

Crocheted Crib Toys

These crocheted crib toys—clown, shooting star and spiral ball—will be great favorites with the kiddies. You can use odds and ends of thread to make them and any colors you prefer. We have used red and cream colored medium weight knitting and crochet cotton or Enterprise yarn. Use a size 0 crochet hook to make all of these toys.

Abbreviations: Ch (chain); st



(stitch); dec (decrease); sp (space); lp (loop); sl st (slip stitch); sc (single crochet); dc (double crochet); hdc (half double crochet).

SPIRAL BALL—It takes approximately 38 yards of each of two colors to make this toy.

Row 1: In red, ch 5, sl st in first st. Ch 1, 8 sc in ring.

Row 2: In back loops, sl st in first sc, ch 2, 2 hdc in same st, drop red thread, yarn over with cream * and working over red and starting end of cream, make 3 hdc in next sc, drop cream, draw up red taut, yarn over and working over cream, make 3 hdc in next sc, drop red, draw up cream

taut and repeat from * around (4 red and 4 cream sections alternated). Sl st in red in first 2-ch.

Row 3: Ch 2, hdc in same st, 2 hdc in next st, 1 hdc in next st. * In cream, (2 hdc in next st) twice, 1 hdc in next. In red, (2 hdc in next st) twice, 1 hdc in next. Repeat from * around. Sl st in red in first 2-ch.

Row 4: Ch 2, hdc in same st, hdc in next 4 sts. * In cream, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts. In red, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts. Repeat from * around. Sl st in red in first 2-ch.

Row 5: Like last row but with one more hdc in each group. Repeat once.

Row 7: Ch 2, hdc in same st, 5 hdc, a hdc-dec in next 2 sts. In cream, 2 hdc in next st, 5 hdc, a hdc-dec in next 2 sts. Continue around in same way. Sl st in red in first 2-ch. Repeat once; fasten off. Repeat from beginning for second half.

Sew together, exactly matching pattern, leaving a small opening. Stuff hard with cotton or rags and sew up opening.

SHOOTING STAR—This requires about 22 yards of red and 30 yards of cream thread.

BALL: In cream, ch 2, 8 sc in first st. In back lps, (2 sc in next sc) 8 times. (1 sc in next sc, 2 sc in next) 8 times. (Sc in 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) 8 times. (Sc in 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc) 8 times. (Sc in 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc) 8 times. (Sc in 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc) 8 times. Mark end st. 1 sc in each sc around for 5 rows. (Sc in next 5 sc, sc in next 2 sc worked off together into a dec) 8 times. (Sc in next 4 sc, a dec in next 2 sts) 8 times. (Sc in next 3 sc, a dec in next 2 sc) 8 times. (Sc in 2 sc, a dec in next 2 sc) 8 times. (Sc in 1 sc, a dec in next 2 sc) 8 times. Stuff hard with cotton. (A dec in next 2 sts) 8 times. Close opening with sl sts; fasten off.

HORNS: In red, ch 17, a sl st in first st. Ch 1, sc in next 16 sts, sk 1-ch, and in back lps, (sc in next 3 sc, a dec in next 2 sc) repeated around until only 6 sc remain. Close with 3 sl sts and fasten off. Make 6, on the last one ch 50 before fastening off.

Stuff each hard with cotton. Sew the one with ch on top of ball, one on bottom and 4 around center.

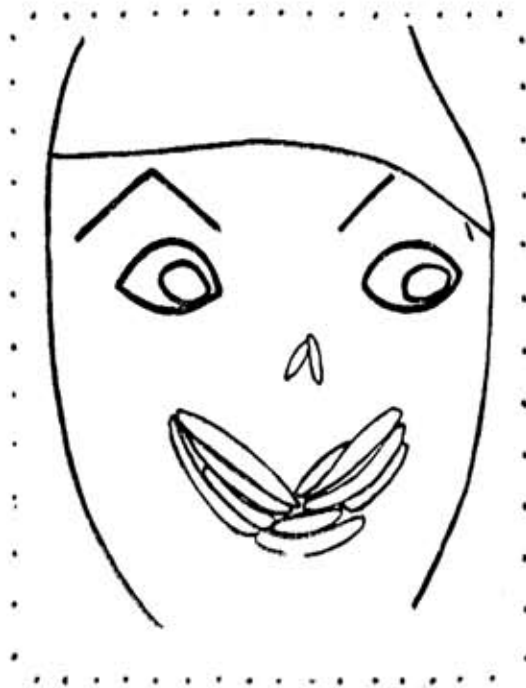
CLOWN—You will need about 23 yards of cream and 36 yards of red; one skein of six-strand floss in black. The chart shows the face on the clown toy. Make two long black stitches for each eyebrow; work the eye in black outline with French knots in center. The nose is red, made by two short stitches; mouth red with several long and short stitches.

Head: In cream, ch 2, 6 sc in first st. In back lps, (2 sc in next sc) 6 times. (1 sc in next, 2 sc in next) 6 times. (Sc in 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) 6 times. (Sc in 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc) 6 times. (Sc in 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc) 6 times. (Sc in next sc) for 7 rows. (Sc in 4 sc, sc in next 2 sc worked off together into one st for a dec) 6 times. (Sc in 3 sc, a dec in next 2 sc) 6 times. (Sc in 2 sc, a dec in next 2 sc) 6 times. (Sc in next st, a dec in next 2 sc) 6 times. Stuff hard with cotton and close opening with a few sl sts; fasten off.

Cap: In red, ch 35, sl st in first st. Ch 1, sc in next 5 sts, hdc in 2 sts, (1 dc in next st, a dc in next 2 sts worked off together into one st) twice, (1 dc, 3 hdc and 17 sc) on rest of ch. In back lps, (sc in next 10 sts, a dec in next 2 sts) repeated around and around until only 10 sc remain. Close with a few sl sts and fasten off. Sew on top of head. Embroider eyes and eyebrows in black floss on face. Make nose and mouth in red yarn.

Frill: In red, ch 2, 8 sc in first st. In back lps, sl st in first sc, (ch 5, sc in next sc) 8 times. * (Ch 2, dc) 6 times in next lp. Repeat from * 7 times. (Ch 5, sc in next 2-ch sp) repeated around; fasten off; sew to bottom of head.

In cream, ch 35, sl st in first st. Cut 12 inches long, thread to a large needle and fasten to tip of cap, make a French knot on tip and two more down center front of cap.



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