

MOUSE SLEEPY HEAD

Materials: Small amounts of double knit yarn. Main colour I used was silver for mouse. Very small quantity of pink for ears and nose, black yarn for eyes. Green yarn for leaf. Any colour or use variegated yarn for blanket.

Mouse – 2.5 mm hook

Leaf – 3.0 mm hook

Blanket 3.5 mm hook



Abbreviations: DC (double crochet), HTR (half treble crochet), TR (treble crochet), SS (slip stitch), CH (chain), DC2TOG (double crochet two together), YOH (yarn over hook), ST (stitch or stitches)

THIS IS A UK PATTERN – FOR US CROCHET, PLEASE CHANGE AS FOLLOWS:

DC – SC

HTR – HDC

TR – DC

DC2TOG - SC2TOG

Special Stitches:

MC (magic circle)

3 bob stitch: YOH (yarn over hook), insert hook into the chain specified, YOH and pull through loop, YOH, pull through 2 loops, *YOH, insert hook into same stitch, YOH and pull through loop, YOH, pull through 2 loops, repeat once from *, pull through all 4 loops on hook

4 bob stitch: YOH (yarn over hook), insert hook into the chain specified, YOH and pull through loop, YOH, pull through 2 loops, *YOH, insert hook into same stitch, YOH and pull through loop, YOH, pull through 2 loops, repeat twice from *, pull through all 5 loops on hook

MOUSE

I used 2.5 hook and double knit yarn – if you find it easier, you can use a 3.0 hook, but your mouse will be a little bit larger.

HEAD

Using main colour yarn:

Round 1: MC with 6 dc

Round 2: 2 dc in each st (12)

Round 3: 1 dc in first st, 2 dc in second st (repeat all around) (18)

Round 4: 1 dc in each st (18)

Round 5: 1 dc in first st, dc2tog (repeat all around) (12)



Round 6: 1 dc in each st (12)

Stuff head

Round 7: dc2tog all around (6)

Round 8: dc2tog x 3

Fasten off and carefully sew in end.

Use a small piece of pink or contrasting yarn to sew on the tip of nose (I did a french knot)

Use a small piece of black yarn to sew on eyes. If you want a sleeping mouse, then don't forget to sew on sleeping eyes. I separated out one strand from some double knit yarn to get a fine piece to use.

EARS

Round 1: Make MC with 5 dc using pink or contrasting yarn – fasten off and sew in ends

Using main colour yarn:

Round 2: Do 2 dc in every st around (10) – fasten off and leave a length of yarn. Use this to sew ears to head.

BODY

The body is done in one piece with the arms, legs and tail included, which saves doing much sewing. It might seem a bit fiddly, but it gives a much better effect than sewing on tiny arms and legs. If you count your stitches slightly wrong, an arm, leg or tail might start to appear in the wrong place – if this happens, don't panic, just crochet them where they look right using the instructions and adjust the number of double crochet to get back to the start of the round. Use of stitch markers might help you with this. It doesn't matter if the body is a bit fatter or shorter – every mouse is unique.

Using main colour yarn:

Round 1: MC with 6 dc

Round 2: 2 dc in each of next 2 st, (arm) - chain 9, do 3 bob stitch in 3rd chain from hook, ss into next 6 chain – 2 dc in each of next 3 st, (arm) - chain 9, do 3 bob stitch in 3rd chain from hook, ss into next 6 chain, 2 dc in next st (12)

In the next round, you will need to ignore the arms and crochet under them. This bit can seem a bit fiddly, but don't worry too much about it – it won't matter if you get an extra stitch or two as you can easily have a slightly fatter mouse – just count your stitches at the end and go around that many on the next round and then decrease more on the following rounds. So long as the arms are balanced on either side of the body it will be fine.

Round 3: 1 dc in first st, 2 dc in second st (repeat all around) (18)

Round 4: 1 dc in each st (18)

Round 5: 1 dc in each st (18)

Round 6: 1 dc in first st, dc2tog (repeat all around) (12)

Round 7: 1 dc in next 7 st, (tail) ch 11, then 10 ss back up ch, dc in next 5 st (12)

Round 8: (leg) – chain 12, do 4 bob stitch in 4th chain from hook, ss into next 8 chain – 1 dc in each of next 3 st (leg) – chain 12, do 4 bob stitch in 4th chain from hook, ss into next 8 chain, 1 dc in each of next 9 st, going under tail as you did for arms (12)

Stuff body

You can now either fasten off and sew up bottom of body or continue to crochet as follows:

Round 9: dc2tog all around (6)

Round 10: dc2tog x 3 and fasten off

Sew head onto body.

LEAF

Using green yarn and 3.00 mm hook or 3.5 mm if you used 3.00 mm for mouse. You start off with a chain and do your first stitches down one side of the chain and then back up the other side.

Chain 9

Round 1: 1 dc in 2nd ch from hook, htr in next 6 ch, 3 dc in first ch you made, now do the other side to match, 6 htr, 1 dc, 1 dc on end

Round 2: 2 dc in next 2 st, 1 dc in next 6 st, 2 dc in next 2 st, 1 dc in next 6 st, 2 dc in next 2 st, 1 dc on end

Round 3: 2 dc in next 2 st, 1 dc in next 7 st, 2 dc in next 4 st, 1 dc in next 7 st, 2 dc in next 2 st, 1 dc in next 2 st

Round 4: 1 dc, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 10 st, 2 dc in next st, 1 dc in next 4 st, 2 dc in next st, 1 dc in next 10 st, 2 dc in next 1 st, 1 dc in next 3 st

Round 5: dc all around (36)

Round 6: htr all around

Round 7: htr all around, finishing with a dc

Do not break yarn but continue to:

Stalk and leaf: ch 14, ss in 2nd ch from hook and ss back 6 ch (this will be baby leaf). Now ch 4, ss in 2nd ch from hook and ss back down the stalk, past the stalk of baby leaf (you will do one ss into the end of this stalk), carry on doing ss down to the main leaf and attach back to main leaf with a dc.



Do not break yarn, but continue to picot edge:

* ch 4, ss in 4th chain from hook, miss one st and dc into next st, repeat from * until you get back to the stalk, ss into dc at bottom of stalk. Break yarn and weave in end.

SMALL LEAF

Rejoin the yarn to the branch to make a small leaf. Join at the bottom of the baby leaf stalk, next to the main stalk.

Go up one side as follows:

1 dc, 1 htr, 2 tr, 1 htr, (1 dc, 3ch, 1dc) in end chain

then back down other side:

1 dc, 1 htr, 2 tr, 1 htr, 1 dc

Finish with a ss, cut yarn and sew in ends. If you weave the ends down the stalk it will strengthen it a bit.

BLANKET

Using a 3.5 mm hook and any colour yarn (multi coloured looks good):

Chain 12

Row 1: Tr in 4th chain from hook and then tr in each ch to end, turn (10)

Rows 2 - 6: Ch 3, miss st at bottom of ch, 1 tr in next 8 st, 1 tr in top of ch (10)

Fasten off yarn, leaving a long enough end to use to sew back a small fold at the top of the blanket.

Weave in ends.

Tuck up your little mouse.

