



Minikins Crab

**FINISHED MEASUREMENTS**

**Width:** 3½" including Legs

**MATERIALS**

**Premier® Yarns Minikins™** (50% Acrylic, 50% Cotton; 1.75oz/50g, 158yds/145m)

- A: 2103-17 Brick – 1 ball
- B: 2103-01 White – 1 ball
- C: 2103-42 Black – 1 ball

**Hook:** US Size B-1 (2.25 mm) *or size needed to obtain gauge*

**Notions:** Tapestry needle, removable stitch markers, stuffing

**GAUGE**

24 sts x 24 rnds = 4" before stuffing

**Save time, check your gauge.**

**Skills/techniques used in this pattern:**

- Chain, slip stitch and single crochet stitch.
- Magic ring.
- Invisible single crochet decrease.
- Double crochet 2 stitches together.
- Seaming.

**STITCH GUIDE**

**Magic Ring:** Wrap yarn around your left middle finger twice, leaving a 6" tail. Insert hk under both strands and pull up a lp. Ch 1 and beg working directly into center of ring. This ring can be tightened later by pulling on the yarn tail.

**Inv-dec (invisible single crochet decrease):**

Insert hk in front lp only of each of next 2 sts, yo and draw through both sts, yo and draw through 2 lps on hk (1 st dec'd).

**PATTERN NOTES**

Join with slip stitch to first stitch unless otherwise indicated. When working in continuous rounds, place a marker in first stitch to indicate beginning of the round. Move marker up as each round begins.

**CRAB****Body (make 2)**

With A, create a **Magic Ring**.

**Rnd 1:** 6 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous rnds – 6 sc.

**Rnd 2:** 2 sc in each st around – 12 sc.

**Rnd 3:** \*Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 18 sc.

**Rnd 4:** \*Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 24 sc.

**Rnd 5:** \*Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 30 sc.

**Rnd 6:** \*Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 36 sc.

**Rnd 7:** \*Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 42 sc.

**Rnd 8:** Sc in each st around, join. Fasten off.

**Eye Lid (make 2)**

With A, create a **Magic Ring**.

**Rnd 1:** 4 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous rnds – 4 sc.

**Rnd 2:** 2 sc in each st around – 8 sc.

**Rnd 3:** \*Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 12 sc.

**Rnd 4-5:** Sc in each st around.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

**Eye**

With B, create a **Magic Ring**.

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project continued

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**Rnd 1:** 4 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous rnds – 4 sc.

**Rnd 2:** 2 sc in each st around – 8 sc.

**Rnd 3:** \*Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 12 sc.

**Rnd 4-5:** Sc in each st around.

**Rnd 6:** \*Sc in next st, **inv-dec**; rep from \* around – 8 sc.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Stuff Eye.

Thread tapestry needle with long tail and run needle through sts of Rnd 6, pulling tightly to close.

Fasten off.

## Pupil

With C, create a **Magic Ring**.

**Rnd 1:** 3 sc in ring, join – 3 sc.

Fasten off leaving a long tail.

Split a length of B and using 2 plies, thread tapestry needle. Using embroidery running st to add detail to each eye.

## Claw (make 2)

Part 1

With A, create a **Magic Ring**.

**Rnd 1:** 4 sc in ring, do not join – 4 sc.

**Rnds 2-3:** Sc in each st around.

**Rnd 4:** 2 sc in each st around – 8 sc.

**Rnds 5-6:** Sc in each st around.

**Rnd 7:** 3 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts – 10 sc.

**Rnd 8:** Sk next 3 sc, sc in next 7 sts – 7 sc.

**Rnd 9:** Sc in each st around.

**Rnd 10:** **Inv-dec**, sc in next 5 sts – 6 sc.

Stuff Claw.

Fasten off leaving a long tail.

Thread tapestry needle with long tail and stitch Rnd 10 closed.

## Part 2

**Row 1:** Working in 3 skipped sts on Rnd 8, insert hk in first st on right, ch 2, dc2tog over next 2 sts, join with sl st to beg ch-2. Fasten off leaving a long tail.

Thread tapestry needle with long tail and pull through center of Rnd 1 and leave to sew on Body.

## Legs (make 6)

With A, ch 5.

**Row 1:** Sc in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hk and in each ch across, turn – 4 sc.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

**Row 3:** Ch 1, working through Row 1 and 2 together to form Leg, sl st in next 3 sts, closing Leg. Do not st over the last st.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

## FINISHING

Sew Body panels together, stuffing before closing.

Using photo as a guide, sew Claw and Legs on Body.

Sew Eyelids on Eyes. Sew Pupil on Eye.

Sew completed Eyes together in center and then on top of Body.

Weave in ends.

## Abbreviations

**beg** begin(ning)

**ch** chain

**dc** double crochet

**dc2tog** double crochet 2 sts together (1 st dec'd)

**dec'd** decreased

**hk** hook

**lp(s)** loop(s)

**rem** remaining

**rep** repeat

**rnd(s)** round(s)

**sc** single crochet

**sk** skip

**sl st** slip stitch

**st(s)** stitch(es)

**yo** yarn over

