

# CARON FRANCIS THE FOX | CROCHET



# **MATERIALS**

# **Caron® Simply Soft™**

(Solids: 6 oz/170.1 g; 315 yds/288 m; Heathers: 5 oz/141.7 g; 250 yds/228 m)

Contrast A Pumpkin (9765)2 ballsContrast B Charcoal Heather (H9508)1 ballContrast C Chartreuse (9771)1 ball

**Bernat® Pipsqueak™** (3.5 oz/100 g; 101 yds/92 m) **Contrast D** Whitey White (59005) **1 ball** 

Sizes U.S. E/4 (3.5 mm) and U.S. I/9 (5.5 mm) crochet hooks **or sizes needed to obtain gauge.** Polyester fiberfill. Pair of 10 mm Safety Eyes or 2 buttons for Eyes. Stitch marker.

CROCHET | SKILL LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

### **MEASUREMENT**

22" [56 cm] total height.

# **INSTRUCTIONS**

### Body

With A and smaller hook, ch 2.

**1st rnd:** 8 sc in 2nd ch from hook. Join with sl st to first sc.

**2nd rnd:** Ch 1. 2 sc in each sc around. Join with sl st to first sc. 16 sc.

**3rd rnd:** Ch 1. 2 sc in first sc. 1 sc in next sc. \*2 sc in next sc. 1 sc in next sc. Rep from \* around. Join with sl st to first sc. 24 sc.

**4th rnd:** Ch 1. 2 sc in first sc. 1 sc in each of next 2 sc. \*2 sc in next sc. 1 sc in each of next 2 sc Rep from \* around. Join with sl st to first sc. 32 sc.

**5th rnd:** Ch 1. 2 sc in first sc. 1 sc in each of next 3 sc. \*2 sc in next sc. 1 sc in each of next 3 sc. Rep from \* around. Join with sl st to first sc. 40 sc.

**6th rnd:** Ch 1. 2 sc in first sc. 1 sc in each of next 4 sc. \*2 sc in next sc. 1 sc in each of next 4 sc. Rep from \* around. Join with sl st to first sc. 48 sc.

**7th rnd:** Ch 1. 2 sc in first sc. 1 sc in each of next 5 sc. \*2 sc in next sc. 1 sc in each of next 5 sc. Rep from \* around. Join with sl st to first sc. 56 sc.

**8th rnd:** Ch 1. 2 sc in first sc. 1 sc in each of next 6 sc. \*2 sc in next sc. 1 sc in each of next 6 sc. Rep from \* around. Join with sl st to first sc. 64 sc.

**9th rnd:** Ch 1. 2 sc in first sc. 1 sc in each of next 7 sc. \*2 sc in next sc. 1 sc in each of next 7 sc. Rep from \* around. Join with sl st to first sc. 72 sc. Place marker on last rnd.

### **GAUGES**

Caron® Simply Soft™: 17 sc and 18 rows = 4" [10 cm] with smaller hook.

**Bernat® Pipsqueak™:** 9 sc and 12 rows = 4" [10 cm] with larger hook.

**10th rnd:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc around. Join with sl st to first sc.

Rep last rnd until work from marked rnd measures 5" [12.5 cm].

**Beg dec rnds: 1st rnd:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each of first 7 sc. \*Sc2tog. 1 sc in each of next 7 sc. Rep from \* to last 2 sc. Sc2tog. Join with sl st to first sc. 64 sts.

**2nd to 5th rnds:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each st around. Join with sl st to first sc.

**6th rnd:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each of first 6 sc. \*Sc2tog. 1 sc in each of next 6 sc. Rep from \* to last 2 sc. Sc2tog. Join with sl st to first sc. 56 sts.

7th to 10th rnds: As 2nd to 5th rnds.

**11th rnd:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each of first 5 sc. \*Sc2tog. 1 sc in each of next 5 sc. Rep from \* to last 2 sc. Sc2tog. Join with sl st to first sc. 48 sts.

12th to 15th rnds: As 2nd to 5th rnds.

**16th rnd:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each of first 4 sc. \*Sc2tog. 1 sc in each of next 4 sc. Rep from \* to last 2 sc. Sc2tog. Join with sl st to first sc. 40 sts.

17th to 20th rnds: As 2nd to 5th rnds.

**21st rnd:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each of first 3 sc. \*Sc2tog. 1 sc in each of next 3 sc. Rep from \* to last 2 sc. Sc2tog. Join with sl st to first sc. 32 sts.

**22nd rnd:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each st around. Join with sl st to first sc. Fasten off. Stuff Body.

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#### Head

**Nose:** With B and smaller hook, ch 2.

**1st rnd:** 8 sc in 2nd ch from hook. Join with sl st to first sc.

**2nd rnd:** Ch 1. 2 sc in each sc around. Join with sl st to first sc. 16 sc.

**3rd and 4th rnds:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc around. Join A with sl st to first sc.

**5th and 6th rnds:** With A, ch 1. 1 sc in each sc around. Join with sl st to first sc.

**7th rnd:** Ch 1. 2 sc in each sc around. Join with sl st to first sc. 32 sc.

**8th rnd:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc around. Join with sl st to first sc.

**9th rnd:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each of first 3 sc. \*2 sc in next sc. 1 sc in each of next 3 sc. Rep from \* to last sc. 2 sc in last sc. Join with sl st to first sc. 40 sc.

10th rnd: As 8th rnd.

11th rnd: Ch 1. 1 sc in each of first 4 sc. \*2 sc in next sc. 1 sc in each of next 4 sc. Rep from \* to last sc. 2 sc in last sc. Join with sl st to first sc. 48 sc.

12th rnd: As 8th rnd.

Cont as established, inc 8 sc evenly spaced across every other rnd to 64 sc.

**Next rnd:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc around. Join with sl st to first sc.

Rep last rnd 7 times more.

**Beg dec rnds: 1st rnd:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each of first 6 sc. \*Sc2tog. 1 sc in each of next 6 sc. Rep from \* to last 2 sc. Sc2tog. Join with sl st to first sc. 56 sts.

**2nd rnd:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each st around. Join with sl st to first sc.

**3rd rnd:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each of first 5 sc. \*Sc2tog. 1 sc in each of next 5 sc. Rep from \* to last 2 sc. Sc2tog. Join with sl st to first sc. 48 sts

4th rnd: As 2nd rnd.

**5th rnd:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each of first 4 sc. \*Sc2tog. 1 sc in each of next 4 sc. Rep from \* to last 2 sc. Sc2tog. Join with sl st to first sc. 40 sts.

6th rnd: As 2nd rnd.

**7th rnd:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each of first 6 sc. \*Sc2tog. 1 sc in each of next 6 sc. Rep from \* to last 2 sc. Sc2tog. Join with sl st to first sc. 35 sts.

8th rnd: As 2nd rnd.

Stuff Head.

**9th rnd:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each of first 3 sc. \*Sc2tog. 1 sc in each of next 3 sc. Rep from \* to last 2 sc. Sc2tog. Join with sl st to first sc. 28 sts.

10th rnd: As 2nd rnd.

**11th rnd:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each of first 2 sc. \*Sc2tog. 1 sc in each of next 2 sc. Rep from \* to last 2 sc. Sc2tog. Join with sl st to first sc. 21 sts.

**12th rnd:** As 2nd rnd.

**13th rnd:** Ch 1. 1 sc in first sc. \*Sc2tog. 1 sc in next sc. Rep from \* to last 2 sc. Sc2tog. Join with sl st to first sc. 14 sts.

**14th rnd:** Ch 1. \*Sc2tog. Rep from \* around. Join with sl st to first st. 7 sts.

Fasten off, leaving a long end. Draw end through rem loops and pull tightly. Fasten securely.

Sew Head to top of Body.

### **Fuzzy Beard**

With D and larger hook, ch 5.

**1st row:** 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 sc in each ch to end of chain. Turn. 4 sc.

**2nd row:** Ch 1. 2 sc in each sc to end of row. Turn. 8 sc.

**3rd row:** Ch 1. 2 sc in first sc. \*1 sc in next sc. 2 sc in next sc. Rep from \* to last sc. 1 sc in last sc. 12 sc.

4th row: As 3rd row. 18 sc.

**5th row:** Ch 1. 2 sc in first sc. \*1 sc in each of next 2 sc. 2 sc in next sc. Rep from \* to last 2 sc. 1 sc in each of last 2 sc. 24 sc.

**6th row:** Ch 1. 2 sc in first sc. \*1 sc in each of next 3 sc. 2 sc in next sc. Rep from \* to last 3 sc. 1 sc in each of last 3 sc. 30 sc.

7th row: Ch 1. 2 sc in first sc. \*1 sc in each of next 4 sc. 2 sc in next sc. Rep from \* to last 4 sc. 1 sc in each of last 4 sc. 36 sc.

Cont as established, inc 6 sc evenly spaced on each of next 4 rows. 60 sc at end of 11th row. Fasten off.

Curve Beard around bottom of Nose, and up sides of Face to create Beard shape as shown in picture. Attach Safety Eyes or buttons to part of Beard that curves upwards. Sew in position. With B, embroider mouth.

Outer Ear (make 2)

With smaller hook and A, ch 11.

**1st row:** 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 sc in each ch to end of ch. Turn. 10 sc.

**2nd to 7th rows:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc to end of row. Turn.

**8th row:** Ch 1. Sc2tog. 1 sc in each of next 6 sc. Sc2tog. Turn. 8 sts.

**9th row:** Ch 1. Sc2tog. 1 sc in each of next 4 sc. Sc2tog. Turn. 6 sts.

**10th row:** Ch 1. Sc2tog. 1 sc in each of next 2 sc. Sc2tog. Turn. 4 sts.

**11th row:** Ch 1. (Sc2tog) twice. Turn. 2 sts. **12th row:** Ch 1. Sc2tog. Fasten off.

Inner Ear (make 2)

With smaller hook and D. ch 9.

**1st row:** 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 sc in each ch to end of ch. Turn. 8 sc.

**2nd and 3rd rows:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc to end of row. Turn.

4th row: Ch 1. Sc2tog. 1 sc in each of next 4 sc.sl st to first sc.Sc2tog. Turn. 6 sts.2nd rnd: Ch

**5th row:** Ch 1. Sc2tog. 1 sc in each of next 2 sc. Sc2tog. Turn. 4 sts.

**6th row:** Ch 1. (Sc2tog) twice. Turn. 2 sts. **7th row:** Ch 1. Sc2tog. Fasten off.

Holding WS of Outer and Inner Ears tog, with larger hook and 2 strands of A held tog, join with sl st to bottom right corner. *Working through both thicknesses*, Ch 1. Work 1 row of sc evenly to tip of Ear. Work 3 sc in tip of Ear. Work 1 row of sc evenly along left side edge. Fasten off.

Sew Ears to top of Head.

Arms (make 2)

With smaller hook and B, ch 2.

**1st rnd:** 8 sc in 2nd ch from hook. Join with sl st to first sc.

**2nd rnd:** Ch 1. 2 sc in each sc around. Join with sl st to first sc. 16 sc.

**3rd rnd:** Ch 1.1 sc in each sc around. Join with sl st to first sc.

**4th rnd:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each of first 3 sc. \*2 sc in next sc. 1 sc in each of next 3 sc. Rep from \* to last sc. 2 sc in last sc. Join with sl st to first sc. 20 sc.

**5th rnd:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc around. Rep last rnd 9 times more. Break B, join A.

Next rnd: With A, ch 1. 1 sc in each of first 3 sc. \*Sc2tog. 1 sc in each of next 3 sc. Rep from \* to last 2 sc. Sc2tog. Join with sl st to first sc. 16 sts.

**Next rnd:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each st around. Join with sl st to first sc.

Rep last rnd until Arm measures approx 6" [15 cm] from beg. Fasten off.

Stuff Arms lightly. Sew Arms to either side of Body.

Legs (make 2)

With smaller hook and B, ch 2.

**1st rnd:** 8 sc in 2nd ch from hook. Join with sl st to first sc.

**2nd rnd:** Ch 1. 2 sc in each sc around. Join with sl st to first sc. 16 sc.

**3rd rnd:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc around. Join with sl st to first sc.

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**4th rnd:** Ch 1. 1 sc in first sc. \*2 sc in next sc. 1 sc in next sc. Rep from \* to last sc. 2 sc in last sc. Join with sl st to first sc. 24 sc.

**5th rnd:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc around. Join with sl st to first sc.

Rep last rnd 9 times more. Break B, join A.

**Next rnd:** With A, ch 1. 1 sc in each of first 4 sc. \*Sc2tog. 1 sc in each of next 4 sc. Rep from \* to last 2 sc. Sc2tog. Join with sl st to first sc. 20 sts. **Next 10 rnds:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each st around. Join with sl st to first sc.

**Next rnd:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each of first 3 sc. \*Sc2tog. 1 sc in each of next 3 sc. Rep from \* to last 2 sc. Sc2tog. Join with sl st to first sc. 16 sts. **Next 10 rnds:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each st around. Join with sl st to first sc.

Fasten off.
Stuff Legs lightly.

Sew Legs to bottom of Body.

### Tail

With 2 strands of A held tog and larger hook, ch 20. Join with sl st to first ch.

**1st rnd:** Ch 2 (counts as hdc). 1 hdc in each ch around. Join with sl st to top of ch 2. 20 hdc.

**2nd rnd:** Ch 2 (counts as hdc). 1 hdc in each hdc around. Join with sl st to top of ch 2.

Rep last rnd until Tail from beg measures approx 4" [10 cm]. Break A. Join 1 strand of D.

**Next rnd:** With D, ch 2 (counts as hdc). 1 hdc in each hdc around. Join with sl st to top of ch 2. **Next rnd:** Ch 2 (counts as hdc). 1 hdc in each

of next 2 hdc. Hdc2tog. \*1 hdc in each of next 3 hdc. Hdc2tog. Rep from \* around. Join with sl st to top of ch 2. 16 sts.

**Next rnd:** Ch 2 (counts as hdc). 1 hdc in next hdc. Hdc2tog. \*1 hdc in each of next 2 hdc. Hdc2tog. Rep from \* around. Join with sl st to top of ch 2. 12 sts.

**Next rnd:** Ch 2 (counts as hdc). \*Hdc2tog. 1 hdc in next hdc. Rep from \* to last 2 sts. Hdc2tog. Join with sl st to top of ch 2. 8 sts.

**Next rnd:** (Hdc2tog) 4 times. 4 sts. Fasten off, leaving a long end.

Draw end tightly through rem loops. Fasten securely.



#### Necktie

With C and smaller hook, ch 6.

**1st row:** 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 sc in each ch to end of ch. Turn. 5 sc.

**2nd to 7th rows:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc to end of row. Turn.

**8th row:** Ch 1. 2 sc in first sc. 1 sc in each sc to last sc. 2 sc in last sc. Turn. 7 sc.

9th row: As 8th row. 9 sc.

**10th to 14th rows:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc to end of row. Turn.

**15th, 16th and 17th rows:** Ch 1. Sc2tog. 1 sc in each sc to last 2 sc. Sc2tog. Turn. 3 sts rem. **18th row:** Ch 1. Sc3tog. Fasten off.

## Tie 'Knot'

With C and smaller hook, ch 7.

**1st row:** 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 sc in each ch to end of ch. Turn. 6 sc.

**2nd to 13th rows:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc to end of row. Turn.

Fasten off. Sew last row and foundation row tog. Place Tie into loop of Tie 'knot' and sew in position.

Attach Tie to front of Body as shown in picture.



### **ABBREVIATIONS**

**Approx** = Approximate(ly)

**Beg** = Begin(ing)

Ch = Chain(s)

**Cont** = Continue

**Dec** = Decrease(ing)

**Hdc** = Half double crochet

**Hdc2tog** = Yoh and draw up a loop in each

of next 2 stitches. Yoh and draw through all loops on hook

Inc = Increase(ing)

**Rem** = Remain(ing)

Rep = Repeat

Rnd(s) = Round(s)

**Sc** = Single crochet

**Sc2(3)tog** = Draw up a loop in each of next 2(3) stitches. Yoh and draw through all loops on hook.

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**SI st** = Slip stitch

**St(s**) = Stitch(es)

**Tog** = Together

**WS** = Wrong side

**Yoh** = Yarn over hook

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