

Moss the Mushroom

A small, smiling toadstool worked in soft cotton. A gentle first amigurumi that teaches the magic ring, increases and decreases.

DRAFT PATTERN. This pattern is a draft. The stitch counts were calculated on paper, but nobody has test-stitched it yet, so sizes, gauge and yarn amounts are unverified. Please swatch first and expect to adjust.

Skill	Beginner	Time	2–3 hours
Yarn	DK cotton	Hook	2.5 mm
Size	About 10 cm (4 in) tall		

Materials

- DK (light worsted) cotton yarn: a 50 g ball of clay red and a 50 g ball of cream is more than enough
- 2.5 mm crochet hook
- Two 6 mm safety eyes, or black yarn to embroider the eyes
- Polyester fibre fill
- Stitch marker, yarn needle, scissors

Gauge

Gauge is not critical. Work firmly enough that the stuffing does not show: roughly 24 sc × 26 rounds = 10 cm (4 in). If your fabric looks gappy, drop a hook size.

Work amigurumi in a spiral without joining. Mark the first stitch of every round and move the marker up as you go. Stuff firmly as you close each piece, so the fibre does not show between stitches.

Abbreviations (US terms)

ch chain

sl st slip stitch

sc single crochet (US)

inc increase: 2 sc (or 2 hdc) in the same stitch

dec decrease: single crochet 2 together, worked as an invisible decrease (front loops only of the next 2 sts)

MR magic ring

st(s) stitch(es)

Rnd round (worked in a spiral unless the pattern says to join)

****** repeat the instructions between asterisks as directed

() the stitch count at the end of a round

Cap

Begin with clay red. The cap is worked from the top down as a flattened sphere.

Rnd 1 6 sc in magic ring (6)

Rnd 2 inc in every st around (12)

Rnd 3 (*1 sc, inc*) × 6 (18)

Rnd 4 (*2 sc, inc*) × 6 (24)

Rnd 5 (*3 sc, inc*) × 6 (30)

Rnd 6 (*4 sc, inc*) × 6 (36)

Rnd 7 (*5 sc, inc*) × 6 (42)

Rnd 8 (*6 sc, inc*) × 6 (48)

Rnds 9–11 sc in every st around (48)

Rnd 12 (*6 sc, dec*) × 6 (42)

Rnd 13 (*5 sc, dec*) × 6 (36)

Rnd 14 (*4 sc, dec*) × 6 (30)

Rnd 15 (*3 sc, dec*) × 6 (24)

Rnd 16 (*2 sc, dec*) × 6 (18)

Rnd 17 (*1 sc, dec*) × 6 (12)

Rnd 18 dec × 6 (6)

Stuff the cap firmly before the final rounds. Fasten off and weave the end through the last 6 stitches to close.

Stem

Change to cream. The back-loop round creates a crisp edge so the stem stands up on its own.

Rnd 1 6 sc in magic ring (6)

Rnd 2 inc in every st around (12)

Rnd 3 (*1 sc, inc*) × 6 (18)

Rnd 4 (*2 sc, inc*) × 6 (24)

Rnd 5 sc in back loops only in every st around (24)

Rnds 6–11 sc in every st around (24)

Rnd 12 (*2 sc, dec*) × 6 (18)

Rnds 13–14 sc in every st around (18)

Stuff firmly. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Spots (make 5)

Use cream.

Rnd 1 6 sc in magic ring. Sl st in the first st, fasten off and leave a tail for sewing (6)

Finishing

Sew the stem to the underside of the cap, centred, with small whip stitches. Sew the spots to the cap in a scattered arrangement. Insert the safety eyes between rounds 8 and 9 of the stem, about 6 stitches apart, or embroider them with a few stitches of black yarn. Embroider a small smile beneath.

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