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Forest friends mug cosy



What you need:

- Crochet hook 4 mm
- Yarn for 4mm hook. I used:
  - Umissy yarn brown
  - Umissy yarn white
  - Umissy yarn orange
  - Umissy yarn black
- Row marker
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors
- Two buttons

Abbreviations (US terms)

- sc: single crochet
- sl: slip stitch
- ch: chain stitch
- inc: increase (2sc in the same stitch)
- dec: decrease (crochet 2 stitches together)
- […]: repeat from [to]
- O: orange; W: white

Notes

► The size of the finished sleeve is 27.5cm long and 7cm wide. For a longer/shorter sleeve, adjust the rows, and for wider/thinner sleeve, adjust the number of stitches.

► The ears for the bear are done circularly. Place a marker at the beginning of the row to keep count.

► At the end of each row of the sleeve, I make a chain and then turn my work to start the next row. Then I start crocheting on the first stitch of the previous row, ignoring this chain. Do not use these chains on the ears, only on the sleeve.

► I crochet the eyes using a strand of black yarn and a 4mm hook. You can find the instructions at the end of this document. However, you can also use safety eyes, beads or embroider the eyes with black yarn and a tapestry needle.

► The colour change for the fox sleeve is made following the technique from graphgans, and it is explained at the end of this document.

► If you need help with the pattern, you can contact me by email to beckysaurus.rebs@gmail.com. I will answer your questions and help with the pattern.

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Instructions

The bear sleeve

Row	Directions	N stitches
1	Make 12 chains. Turn	12ch
2	Start on 2nd chain from hook: 11sc, 1ch, turn	11sc
3-38	Repeat row 2.	11sc
	Repeat the previous row as many times as necessary until the sleeve covers the mug leaving an opening of about 4cm between the 1st and last rows, without stretching.	
39	3sl, 5sc. Ch, turn	5sc
40-42	5sc	5sc
43-46	2sc, ch, skip 1stich, 2sc. Ch, turn. The chains in this row will be the holes for the buttons. If your buttons are too big, make more chains and less sc (the total stitches must be 5 at the end). Remember to skip one stitch for each chain. You can make more rows to make a longer strap.	5

This design is for a mug sleeve that has a strip that will go inside the handle of the mug. It is for small handles. The strap has several holes to adjust the size of the sleeve to the mug.



The bear's ears (make 2)

Row	Directions	N stitches
1	In brown, MR	6
2	Inc. all	12
3	[1sc, inc.] Repeat 6 times	18
4-6	24 sc	18
7	[1sc, dec] Repeat 6 times.	12

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The fox sleeve

Row	Directions	N stitches
1	V1: Make 12 chains in Orange (O). Turn V2: (this is what I did, as it keeps the colours separated): Start with White (W), 4 chains, change to O, 8 chains. Turn.	12ch
2	Start on 2nd chain from hook: 7sc in O, change to W*: 4sc, 1ch. Turn	11sc
3	In W: 4sc. Change to O: 7 sc, 1ch. Turn	11sc
4-15	Repeat rows 2 and 3. To make a longer sleeve, add even rows, and only half in this part of the sleeve, the other half will be added later on (fx. if you need to add 4 more rows, add 2 here, and 2 later on)	11 sc
16	O: 8 sc, change to W: 3 sc, 1 ch. Turn.	11 sc
17	W: 2 sc, change to O: 9 sc, 1ch. Turn.	11 sc
18	O: 10 sc, change to W: 1 sc, 1ch. Turn.	11 sc
19	W: 1 sc, change to O, 10 sc, 1 ch. Turn.	11 sc
20-21	Repeat rows 18-19	11 sc
22	O: 9 sc, change to W: 2 sc, 1ch. Turn.	11 sc
23	W: 3 sc, change to O: 8 sc, 1 ch. Turn.	11 sc
24	O: 7 sc, change to W: 4 sc, 1ch. Turn.	11 sc
25	W: 4 sc, change to O: 7 sc, 1ch. Turn.	11 sc
26-37	Repeat rows 2 and 3. You can add the other extra rows here (fx. if you wanted to add 4 more rows, you should have added 2 in the section mentioned earlier, and the other 2 now)	11 sc
38	In O: 3sl, 5sc. Ch, turn. From this row, all is done in Orange.	5 sc
39-41	5sc. Turn.	5 sc
42-45	2sc, ch, skip 1stich, 2sc. Ch, turn. The chains in this row will be the holes for the buttons. If your buttons are too big, make more chains and less sc (the total stitches must be 5 at the end). Remember to skip one stitch for each chain. You can make more rows to make a longer strap.	5 sc

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Putting everything together

1. Sew 1 button on the first row of the sleeve. The exact position will depend on the size of the button used, but I placed it on the edge, on the 1st and 2nd rows, around the middle.



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2. Embroider the nose in the middle of the sleeve, leaving the same number of rows on each side. For the bear, make the nose leaving 2 stitches from the bottom. For the fox, make the nose at the very bottom. For both the bear and the fox, the nose should be 4 rows wide and about 2-3 stitches long.
3. Place the eyes (any kind) with about 8 rows between each other,* 2 rows apart from the nose on each side, and about 4 stitches from the top edge, between the 4th and 5th stitches.
4. Fold the ears in half, flattened. Place the ears about 4 rows away from the eyes, at the top edge. This will leave about 4-5 stitches at the bottom.



*The left eye of the fox in this picture is 4 rows apart from the nose, leaving 10 rows between both eyes. This is a mistake. The correct position of the eyes should be leaving 2 rows from the nose and 8 between them, as shown on the bear cosy.

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Colour change

The colour change is made following the technique from graphgans, putting the new colour on top and pulling the old one to the back of the work to make the change invisible. This means that when you are done with one colour (Colour A) and need to change to the next (colour B), you will:

1. Finish the sc of colour A (green) using colour B (red), so the last loop of the stitch is made with colour B:




2. Then you pass colour A's bobbin under colour B's strand, leaving colour B on top.
3. You will then pass colour A to the front of your work, so when you crochet the next sc with colour B, you are passing over the strand of colour A.




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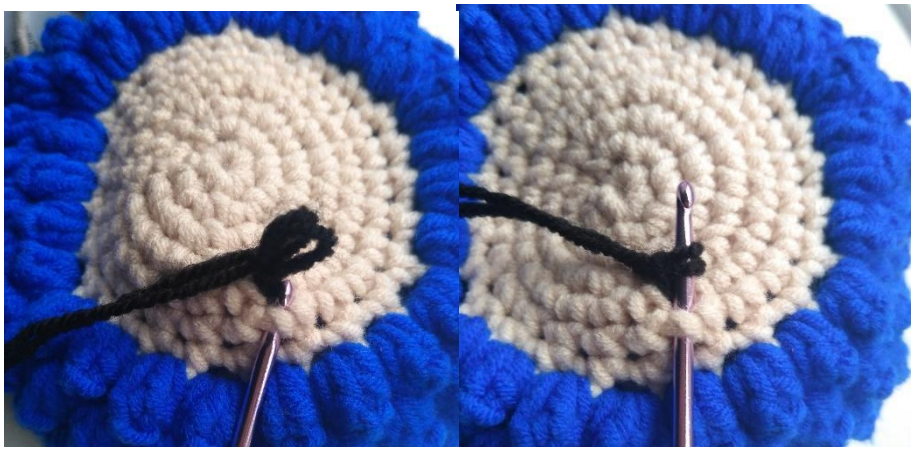
Making the eyes



1. Insert the hook on a stitch on the row specified on the pattern. Take a strand of black yarn (or the colour chosen for the eyes) and pass it through the stitch, making a loop.



2. Take both strands of black yarn and pass them both trough the loop made (as if crocheting a single crochet)



3. Take the hook out and insert it in the stitch below. Then grab the loop of black yarn again and pass it through the stitch, as in step 1.

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4. Repeat step 2, grabbing both strands and passing them through the loop of black yarn.



5. Finally, pull both strands out completely and hide them.

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