Axel the Axolotl

Materials

- Woolly Hugs Charity, 50 g light pink, 50 g dark pink, and 50 g blue
- 4 mm crochet hook
- scissors and sewing needle
- stuffing material
- 9 mm safety eyes
- Abbreviations

R = round (s), Rw = row (s), ch = chain, sc = single crochet, hdc = half double crochet, inc = increase, rep = repeat, dec = decrease

Head/body (light pink) 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 around (42)

Insert safety eyes between R12-13 with 8 sts between.

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 around (30) R 27: (sc 3, dec) rep 6 times (24) R 28: (sc 2, dec) rep 6 times (18) 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. Leg 2x (light pink) 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 around (12) Stuff firmly (lower part only) R 6: (sc, dec) rep 4 times (8) R 7-30: sc around (8) Fasten off, leave long tail for sewing. ~ optional: for shorter legs stop at R 18.

Arm 2x (light pink)

R 1: 6 sc in magic ring (6) R 2-10: sc around (6) Don't stuff, fasten off, leave long tail for sewing.

Gill 2x (start w/light pink)

Rw 1: (ch6, start in 2nd ch from hook, sc 5) rep 3 times, fasten off Rw 2: using dark pink, [(sc, ch2) rep 4 times, {sc, ch2, slst 2nd ch from hook, sc - all in the same st}, (ch2, sc) rep 4 times] rep 3 times



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- free crochet pattern in cooperation with @mixed_kreations -

Sweater (blue)

Ch 17, start in 2nd chain from hook and work in rows. Rw 1-23: hdc 16 in back loops only, ch 1, turn Rw 24: hdc 16 in back loops only Bring row 1 up matching row 24, slst together. Fasten off and weave in ends.

Finishing.

Sew on arms (R21), legs (R27), and gills (R7-15, 4 st away from eyes) Fold sweater in half and slide over the arms.

And now you're done!

