Mabel the Pig pattern by Martha Rickard



Notes: If you would like to make "Three Little Pigs," work all pigs the same, changing up position of eyes, ears and nostrils to give each one their own personality. You may even want to add or subtract rounds between 6-12 to give the pig a longer or shorter body.

Work in spiral, using stitch markers at end of row and moving up at end of each row.

Hook: USG

Yarn: worsted Pink yarn for pig

black for embroidering eyes and nostrils

Methods: there is a vast amount of information about the "magic loop method" on the web.

Body

(stuff body as you go, adding some plastic pellets in a ballon towards the tail of pig, if you want too. Mabel, likes to tip over onto her snout sometimes)

Use magic loop method (tighten loop after first round)

ch 1

1) 6sc in loop

- 2) *2sc in each sc* skipping first ch 1. Repeat from * to * 5 times --12sts
- 3) (2sc in next sc, sc in next sc) 6 times --18sts
- 4) (2sc in next sc, sc in next 2sc) 6 times --24sts

5) (2sc in next sc, sc in next 3sc) 6 times--30sts
6) - 12) sc in each sc --30sts
13) (sc2tog, sc in next 3sc) 6 times
--24sts
14) (sc2tog, sc in next 2sc) 6 times
--18sts
15) (sc2tog, sc in next sc) 6 times --12sts
16) (2sc in each sc) 6 times --24 sts
17)-19) sc in each sc --24 sts
20) Repeat row 14 --18sts
21) Repeat row15 --12sts
22) sc2tog (6 times) --6sts



*This is where I like to take the time to embroider the eyes on the pig with black yarn *Weave in ends, closing up hole. This will be under snout.

Snout

Magic loop (making sure to leave about a 20 inch tail of yarn for the pig tail) ch1

- 1) 5sc in loop--5sts
- 2) 2scin each sc--10sts
- 3) sc in back loop only--10sts
- 4) sc in each sc--10sts

*Embroider on nostrils with black yarn

*Sew on snout with extra long tail of yarn, pulling excess yarn thru body of pig to the place you would like your tail to be. This give you extra security for your tail for those little hands that like to pull things.



Tail

Make a slip knot close to the surface of body ch7

1) 2sc in second ch from hook, 2sc in next 5chs --12sc sts

*Fasten off and pull excess yarn into body



Legs (make 4)

(Leave long tail for sewing legs on body)
Magic loop
Ch1
1) 4sc in loop
2) 2sc in each sc (skipping ch1)--8sts
3)sc in back loop only--8sts
4)-6) sc in each sc--8sts each round

Ears (make 2)

ch4 1) sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 2sc's *Fasten off. *Attach to head-turning one ear backwards to give correct shape

Finishing

Stuff legs and sew to body Weave in ends.





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