stitches).

Rnd 30: *7 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (48 stitches).

Rnd 31: *6 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (42 stitches).

Rnd 32: *5 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (36 stitches).

Rnd 33: *4 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (30 stitches).

Rnd 34: *3 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (24 stitches).

Rnd 35: Single crochet in each stitch through **FRONT LOOPS ONLY**.

Rnd 36 to 38: Single crochet in each stitch.

Since next round you will start crocheting the body:

Rnd 39: *3 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (30 stitches).

Rnd 40: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 41: *4 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (36 stitches).

Rnd 42 & 43: Single crochet in each stitch.

Switch to magenta color:

Rnd 44: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 45: *5 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (42 stitches).

Rnd 46 to 50: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 51 to 53: Single crochet in each stitch through **BACK LOOPS ONLY**.

Rnd 54 to 59: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 60: *5 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (36 stitches).

Rnd 61: *4 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (30 stitches).

Rnd 62: *3 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (24 stitches).

Rnd 63: *2 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (18 stitches).

Rnd 64: *1 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (12 stitches).

Rnd 65: 6 decreases (2 single crochet closed together 6 times) (6 stitches).

Make a knot, cut the yarn with scissors and fill with stuffing. With the sewing needle sew up and down the yarn around each stitch from last round and pull tightly to close.

With a tapestry needle and magenta color, embroider a chain stitch round over the color exchange between skin and magenta to mark the top border of the ballerina costume.

Tutu:



The tutu consists in 3 layers, 2 pink layers below and 1 magenta layer above. All the tutu layers are crocheted directly over the ballerina's body, through the front loops from rounds 51, 52 and 53.

For each layer, you have to crochet:

Rnd 1: 42 single crochet.

Rnd 2: 2 single crochet in each stitch (84 stitches)

Rbd 3 to 5: Single crochet in each stitch.

Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors.

Repeat the procedure for the other 2 tutu layers.

Hair (terracotta color):

Wig Cap:

Into a double adjustable ring crochet:

Rnd 1: 6 single crochet stitches.

Rnd 2: 2 single crochet in each stitch from last round (12 stitches).

Rnd 3: *1 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (18 stitches).

Rnd 4: *2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (24 stitches).

Rnd 5: *3 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (30 stitches).

Rnd 6: *4 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (36 stitches).

Rnd 7 to 9: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 10: *4 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (30 stitches).

Rnd 11: *3 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (24 stitches).

Rnd 12: *2 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (18 stitches).

Rnd 13: Through **FRONT LOOPS ONLY**, crochet *2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (24 stitches).

Rnd 14: *3 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (30 stitches).

Rnd 15: *4 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (36 stitches).

Rnd 16: *5 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (42 stitches).

Rnd 17: *6 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (48 stitches).

Rnd 18: *7 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (54 stitches).

Rnd 19: *8 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (60 stitches).

Rnd 20: *9 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (66 stitches).

Rnd 21: *10 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (72 stitches).

Rnd 22 to 28: Single crochet in each stitch.

Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors. Fill the hair bun with stuffing. Place the wig cap on the head, with its superior border between rounds 12 and 13 and sew it all around.

Then proceed to embroider the hair:



Thread a tapestry needle with terracotta yarn, putting it double and then, embroider the hair by making long stitches from the wig cap's border to the bottom of the hair bun until you cover the whole surface. Then, using the same technique, embroider the hair bun, from its centre to its bottom.

Cut some terracotta yarn pieces and fix them as fringe on the forehead, attaching them on the wig cap border with the crochet hook.

Hair ribbon (magenta color):

Work a foundation chain of 120 stitches and on them crochet a single crochet row. Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors.

Wrap the ribbon around the hair bun bottom and tie a bow on the back side.

Roses (pink color):

Make 7. Work a foundation chain of 10 stitches and on them crochet:

Row 1: 2 single crochet in each stitch (20 stitches)

Row 2: 2 single crochet in each stitch (40 stitches)

Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors. To form the roses, roll over each piece making a spiral, sewing their bottoms to keep firm. Sew the roses around the hair bun, over the ribbon.



Eyes:

Crochet all pieces twice.

Eyeballs:

Into a double adjustable ring crochet:

White color:

Rnd 1: 6 single crochet stitches.

Rnd 2: 1 single crochet, 3 single crochet in next stitch, 2 single crochet, 3 single crochet in next stitch, 1 single crochet (10 stitches).

Rnd 3: 2 single crochet, 3 single crochet in next stitch, 4 single crochet, 3 single crochet in next stitch, 2 single crochet (14 stitches).

Rnd 4: 3 single crochet, 3 single crochet in next stitch, 6 single crochet, 3 single crochet in next stitch, 3 single crochet (18 stitches).

Switch to skin color:

Rnd 5: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 6: 4 single crochet, 1 double decrease (3 single crochet closed together), 5 single crochet, 1 double decrease, 3 single crochet (14 stitches).

Make a knot, cut the yarn with scissors and fill them lightly with stuffing.

Pupils (blue color):

Into a double adjustable ring crochet:

Rnd 1: 6 single crochet stitches.

Rnd 2: 2 single crochet in each stitch from last round (12 stitches).

Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors.

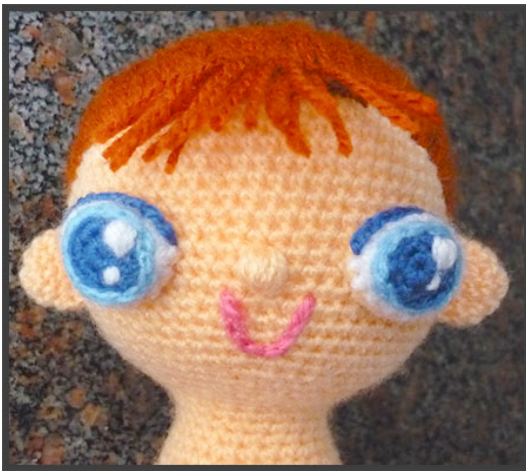
Place the pupils over the internal half of the eyeballs' front side and sew them all around.

Then, with sky-blue color embroider a chain stitch round all around the pupils' borderline in order to mark the irises. With white yarn embroider 2 dots on each pupil to enlight them. With blue color embroider a chain stitch line on the superior border of the eyeball (over the color exchange between white and skin color) to mark the eyelashes.

Sew the eyeballs halfway up to the face, leaving 8 stitches of distance between them.

With skin color embroider the nose between the eyes.

With hot-pink color embroider the mouth below the nose in a "U" shape.



Ears (skin color):

Make 2. Into a double adjustable ring crochet:

Rnd 1: 5 single crochet stitches.

Rnd 2: 2 single crochet in each stitch from last round (10 stitches).

Rnd 3: *4 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* twice (12 stitches).

Rnd 4: Single crochet in each stitch.

Join the borderline together with a single crochet row the 6 stitches. Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors.

Sew the ears to both sides of the head between rounds 21 and 26. With magenta yarn embroider 1 french knot over the bottom of the front side of the ears as earrings.



Legs (Make 2):

The legs are crocheted from bottom to top and have to be filled with stuffing as you go.

Into a double adjustable ring crochet:

Pink color:

Rnd 1: 5 single crochet stitches.

Rnd 2: 2 single crochet in each stitch from last round (10 stitches).

Rnd 3: *1 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 5 times (15 stitches).

Rnd 4: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 5: *2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 5 times (20 stitches).

Rnd 6 to 10: Single crochet in each stitch.

Switch to skin color:

Rnd 11: Single crochet in each stitch through back loops only.

Rnd 12 to 31: Single crochet in each stitch.

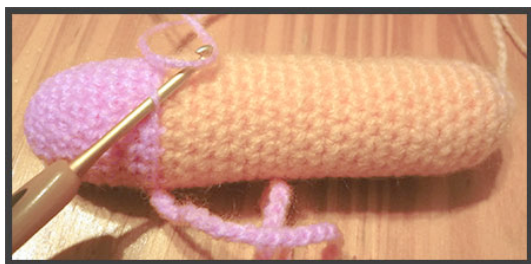
Rnd 32: *2 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 5 times (15 stitches).

Rnd 33: *1 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 5 times (10 stitches).

Rnd 34: 5 decreases (2 single crochet closed together 5 times) (5 stitches).

Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors. With the sewing needle sew up and down the yarn around each stitch from last round and pull tightly to close.

Pointe shoes ribbons (Pink color):



Crochet 2 per leg. The ribbons are crocheted directly on the legs, over round 5 and leaving 9 stitches of distance between them.

Insert your hook on 1 front loop from round 5 and work a foundation chain of 46 stitches. Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors. Leaving 9 stitches of distance from the first ribbon, crochet the second one following the same instructions.

Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors. Wrap the ribbons around the legs in opposite directions, tying a bow on the back side of the leg, as in the final project.

In order to assemble the legs to the body, first thread a tapestry needle with skin color yarn and make a stitch in the inner side of the leg between rounds 29 and 30. Then, pass the needle through the body from side to side between rounds 57 and 58, pulling it tight in order to get the leg jointed to the body (do it twice to keep the union firm). Repeat this procedure for the other leg.

Arms (skin color):

Make 2. The arms are crocheted from bottom to top, starting on the hands, and have to be filled with stuffing as you go.

Into a double adjustable ring crochet:

Rnd 1.: 6 single crochet stitches.



Rnd 2: 2 single crochet in each stitch from last round (12 stitches)

Rnd 3: *1 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (18 stitches)

Rnd 4 & 5: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 6: 9 single crochet, 5 double crochet closed together in next stitch, 8 single crochet (18 stitches).

Rnd 7: *7 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* twice (16 stitches).

Rnd 8 & 9: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 10: *6 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* twice (14 stitches).

Rnd 11 to 28: Single crochet in each stitch.



Rnd 29: *5 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* twice (12 stitches).

Rnd 30: 6 decreases (2 single crochet closed together 6 times) (6 stitches).

Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors. With the sewing needle sew up and down the yarn around each stitch from last round and pull tightly to close.

In order to assemble the arms to the body, first thread a tapestry needle with skin color yarn and then, make a stitch in the inner side of the arm, between rounds 25 and 26. Pass the needle

through the chest from side to side between rounds 41 and 42, pulling it tight in order to get the arm jointed to the body (do it twice to keep the union firm). Repeat this procedure for the other arm.

Waist lace (pink color):

Work a foundation chain of 100 stitches and on them crochet a single crochet row. Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors.

Wrap the lace around the ballerina's waist and tie a bow on the front side of the body. Secure the lace with some invisible stitches.

Shoulder straps (Magenta color):

Make 2. Work a foundation chain of 15 stitches and on them crochet a single crochet row. Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors.

Sew the shoulder straps to the body by their endings, over the color exchange between magenta and skin color.

Ending details

With a tapestry needle and magenta color, embroider a chain stitch round over the color exchange between skin and magenta to mark the top border of the ballerina costume.

Sew the eyeballs halfway up to the face, leaving 8 stitches of distance between them.

With skin color embroider the nose between the eyes.

With hot-pink color embroider the mouth below the nose in a “U” shape.

Sew the ears to both sides of the head between rounds 21 and 26. With magenta yarn embroider a french knot over the bottom of the front side of the ears as earrings.

Wrap the ribbon around the hair bun bottom and tie a bow on the back side. Then sew the roses around the hair bun, over the ribbon.

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In order to assemble the arms to the body, first thread a tapestry needle with skin color yarn and then, make a stitch in the inner side of the arm, between rounds 25 and 26. Pass the needle through the chest from side to side between rounds 41 and 42, pulling it tight in order to get the arm jointed to the body (do it twice to keep the union firm). Repeat this procedure for the other arm.

Wrap the lace around the ballerina’s waist and tie a bow on the front side of the body. Secure the lace with some invisible stitches.

Sew the shoulder straps to the body by their endings, over the color exchange between magenta and skin color.

Enjoy!

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