



Crochet Pig Toy

MATERIALS: J. & P. COATS KNIT-CRO-SHEEN,

3 balls of Peach.

Steel Crochet Hook No. 4.

2 black beads for eyes.

1/2 yard of ribbon.

Cotton batting.

GAUGE: 6 sc make 1 inch; 6 rnds make 1 inch.

Use a double thread throughout.

BODY . . . Starting at center of one side, ch 6. **1st rnd:** Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, 3 sc in last ch; work along other side of chain making sc in each ch across, 3 sc in last ch (13 sc). **2nd rnd:** * Sc in each sc to within 3 sc-group, 2 sc in each of 3 sc (3 sc increased). Repeat from * once more. **3rd rnd:** Sc in each sc around, increasing the necessary number of sc at each curved end to keep work flat. Repeat the 3rd rnd until piece measures 6 1/4 x 7 inches. Break off.

HEAD . . . Ch 3. Join. **1st rnd:** 6 sc in ring. **2nd rnd:** 2 sc in each sc around (12 sc). **3rd rnd:** * Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc. Repeat from * around. **4th rnd:** Sc in each sc around, increasing wherever necessary to keep work flat. Repeat the 4th rnd until Head measures 4 inches in diameter. Break off.

Sew Head to curved end of Body, overlapping Head about 1 inch. Make another Body and another Head and sew them together as before.

GUSSET . . . Ch 7. **1st row:** Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Ch 1, turn. **2nd row:** Sc in each

sc across. Ch 1, turn. Repeat 2nd row until piece is long enough to go around entire Body and Head. Break off.

Sew Gusset around Body and Head, leaving an opening on under side for stuffing. Stuff very firmly and sew up opening.

FOOT (Make 4) . . . Ch 3. Join. **1st rnd:** 6 sc in ring. **2nd rnd:** 2 sc in each sc around (12 sc). **3rd rnd:** * Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc. Repeat from * around (18 sc). **4th rnd:** * 2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 2 sc. Repeat from * around (24 sc). **5th to 10th rnds incl:** Sc in each sc around. Break off after the last rnd. Cut a piece of cardboard 1 1/4 inches in diameter and insert it inside piece just made. Stuff very firmly and sew to Body.

SNOUT . . . Work exactly as for Foot until there are 24 sc on the rnd. Then work 6 rnds without increasing. Break off. Stuff very firmly and sew in place.

EAR (Make 2) . . . Ch 4. **1st row:** Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Ch 1, turn. **2nd and 3rd rows:** Sc in each sc across. Ch 1, turn. **4th row:** 2 sc in 1st sc, work next 2 sc off as 1 sc. **5th row:** Insert hook in each sc and draw a loop through, retaining all loops on hook, thread over and draw through all loops on hook. Break off. Sew Ears to Head.

TAIL . . . With 4 strands of thread ch 16. Break off. Sew Tail to Body, making a knot at one end. Sew a bead to each side of Face for eyes. With ribbon make a bow and sew to Neck.

CROCHET ABBREVIATIONS

Ch	chain
Sc	single crochet
Dc	double crochet
Sl st	slip stitch
Pc st	popcorn stitch
St(s)	stitch(es)
Rnd	round
Incl	inclusive
Inc	increase
Dec	decrease

* (asterisk) Repeat the instructions following the asterisk as many more times as specified.

Note: Sometimes instead of an asterisk you will see a phrase like (ch 2, skip 2 ch, dc in next ch) 4 times. This means that whatever is included in the parentheses should be repeated the number of times specified.

How to Stuff Animals

The stuffing of the animals is most important. Leave the openings for stuffing at either the center top or bottom of piece whenever possible. Stuff very firmly with cotton batting, using a steel knitting needle to push stuffing into place. All pieces will look much more lifelike if stuffed firmly. Mold animal, holding it on the outside with one hand while stuffing from the inside.

