



Rainbow Worm

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This cute little worm is just perfect for the little ones in your life. It is lined with a sock so that the stuffing will not poke out and also the face is embroidered on so this really is safe for babies.

Materials Needed:

Small amounts each of the following 7 colors of worsted weight yarn.
Red Heart was used. Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Purple and white.
One adult ladies knee sock
Polyester stuffing
sewing thread and needle
yarn needle
Size H/8 or 5mm aluminum crochet hook

Gauge: 4sc=1"

Yarn Thickness: 4mm

Finished Size: 2½"x14"

Skill Level: Beginner

Instructions

Head

RND 1: With white, ch3, 6hdc in 3rd ch from hook. Join w/slst in first hdc.

RND 2: Ch2, hdc in same st as slst. *Hdc in next st. 2hdc in next st. Rep from * around. Hdc in last st. Join w/slst to top of ch2.

RND 3-5: Ch2, hdc in same st as slst. Hdc in each st around. Join w/slst to first hdc. Not at the top of ch2.

RND 6: Ch2. Yo, insert hook in same st as slst, draw up a lp, yo and draw through 2 lps on hook, insert hook in next st, draw up a lp, yo and draw through all 3 lps on hook. (First dec made) *Hdc in next st. Yo, insert hook in next st, draw up a lp, yo and draw through 2 lps on hook, insert hook in next st, draw up a lp, yo and draw through all 3 lps on hook (dec made). Rep from * around. Join w/slst to first dec. Fasten off white.

Next 5 segments

Repeat the following steps for each color. You could make a funny snake

by repeating these steps as many times as you want. Work the colors in this order. Red, orange, yellow, green blue.

RND 7: Join next color in same st as slst. Ch2. Hdc in same st as slst. *Hdc in next st. 2hdc in next st. Rep from * around. Hdc in last st. Join w/slst to top of ch2.

RND 8-10: Ch2, hdc in same st as slst. Hdc in each st around. Join w/slst to first hdc. Not at the top of ch2.

RND 11: Ch2. First dec, *Hdc in next st. 1Dec. Rep from * around. Join w/slst to first dec. Fasten off.

Tail

I will start with RND1t for first round of tail. Use Purple for the tail

RND 1t: Join next color in same st as slst. Ch2. Hdc in same st as slst. *Hdc in next st. 2hdc in next st. Rep from * around. Hdc in last st. Join w/slst to top of ch2.



RND 2t-4t: Ch2, hdc in same st as slst. Hdc in each st around. Join w/slst to first hdc. Not at the top of ch2.

RND 5-7t: Ch2. First dec. *Hdc in next st. 1dec. Rep from * around. Join w/slst to first dec. Stuff the worm as instructed below right after rnd 5t. Then continue. At the end of rnd 7t, you should have 3 sts left. Fasten off. Weave end into work. Embroider face on white part using blue for the eyes and red for the mouth. Use your imagination here and have fun!

Assembly

Use a wooden spoon or a dowel to poke the toe of the sock down inside of the head of the worm. Then stuff the worm, one segment at a time using the handle of the spoon or dowel to poke it into each segment. When you are done stuffing it, sew up the sock with the sewing thread and needle. All you need to do is make a running stitch around the top of it and gather it up, make a knot and break off.

I did not weave the ends in. You may wanto though. Then