



Crochet Pattern

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Skill level: Experienced



Akaki Angel of Despondency

About this pattern

The toy is crocheted in continuous spirals without joining the rounds. You will need a stitch marker to keep track of where the beginning of each round starts. Move the marker up to the first stitch of the next round after finishing the previous one.

If you don't have a stitch marker you can always use a scrap of contrasting yarn instead. You can see it in my photos.

I use USA terminology for my pattern (don't worry if you use UK terms, all the differences are explained in the pattern).

Finished size

Approx. 38 cm (14.9 inches) tall using the materials stated in the pattern.

*Happy
crocheting!*

Materials and tools

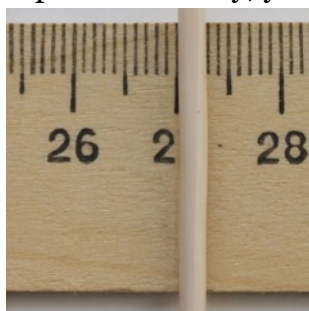
✓ Yarn:

- skin yarn for the body – I used approximately 50 g of “Nubuk” by Kartopu (22% acrylic, 78% polyamide, 100g\550m).
- white color yarn for the whites of the eyes, wings and clothes
- I used approximately 50 g of “Nubuk” by Kartopu (22% acrylic, 78% polyamide, 100g\550m).

Tip: Please note that both yarns should crochet to the same gauge.

Tip: If you need exactly the same yarn visit this shop <https://www.etsy.com/shop/LittleOwlsHutRUSSIAN>

- ✓ Matching steel crochet hook. I used 1 mm.
- ✓ Single core copper PVC electrical wire 3 mm in diameter for the body – I used approximately 100 cm (39.4 inches) long. Please note that I did not wire the arms and the legs. If you decide to wire these parts of the toy, you will need more wire.



- ✓ Any stuffing.

- ✓ White polymer clay to make a tooth.
- ✓ Transparent varnish for the tooth.
- ✓ Fabric tape 1-1.5 cm wide (the one you use to cover wounds).

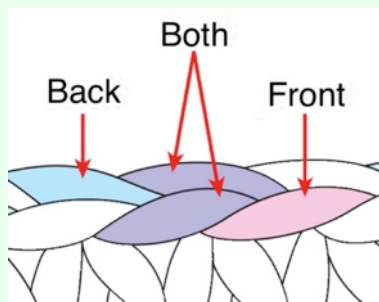
- ✓ Sewing thread of matching colors for sewing small pieces.
- ✓ Sewing needle and tapestry needle for needle sculpting.
- ✓ Wooden stick for stuffing hard-to-get places.

Tip: If you don't have special sticks for stuffing, it is very convenient to stuff hard-to-get-to places using wooden sticks, toothpicks (if opening is very small), or brushes of different thickness with wooden handles.

- ✓ 4 shank loop buttons to attach the legs and the arms – I used 1.1 cm in diameter.
- ✓ Strong thread to attach the legs and the arms.
- ✓ A pair of ready-made eyes – I used glass eyes 7 mm in diameter.
- ✓ Any material to make the hair (ready-made curls, yarn, etc.).
- ✓ Transparent glue.
- ✓ One button for the pants – I used a heart-shaped button.
- ✓ Any material for tinting (optional) – oil pastels, oil paints, pencils, etc.

Tip (make it right)

If there are no special notes, the toy is crocheted under both parts of the loop. In some rows, there are special notes: 'into the front loop only' or 'into the back loop only'. In that case, you need to follow these instructions.

**Tip (make it right)**

When making toys the right side looks like this:



And the backside looks like this:

**Abbreviations**

ch = chain
 st = stitch
 sl st = slip stitch
 sc = single crochet
 inc = increasing (2 sc in 1 st)
 dec = decreasing (2 sc together)
 sc3tog = single crochet 3 sts together
 sc4tog = single crochet 4 sts together
 dc = double crochet
 Rnd = round

If there is a record in the brackets in the pattern, multiplied by some number, for example (3 sc, 1 inc) x 3, it means you need to repeat this action 3 times, that is 3 sc, 1 inc, 3 sc, 1 inc

TIP (yarn)

If you use different yarn, the toy will be bigger or smaller and you will need more or less yarn and wire than stated in the pattern (i.e. thicker yarn will produce a larger toy and you may require more yarn).

Tip (gauge)

When making toys, you should use a much smaller hook than recommended for the yarn you choose. Make sure you crochet tight enough; otherwise, the stuffing will show through the holes.

USA/UK terminology comparison chart.

Abbreviations USA	Abbreviations UK
ch - chain	ch - chain
sc - single crochet	dc - double crochet
hdc - half double crochet	htr - half treble
dc - double crochet	tr - treble
tr - treble (triple crochet)	dtr - double treble
dtr - double treble	tr tr - triple treble
sl st - slip stitch	sl - slip stitch

Other differences in crochet terminology used:

Terminology USA	Terminology UK
fasten off	cast off
skip	miss
gauge	tension
yarn over (yo)	yarn over hook (yoh)

Skill levels

BEGINNER

Projects for first-time crocheters using basic stitches. Minimal shaping.



EASY

Projects using yarn with basic stitches, repetitive stitch patterns, simple color changes, and simple shaping and finishing.



INTERMEDIATE

Projects using a variety of techniques, such as basic lace patterns or color patterns, mid-level shaping and finishing.



EXPERIENCED

Projects with intricate stitch patterns, techniques and dimension, such as non-repeating patterns, multi-color techniques, fine threads, small hooks, detailed shaping and refined finishing.

GAUGE (if you want to make a toy 38 cm/14.9 inches tall)

Crochet a swatch using your yarns mentioned in the “Materials and tools” section and matching crochet hook first to make sure that you have chosen the right yarn (use smaller hook than suggested on the yarn label). Crochet tightly.

Instructions:

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring

Rnd 2: 6 inc = 12 sts

Rnd 3: (1 sc, 1 inc) x 6 = 18 sts

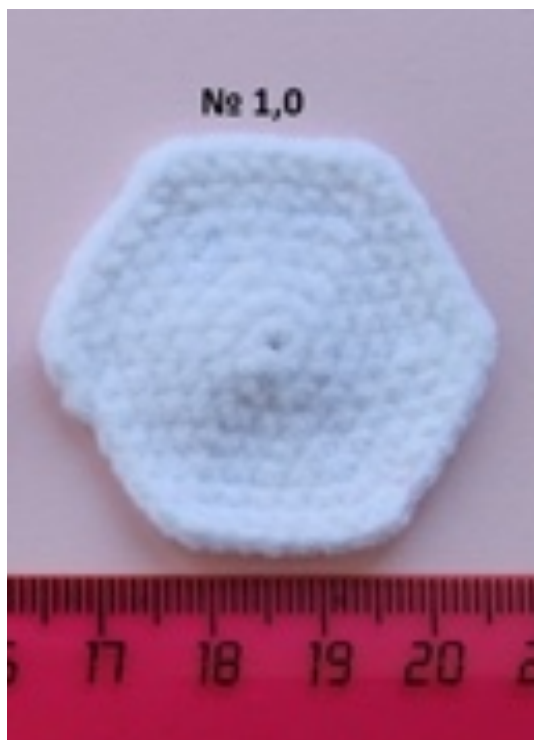
Rnd 4: (2 sc, 1 inc) x 6 = 24 sts

Rnd 5: (3 sc, 1 inc) x 6 = 30 sts

Rnd 6: (4 sc, 1 inc) x 6 = 36 sts

Rnd 7: (5 sc, 1 inc) x 6 = 42 sts

Compare your swatch with the one in the picture. It should be as in the picture.



If not, take a bigger or smaller hook than you used before (depending on the result) and work

another swatch. If it does not help – choose different yarn and make another swatch.

Tip (shift stitches)

If you crochet with the gauge mentioned in the GAUGE section, you don't have to make any other additional shift stitches than mentioned in the pattern.

Legs

with skin yarn

Prepare four buttons before you start. Thread them as shown in the picture (you will remove these threads later). We need these threads to place the button loop correctly.



Rnd 1. 6 sc in magic ring

Rnd 2. 6 inc = 12 sts

Rnd 3. 5 sc, 2 inc, 5 sc = 14 sts

Rnd 4. 7 sc, 3 sc in one st, 6 sc = 16 sts

Rnd 5. 8 sc, 3 sc in one st, 7 sc = 18 sts

Rnd 6. 9 sc, 3 sc in one st, 8 sc = 20 sts

Rnds 7-10. 1 sc in each st around = 20 sts

Rnd 11 (for the right leg). 1 sc in each st around = 20 sts

Rnd 11 (for the left leg). 20 sc + 10 sc and move the round marker

Rnd 12. 4 sc, 2 dec, 6 sc, 2 inc, 4 sc = 20 sts

Rnd 13. 4 sc, 2 dec, 6 sc, 2 inc, 4 sc = 20 sts

Rnd 14. 3 sc, 2 dec, 6 sc, 2 inc (make sure the increases fall to the sole), 5 sc = 20 sts

Rnd 15. 3 sc, 2 dec, 13 sc = 18 sts

Rnd 16. 3 sc, 1 dec, 5 sc, 3 dec, 2 sc = 14 sts

Rnd 17. 3 sc, 1 dec, 4 sc, 2 dec (the heel), 1 sc = 11 sts

Rnd 18. 8 sc, 1 dec, 1 sc = 10 sts

Rnds 19-25. 1 sc in each st around = 10 sts

Rnd 26. 1 inc (shaping the calf), 9 sc = 11 sts

Rnd 27. 1 sc, 1 inc, 9 sc = 12 sts

Start stuffing the leg as you go.

Rnds 28-34. 1 sc in each st around = 12 sts

Rnd 35. 1 sc, 2 dec (shaping the calf), 7 sc = 10 sts

Rnd 36. 1 sc, sc3tog, 2 sc, 3 inc (shaping the knee), 1 sc = 11 sts

Rnds 37-39. 1 sc in each st around = 11 sts

Rnd 40. 7 sc, sc3tog (shaping the knee), 1 sc = 9 sts

Rnd 41. 1 sc in each st around = 9 sts

Rnd 42. (2 sc, 1 inc) x 3 = 12 sts

Rnd 43. (2 sc, 1 inc) x 4 = 16 sts

Rnds 44-60. 1 sc in each st around = 16 sts

You will create an opening for attaching the legs in the next 2 rounds. Make sure it is on the inner side of the leg. If you think it is not in the right place, feel free to adjust the place of working ch-2 keeping the stitch count.

Rnd 61 (for the right leg). 13 sc, ch 2, skip 2, 1 sc = 16 sts

Rnd 61 (for the left leg). 5 sc, ch 2, skip 2, 9 sc = 16 sts

Rnd 62. 1 sc in each st around, working 2 sc in ch-2 space = 16 sts

You have created an opening for attaching the legs.

Rnd 63. 1 sc in each st around = 16 sts

Insert one threaded button into the opening (you will remove the thread later). Use the next picture as a guide. Continue working and stuffing the leg.

Rnd 64. 8 dec = 8 sts

Rnd 65. 4 dec = 4 sts

Fasten off, leaving a tail. Close up the opening and weave in loose ends.



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