



## A CHEESY LITTLE VALENTINE



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## PATTERN:

Beginner

## MATERIALS USED IN MODEL:

Yarn: Grey, Pink, Black, Cornmeal

Size US E4/3.50MM Crochet Hook

Polyfil

Yarn Needle (for sewing)

Embroidery Floss or Yarn for detailing

Small Black Beads for eyes.

12" Pipe Cleaner - cut in half

Brown Marker or Chalk, Eye Shadow, etc to create the look of 'holes' to cheesy heart

Small red bow or ribbon

Model uses heart shaped scrapbooking heart for nose, but you can embroider.

## TERMS USED AND THEIR MEANINGS:

ch	chain	BLO	Back Loop(s) Only
slst	slip stitch	FLO	Front Loop(s) Only
Dec	decrease	st/sts	stitch(es)
Inc	increase	ea	each
sc	single crochet	tog	together
hdc	half-double crochet	nxt	next
hdc-Inc	half-double crochet increase	M/M	Move Marker/Marker Moved
hdc-Dec	half-double crochet decrease		

## SPECIAL STITCHES/TUTORIALS TO HELP YOU WITH THIS PATTERN:

I Hate Chain Starts!!!! - Tutorial here: [I Hate Chain Starts](#)

THIS PATTERN IS WORKED IN CONTINUOUS ROUNDS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. STUFF YOUR PIECE AS YOU WORK AS THERE ARE NO "STUFF HERE" INDICATORS PRESENT WITHIN THE PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS.

## **\*\* WARNING \*\***

Young children, toddlers and infants should ALWAYS be supervised when playing with this toy. There may be small pieces that a child can dislodge and the potential for ingestion or aspiration injuries. Check all toys periodically for breakage and potential hazards. Broken toys can develop small parts which may present the potential for ingestion or aspiration injuries. A toy that cannot be repaired should be thrown away immediately. Please remember to use a yarn which is safe, as young children are likely to put toy in their mouth.

### **HEAD** (MAKE 1):

with Grey,

Rnd 1: Using either the (magic circle) or the (ch 2, sc in 2nd ch from hook) method, make 4 sc in 'ring' (4 sts)

Rnd 2: sc in ea st around (4 sts)

Rnd 3: (Inc in nxt st, sc in nxt st) twice (6 sts)

Rnd 4: (sc in nxt st, Inc in nxt st) 3 times (9 sts)

Rnd 5: sc in ea of nxt 3 sts, Inc in ea of nxt 3 sts, sc in ea of nxt 3 sts (12 sts)

Rnd 6: sc in ea st around (12 sts)

Rnd 7: (sc in ea of nxt 2 sts, Inc in nxt st) 4 times (16 sts)

Rnd 8: (sc in ea of nxt 3 sts, Inc in nxt st) 4 times (20 sts)

Rnd 9: sc in ea st around (20 sts)

Rnd 10: (sc in ea of nxt 4 sts, Inc in nxt st) 4 times (24 sts)

Rnds 11-12: sc in ea st around (24 sts/ea rnd)

Rnd 13: (sc in ea of nxt 2 sts, Dec nxt 2 sts tog) 6 times

Rnd 14: (sc in nxt st, Dec nxt 2 sts tog) 6 times

Rnd 15: (Dec nxt 2 sts tog) 6 times

Finish off, weaving yarn tail in and out of loops of rnd 15 to close up hole. Hide remaining yarn inside head.

### **EAR** (MAKE 2):

For each Ear:

with Pink,

Chain 3,

Rnd 1: sc in 2nd chain from hook, sc, 2 hdc, sc in end ch - turn piece to allow you to work up the other side of original beg chain (as if a flat round), sc in nxt st (6 sts)

Finish Off, set aside.

with Grey,

Chain 3,

Rnd 1: sc in 2nd chain from hook, sc, 2 hdc, sc in end ch - turn piece to allow you to work up the other side of original beg chain (as if a flat round), sc in nxt st (6 sts)

DO NOT FINISH OFF

Placing wrong sides together of Pink and Grey, lining up ear sections and working through both pieces (4 lps total),

Rnd 2: sc in ea of nxt 2 sts, (sc, hdc) in nxt st, (hdc, sc) in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 2 sts, slst in first st of this Rnd to finish off. (8 sts)

Leave tail to sew ear to head.

Repeat process for 2nd ear.

## **BODY** (MAKE 1) :

with Grey,

Chain 5,

Rnd 1: Inc in 2nd chain from hook, sc in ea of nxt 2 sts, 4 sc in end ch - turn piece to allow you to work up the other side of original beg chain (as if a flat round), sc in ea of nxt 2 sts, Inc in nxt st (12 sts)

Rnd 2: Inc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 3 sts, Inc in ea of nxt 3 sts, sc in ea of nxt 3 sts, Inc in ea of nxt 2 sts (18 sts)

Rnd 3: sc in nxt st, (Inc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 2 sts) 5 times, Inc in nxt st, sc in nxt st (24 sts)

Rnds 4-8: sc in ea st around (24 sts/ea rnd)

Rnd 9: sc in ea of nxt 2 sts, (Dec nxt 2 sts tog, sc in ea of nxt 4 sts) 3 times, Dec nxt 2 sts tog, sc in ea of nxt 2 sts (20 sts)

Rnds 10-11: sc in ea st around (20 sts/ea rnd)

Rnd 12: (sc in ea of nxt 3 sts, Dec nxt 2 sts tog) 4 times (16 sts)

Rnd 13: sc in nxt st, (Dec nxt 2 sts tog, sc in ea of nxt 2 sts) 3 times, Dec nxt 2 sts tog, sc in nxt st (12 sts)

Rnd 14: (Dec nxt 2 sts tog) 6 times

Finish off, leaving enough yarn remaining to sew body to head. Hide any remaining yarn once done.

## **ARM** (MAKE 2) :

with Grey,

Chain 3,

Rnd 1: Inc in 2nd chain from hook, 4 sc in end ch - turn piece to allow you to work up the other side of original beg chain (as if a flat round), Inc in nxt st (8 sts)

Rnds 2-3: sc in ea st around (8 sts/ea rnd)

Rnd 4: sc in nxt st, (Dec nxt 2 sts tog) twice, sc in ea of nxt 3 sts (6 sts)

Rnd 5: Dec nxt 2 sts tog, sc in ea of nxt 4 sts (5 sts)

Rnds 6-12: sc in ea st around (5 sts)

Finish off, leaving sufficient tail remaining to sew arm to side of body at 'shoulder' height.

## **FOOT** (MAKE 2) :

*MODEL'S TOES ARE ONLY PORTION OF FOOT STUFFED and that is just enough (less than a pea size) to keep shape*

with Pink,

Chain 4,

Rnd 1: Inc in 2nd chain from hook, sc in nxt st, 4 sc in end ch - turn piece to allow you to work up the other side of original beg chain (as if a flat round), sc in nxt st, Inc in nxt st (10 sts)

Rnds 2-3: sc in ea st around (10 sts/ea rnd)

Rnd 4: sc in nxt st, (Dec nxt 2 sts tog) twice, sc in ea of nxt 5 sts (8 sts)

Rnd 5: sc in ea st around (8 sts)

Rnd 6: (Dec nxt 2 sts tog) twice, sc in ea of nxt 4 sts (6 sts)

Rnds 7-8: sc in ea st around (6 sts/ea rnd)

Finish off, leaving sufficient yarn remaining to secure foot to body and allow for hole closure by weaving yarn tail in and out of loops of rnd 8.

## TAIL (MAKE 1) :

with Pink

Chain 19, slst in 2nd chain from hook and in ea of nxt 17 sts

Finish off, leaving sufficient tail remaining to sew to back of body.

## HEART (MAKE 1) :

the heart is make in 2 sections

with Cornmeal,

Section 1 - Larger half:

Rnd 1: Using either the (magic circle) or the (ch 2, sc in 2nd ch from hook) method, make 4 sc in 'ring' (4 sts)

Rnds 2-25: sc in ea st around

Insert pipe cleaner into crochet tube (If you are having trouble, insert the blunt end (without the hook) into the tube to create a little give - this will help the pipe cleaner slide in. You will want to fold the ends of the pipe cleaner so that no points peek out of the ends.

Finish off, weaving yarn tail in and out of loops of rnd 25 to close up hole and leave sufficient yarn remaining so that you can sew the upper sections together.

Section 2 - Smaller half:

Rnd 1: Using either the (magic circle) or the (ch 2, sc in 2nd ch from hook) method, make 4 sc in 'ring' (4 sts)

Rnds 2-19: sc in ea st around - Insert pipe cleaner into crochet tube

Rnd 20: while holding front and back sections together, sc across stitches, creating a flat finish of 2 sts.

Finish off, leaving sufficient yarn remaining so that you can sew the lower sections together.

To get a uniform heart, shape the larger section first, then lay the smaller section on top and copy model.

USING FLOSS OR YARN, CREATE SEPARATION IN FOOT BY MAKING 'LINES' WHICH WILL APPEAR TO BE TOES, USING A WHIP-STITCH. REPEAT THE PROCESS ON A SMALLER SCALE WITH HANDS.

EMBROIDER A LITTLE PINK NOSE OR INSERT A BRAD WITH A TINY BIT OF SUPER-GLUE OR HOT-GLUE TO KEEP SECURE.

ADD YOUR BEAD EYES.

USING PHOTO AS GUIDE, ASSEMBLE ALL PIECES OF YOUR MOUSE, LEAVING THE HEART TO BE SEWN TO HANDS LAST. THERE IS NO 'RIGHT OR WRONG' WAY TO ASSEMBLE - IF YOU USE PINS TO SECURE PIECES, YOU CAN CREATE A DUPLICATE OF THE MODEL - OR A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT EXPRESSION. USING EYE SHADOW, MARKER, CHALK -WHATEVER YOU HAVE ON HAND... SPARINGLY GIVE SOME ROUNDISH DARK CIRCLES IN THE SPACE BETWEEN SEVERAL STITCHES; CREATING THE LOOK OF 'HOLES'. ADD A LITTLE RED BOW TO FINISH OFF THE GIFT AND VIOLA! YOU'VE GOT YOURSELF A CHEESY LITTLE VALENTINE!



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