



CROCHET | SKILL LEVEL: **EASY**

## ABBREVIATIONS

**Approx** = Approximately

**Ch** = Chain(s)

**Dc** = Double crochet

**Dcbl** = Double crochet through back loop only

**Beg** = Beginning

**Hdc** = Half double crochet

**Hdcbl** = Half double crochet through back loop only

**Pat** = Pattern

**Rem** = Remaining

**Rep** = Repeat

**Rnd(s)** = Round(s)

**RS** = Right side

**Sc** = Single crochet

**Scbl** = Single crochet through back loop only

**Sc2(3)tog** = Draw up a loop in each of next 2(3) sc. Yoh and draw through all 3(4) loops on hook

**Sl st** = Slip stitch

**Sp(s)** = Space(s)

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

**Tog** = Together

**WS** = Wrong side

## MEASUREMENT

Approx 4½" [11.5 cm] tall.

## GAUGE

24 dc and 18 rows = 4" [10 cm].

## INSTRUCTIONS

### Notes:

- Before beg, separate different color sections of yarn as follows: Pop center color out by pushing gently on center of ball so that it comes out intact. Find point where the color changes and cut yarn. Rep this process for rem yarn colors by pushing rings of color out of the larger ring and cutting. Wind each color into a separate ball to prevent tangling. You may find that one color appears both in the center and on outside of ball, wind tog or separately.
- Each cactus is made from 5 pieces: Body, 2 arms and 2 legs.
- Clothing is made separately and placed on completed cactus.

## MATERIALS

**Red Heart® Amigurumi™** (3.5 oz /100 g; 239 yds/219 m)

Cactus (9627)

**1 ball**

**Contrast A** Light green

**Contrast B** Green

**Contrast C** Black

**Contrast D** Pink

Size U.S. B/1 [2.25 mm] Susan Bates® crochet hook **or sizes needed to obtain gauge.** Susan Bates® yarn needle. Fiberfill stuffing.

- Pieces are sewn tog using yarn scraps, yarn tails or sewing thread.
- To change color, work to last 2 loops on hook and draw new color through last 2 loops, then proceed in new color.

## BODY

### Notes:

- Body is worked from side to side in rows.
- All body stitches are worked into back loops only to form ridges.
- When body rows are complete, stitches are worked along one side edge, dec to gather the edge for top of cactus.

With A or B, ch 22.

**1st row:** 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch to end of chain. Turn. 21 sc.

**2nd row:** Ch 1. 1 scbl in each of first 7 sc. 1 hdcbl in each of next 7 sc. 1 dcbl in each of next 6 sc. 1 sc in last sc. Turn.

**3rd row:** Ch 3 (**does not** count as a st). 1 scbl in first sc. 1 dcbl in each of next 6 dc. 1 hdcbl in each of next 7 hdc. 1 sc in each of last 7 sc. Turn.

**4th to 17th rows:** As 2nd and 3rd rows 7 times more.

**18th row:** Ch 1. 1 scbl in each of first 7 sts. 1 hdcbl in each of next 7 sts. 1 dcbl in each of next 6 sts. 1 scbl in last st.

### Gather Top of Head: Do not turn.

Working in ends of rows along side edge, (sc2tog over ends of next rows) 9 times. 9 sts. Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail. Weave tail through rem loops. Pull to gather top of Head.

Sew side edges of first and last rows tog. Stuff body. Sew lower edges tog for bottom of cactus.

**Facial features:** With C embroider eyes using French knot as shown in picture. Embroider mouth using straight stitch as shown in picture.

### ARMS (make 2 for each cactus)

**Note:** Arms worked from side to side in rows.

With same color as for Body, ch 10.

**1st row:** 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch to end of chain. Turn. 9 sc.

**2nd to 9th rows:** Ch 1. 1 scbl in each sc to end of row. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Weave tail through ends of rows along one side edge. Pull to gather for hand end of arm. Sew edges of first and last rows tog. Stuff arm. Bend arm in middle and sew a few stitches to maintain the bend and make hand end point upwards.

### LEGS (make 2 for each cactus)

Beg at bottom of foot, with C, ch 13.

**1st row:** 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch to end of chain. Turn. 12 sc.

**2nd row:** Ch 1. 1 scbl in each of first 3 sc. (Sc2tog) 3 times. 1 scbl in each of last 3 sc. Turn. 9 sts.

**3rd row:** Ch 1. 1 scbl in each of first 3 sts. Sc3tog. 1 sc in each of last 3 sts. Turn. 7 sts.

**4th to 7th rows:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each st to end of row. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Fold piece in half and sew side and lower edges tog. Stuff piece.

**OVERALLS** (make for cactus done with B)

### Notes:

- Overalls are worked side to side - worked all the way across front then across back.
- At center of front and back, sts are left unworked to form crotch.

With A, ch 11.

**1st row:** (RS). 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch to end of chain. Turn. 10 sc.

**2nd to 10th rows:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc to end of row. Turn.

**Crotch: 11th row:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each of first 7 sts. Turn. Leave rem sts unworked. 7 sc.

**12th row:** Ch 4. 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook and each of next 2 ch. 1 sc in each of next 7 sc. Turn. 10 sc.

**13th to 30th rows:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc to end of row. Turn.

**31st and 32nd rows:** As 11th and 12th rows.

**33rd to 40th rows:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc to end of row. Turn.

## Waistband

**1st row:** Do not turn at end of last row. Working in ends of rows along long side edge (waist edge), work sc evenly spaced to end of row. Join C. Fasten off A, leaving long end.

**2nd and 3rd rows:** With C, ch 1. 1 sc in each sc to end of row. Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing. Sew side edges tog for side seam. Sew inseam and crotch seam.

## Strap (make 2)

With A, ch 15.

**1st row:** 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch to end of chain. 14 sc.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Sew ends of each Strap to front of waistband approx 1" [2.5 cm] from side edges. Sew Straps to back.

With C, embroider a French knot button on front at end of each strap.

## DRESS (make with A)

### Notes:

- Dress is made from 3 pieces: Front, back and tie.
- Tie is attached to top of front edge. Ends of tie are crossed at back of dress and sewn to top of back edge.

### Front

With D, ch 13.

**Bib:** **1st row:** 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch to end of chain. Turn. 12 sc.

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

**Skirt:** **8th row:** Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout). 1 dc in first sc. 2 dc in each sc to end of row. Turn. 24 dc.

**9th and 10th rows:** Ch 3. 1 dc in each dc to end of row. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

### Back

With D, ch 13.

**1st row:** 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch to end of chain. Turn. 12 sc.

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

**Skirt:** **3rd row:** Ch 3. 1 dc in first sc. 2 dc in each sc to end of row. Turn. 24 dc.

**4th and 5th rows:** Ch 3. 1 dc in each dc to end of row. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Sew side seams.

### Tie

With D, ch 40. Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch to end of chain (first strap made). Do not turn or fasten off.

**Attach tie to dress:** With dress front facing, working along opposite side of front foundation ch, 1 sc in each ch to end of row. Ch 40. Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch to end of chain. Fasten off and weave in ends. Cross straps at back of dress and thread each end through a space between stitches at top of back, 2 sts from center back. Tie the ends into a bow.

### FLOWER

With D, ch 4.

**1st rnd1:** Work 11 dc in the 4th ch from hook. Join with sl st in top of beg ch. Turn. 12 dc.

**2nd rnd:** Ch 2 (does not count as a st). 3 hdc in next dc. (Sl st in next dc. 3 hdc in next dc) 5 times. Sl st in same st as joining slip st. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

## FINISHING

Referring to photograph as a guide to placement, Sew arms to side of cactus. Sew legs to underside of cactus. For A-cactus, sew flower to top of side of head. Put dress or overalls on. cactus. Weave in and trim any rem ends

