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QUICK AND EASY CROCHET

# Miniature Pets

by Judith Stover

*Quickly and easily made, these little animals make great bazaar items.*



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**Rnd 3:** \*2 sc in next st, sc in next st, rep from \* around. (18 sc)  
**Rnd 4:** \*2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, rep from \* around, fasten off. (24 sc) Hold pieces with wrong sides tog, sl st around in back loops of last rnd, stuff before closing.

**Basic Head (make 2 pieces)**

**Rnds 1-3:** Rep Rnds 1-3 of body, fasten off at end of Rnd 3.

Assemble as for Body. Sew head to body.

**Materials:** Worsted weight yarn, less than 1 oz main color for each animal, scraps of required trim colors

F/5 crochet hook

Tapestry needle

Stuffing material

**Size:** Approximately 3" tall

**Note:** Do not join rounds.

**Basic Body (make 2 pieces)**

**Rnd 1:** Ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook.

**Rnd 2:** 2 sc in each sc around. (12sc)



### Bluebird Variation

Colors: Small amts blue, yellow, white, black, tan

Make head and body pieces with blue and assemble as directed.

**Wings (make 2): Row 1:** With blue, ch 6, sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, 3 dc in next ch, hdc in next ch, sc in last ch.

**Row 2:** Sl st in top of last sc, \*ch 2, sl st in next st, rep from \* across, fasten off. Sew wings to side of body.

**Tail:** With blue, Rep Row 1 of Wings, fasten off, sew to back bottom of body.

**Feet (make 2):** With yellow, ch 4, sl st back to first ch, ch 5, sl st back to first ch, ch 4, sl st back to first ch, fasten off. Sew to bottom front of body.

**Beak (make 1):** With yellow, ch 3, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next ch, ch 3, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next ch, sl st around both points.

Fold beak in half and sew to middle of head.

**Worm (optional):** With tan ch 15, sl st back to first ch, fasten off and weave in ends. Sew to beak.

Embroider white eyes with black highlights.

### Duck Variation

Colors: Small amts yellow, orange, black, blue, red

Make basic head and body with yellow and join as directed.

**Beak:** With orange ch 7, 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 3 ch, 3 sc in end ch, working on opposite side of ch, sc in next 4 ch, sc in beg ch, sl st in top of next sc, sl st around, fasten off.

Fold beak in half and sew to face.

**Feet (make 2):** With orange ch 4, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next sc, 3 sc in end ch; work on opposite side of ch, sc in next 2 ch, ch 1, turn, sl st around, fasten off. Sew to bottom of body.

**Tail and Wings (make 3): Row 1:** With yellow ch 6, sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, hdc in next ch, sc in last ch, ch 2, turn.

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**Row 2:** Sl st in first sc, \*ch 2, sc in next st, rep from \* across, fasten off. Sew one piece to back of body for tail, sew other two pieces to sides, for wings.

**Hat: Rnd 1:** With blue, ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook.

**Rnd 2:** 2 sc in each sc around.

**Rnd 3:** Sc in each sc around.

**Rnd 4:** Work in back loops only, 2 sc in each sc around, sl st to first sc, fasten off, leave 8" length for sewing. With red, sl st around Rnd 3 for hat band. Sew hat to head.

**Frog Variation**

Colors: Small amts green, yellow, red, black, white

Make basic head pieces using green for both sides.

**Assembly:** Sl st pieces tog halfway around, leave opening for mouth. Do not stuff.

Make basic body, with one piece all green and the other piece yellow for the first 3 rnds, and green for the last rnd. Assemble as directed.

**Eyes (make 2):**

**Rnd 1:** With green, ch 2, 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook.

**Rnd 2:** Sc in each st around, fasten off.

Embroider eyes with white yarn and highlight with black, as shown, stuff eyes and sew to top of head.

**Back Legs (make 2): Row 1:** With green, ch 12, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in remaining 10 ch. (11 sc) Ch 4, sl st in each ch back to last sc, ch 5, sl st back to sc, sl st, ch 4 back to first sc, sl st on other side of same sc to anchor foot.

Sew first sc and last sc tog and sew to back of body. Weave in all ends.

**Front Legs (make 2):** Attach yarn to loop on bottom front of body, sc in same loop and in next loop. Working left to right, ch 3, sl st back to sc. ch 4, sl st back to sc, ch 3, sl st back to sc, fasten off. Weave in ends.

**Mouth:** With red, sl st around in unclosed sts of head, join, fasten off work in ends.

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### **Goldfish Variation**

**Colors:** Small amts orange, yellow, black

Make basic body pieces with orange and assemble as in basic pattern.

**Mouth:** Attach orange in any remaining sc loop, sc in same place and in next 3 loops, sc in middle joining row and in 4 loops up other side of opening, sc in middle joining st, sl st in first sc, fasten off, weave in ends. This is now the head of the body.

**Top and Bottom Fins:** Attach orange in 4th joining st from mouth on either top or bottom, sc in same space and in next 4 spaces, ch 3, turn, 4 dc in each sc across, fasten off. Repeat for other fin.

**Tail: Row 1:** With orange, skip 1 st after top fin and join in next st, sc in same st and in next 3 sts, ch 3, turn.

**Rnd 2:** Work in back loops only, 3 dc in each sc; on other side of tail, 3 dc in each front loop to beginning, join to top of first ch-3.

**Rnd 3:** Work in both loops, 3 dc in each dc around, join in top of ch-3, ch 1, turn, sc in each st around, fasten off, work in ends.

**Eyes:** Embroider with yellow and black.

### **Lion Variation**

**Colors:** Small amts tan, brown, black

Make head and body with tan and join as directed in basic instructions.

**Mane:** With brown, join in any loop of joining rnd on back of head, \*ch 5, sl st in same st, sl st in next st, rep from \* around, attach to any middle joining st \*ch 6, sl st in same st, sl st in next st, rep from \* around. Repeat for remaining loops on front of head, fasten off.

**Face:** With black, embroider eyes and mouth.

**Ears:** At top of head, in sc above eye, join tan, ch 3, sl st in same st, fasten off. Repeat for other ear.

**Tail:** With tan, ch 4, fasten off, leave 6" end of yarn. Tie 4 short pieces of brown in last chain.

Unravel brown yarn ends and fluff with a toothbrush. Weave tan through chain, back to beg and use it to sew tail to back of body.

**Legs (make 4): Row 1;** With tan ch 7, sc in 2nd ch from hook and each rem ch (6), ch 1, turn.

**Row 2:** Sc in each sc across, ch 1, turn.

**Row 3:** Fold piece in half and work next row through top of 2nd row and bottom of first row, sc in each sc across, ch 1, do not turn, 5 sc in end piece (foot), fasten off, leave 8" piece of yarn for sewing.

Bend foot forward and using yarn end, sew a few sts to hold foot forward. Weave yarn up to top of leg and sew leg to body. Repeat for remaining 3 legs.

### **Rabbit Variation**

**Colors:** Small amts pink, white, blue, black

Make basic head and body with pink and assemble as shown.

**Feet (make 4): Rnd 1:** With pink, ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook, do not join rnds.

**Rnd 2:** Sc in each sc around.

**Rnd 3:** Fold piece in half, work through both sides, sc in next 3 sc, fasten off.

Sew 2 feet to front of body and 2 feet to back.

**Ears (make 2):** With pink, ch 5, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 ch, sl st all around, fasten off. Sew to top of head.

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**Tail:** With white, make a small pompon (about 1") and sew to back of body.

Embroider blue eyes, black nose and mouth.

## Snail Variation

**Colors:** Small amts off-white, yellow, orange, brown, red

**For Shell:** Make basic body in orange and before assembly, sl st around rows with yellow, to strip as shown in photograph.

**Antennae (make 2):** With brown ch 6, sl st in 4th ch from hook, sl st in remaining ch, fasten off, leave end for sewing to head and set pieces aside.

### Head and Body Piece: Rnd 1:

With off-white ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook, do not join rnds.

**Rnd 2:** 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sc)

**Rnd 3:** Sc in each sc around, sew antennas to top of head at this time.

**Rnd 4:** Sc in each sc around.

**Rnd 5:** \*Dec over next 2 sc, rep from \* around. (6 sc)

**Rnds 6-9:** Sc in each sc around.

**Rnd 10:** 2 sc in each sc around.

Stuff to this point.

**Row 11:** Flatten last rnd of crochet in half and work through both sides as follows: sc in next 6 sc, ch 1, turn.

**Row 12-19:** Sc in each sc across, ch 1, turn.

**Row 20:** Dec over first 2 sc, sc in next 2 sc, dec over last 2 sc, ch 1, turn.

**Row 21:** Rep Row 12.

**Row 22:** [Dec over next 2 sc] twice, ch 1, turn.

**Row 23:** Dec over next 2 sc, ch 1, sl st down edge of flat side, across Row 12 of body, sl st up other side, fasten off. Sew to bottom of shell.

Embroider eyes and mouth with brown and red. Tack head to shell to hold in position. Work in all ends. ▲