Holly the Hippo

Material

- Woolly Hugs Charity, 50 g stone grey, 50 g anthracite, some pink and red
- 4 mm crochet hook
- scissors and sewing needle
- stuffing material
- 10 mm safety eyes

Work body, arms, legs, ears and muzzle in back loops only!

Body (stone grey) R 1: 6 sc in magic ring (6) R 2: inc, rep 6 times (12) R 3: sc 1, inc, rep 6 times (18) R 4: sc 2, inc, rep 6 times (24) R 5: sc 3, inc, rep 6 times (30) R 6: sc 4, inc, rep 6 times (36) R 7: sc 5, inc, rep 6 times (42) R 8-15: sc 42 (42) Insert safety eyes between R 8 and R 9 with 4 stitches apart. R 16: sc 5, dec, rep 6 times (36) R 17: sc 4, dec, rep 6 times (30)

R 18: sc 3, dec, rep 6 times (24) R 19: sc 2, dec, rep 6 times (18) Stuff firmly. R 20: sc 2, inc, rep 6 times (24) R 21: sc 3, inc, rep 6 times (30) R 22-26: sc 30 (30) R 27: sc 3, dec, rep 6 times (24) R 28: sc 2, dec, rep 6 times (24) Stuff firmly. R 29: sc 1, dec, rep 6 times (12) R 30: dec, rep 6 times (6) Sew the remaining stitches with the needle to close the hole and weave in ends.

Legs 2x (stone grey) R 1: 4 sc in magic ring (4) R 2: inc, rep 4 times (8) R 3: sc 1, inc, rep 4 times (12) R 4-5: sc 12 (12) Stuff firmly (lower part only). R 6: sc 1, dec, rep 4 times (8) R 7-30: sc 8 (8) Leave long tail for sewing. Arms 2x (stone grey) R 1: 6 sc in magic ring (6) R 2-10: sc 6 (6) Don't stuff and leave long tail for sewing.

Ears 2x (stone grey) R 1: 6 sc in magic ring (6) R 2: inc, rep 6 times (12) Leave long tail for sewing. Flower (red) chain 3 In the very first chain: 2 dc, 2 ch, 1 slp stitch, *2 ch, 2 dc, 2 ch, 2 slp stitch*, from * to * rep 3 more times. Leave long tail for sewing.

Muzzle (stone grey) R 1: chain 5, sc 3, inc in last stitch, turn, in front loops of chain inc, sc 3 (10) R 2: in back loops only, inc, sc 2, inc 4 times, sc 2, inc (16) R 3: sc, inc, sc 4, inc, sc 1, inc 3 times, sc 5 (21) R 4: sc 21 (21) Leave long tail for sewing.

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Nostrils 2x (pink) R 1: 6 sc in magic ring (6) Leave long tail for sewing.

Sweater (anthracite) Chain 17 and work in rows. R 1-23: half double crochet 16 in back loops only, ch 1, turn R 24: half double crochet 16 in back loops only Bring row 1 up matching row 24 and slip stitch across. Fasten off and weave in ends.



Finishing

Sew nostrils to the muzzle, legs, arms, ears and muzzle to the body and flower on the head as pictured below.

For the tail, pull 3 pieces of yarn with your hook through a center stitch on the back of the body and make a braid. Finish off with a knot, and cut off the ends and trim.



And now you're done!

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