amikomo3-33 Amigurumi Penguin Cell Phone Strap

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Finished measurements:

approx. 4.5cm/1.8in tall

Materials

- Pierrot Yarns Sawayaka Cotton [100% cotton; 416 yds/380 m per 3.5 oz / 100g cone];
    - pink penguin:
        - MC: 17 deep magenta rose; 1 cone [4g]
        - C1: 1 white; 1 cone [2g]
        - C2: 15 pastel pink; 1 cone [2g]
        - C3: 22 saffron; 1 cone [2g]
    - black penguin
        - MC: 2 black; 1 cone [4g]
        - C1: 1 white; 1 cone [2g]
        - C2: 5 light gray; 1 cone [2g]
        - C3: 22 saffron; 1 cone [2g]
    - blue penguin
        - MC: 9 cobalt blue; 1 cone [4g]
        - C1: 1 white; 1 cone [2g]
        - C2: 6 aqua blue; 1 cone [2g]
        - C3: 22 saffron; 1 cone [2g]
- 2.0mm crochet hook (US size B is closest)
- two black beads for penguin's eyes (4mm diameter)
- small amount cotton or polyfiber stuffing (or use scrap yarn)
- cell phone strap & fittings to attach to penguin (or a suitable piece of nylon cord)
- darning needle
- black sewing thread and needle small enough to thread through bead eyes

Gauge

No gauge is specified. Use hook size needed to achieve a tight fabric so stuffing will not be visible.

Abbreviations

Note: instructions use US/Japanese conventions.

ch	chain	sc2tog	work 2 sc together
rep	repeat	sl	slip
sc	single crochet	st(s)	stitch(es)

Directions

Head

Head piece is worked in one continuous spiral. However, pattern is written with rounds to help keep track of your place while crocheting. Do **not** use slip stitch to join rounds. You may find it useful to mark the beginning of the "round" with a stitch marker to keep your place.

Round 1:   Using MC, create magic loop, ch1, work 6sc into magic loop, pulling loop tightly so that no hole remains. [6sc created]

Round 2:   work 2sc into each of the 6sc just worked. [12 sc total]

Round 3:   *2sc into next st, sc into next st*, rep from * to * around. [18 sc total]

Round 4:   *2sc into next st, sc into next 2 sts*, rep from * to * around. [24 sc total]

Round 5:   *2sc into next st, sc into next 3 sts*, rep from * to * around. [30 sc total]

Round 6:   10sc, change to C1 and work 3sc, change to MC and work 4sc, change to C1 and work 3sc, change to MC and work 10sc. [30 sc total]

Round 7:   9sc, change to C1 and work 5sc, change to MC and work 2sc, change to C1 and work 5sc, change to MC and work 9sc. [30 sc total]

Round 8:   8sc, change to C1 and work 6sc, change to MC and work 2sc, change to C1 and work 6sc, change to MC and work 8sc. [30 sc total]

Round 9:   sc2tog, 3sc, sc2tog, change to C1 and work 3sc, sc2tog, 6sc, sc2tog, 3sc, change to MC and work sc2tog, 3sc, sc2tog. [24 sts total]

Round 10: 5sc, change to C1 and work 14sc, change to MC and work 5 sc. [24 sts total]

Round 11: 2sc, sc2tog, sc, change to C1 and work sc, sc2tog, 2sc, sc2tog, sc2tog, 2sc, sc2tog, sc, change to MC and work sc, sc2tog, 2sc. [18 sts total]

Round 12: sc, sc2tog, sc, change to C1 and work sc2tog, sc, sc2tog, sc2tog, sc, sc2tog, change to MC and work sc, sc2tog, sc, sl into next sc and bind off [12 sts total]. Cut yarn, leaving 10cm (4") tail. Set aside until finishing.

Body

Round 1:   Using C2, create magic loop, ch1, work 6sc into magic loop, pulling loop tightly so that no hole remains, sl into ch to join round. [6sc created]

Round 2:   ch1, work 2sc into each of the 6sc just worked, sl to join round. [12 sc total]

Round 3:   ch1, *sc into next st, 2sc into next st*, rep from * to * around, sl to join round. [18 sc total]

Round 4:   ch1, sc into each st around, sl to join round. [18 sc total]

Round 5:   ch1, *sc into next st, sc2tog*, rep from * to * around, sl to join round. [12 sc total]

Round 6:   ch1, sc into each st around, sl to join round. [12 sc total] Cut yarn, leaving 10cm (4") tail. Set aside until finishing.

Arms (make 2)

Round 1: Using MC, create magic loop, ch1, work 6sc into magic loop, pulling loop tightly so that no hole remains, sl into ch to join round. [6sc created]

Round 2: ch1, *sc into next st, 2sc into next st*, rep from * to * around, sl to join round. [9 sc total]

Round 3: ch1, sc into each st around, sl to join round. [9 sc total]

Round 4: ch1, sc into each st around, sl to join round. [9 sc total]

Round 5: ch1, *sc into next st, sc2tog*, rep from * to * around, sl to join round. [6 sc total]

Round 6: ch1, sc into each st around, sl to join round. [6 sc total] Cut yarn, leaving 10cm (4") tail. Set aside until finishing.

Feet (make 2)

Round 1: Using C3, create magic loop, ch1, work 6sc into magic loop, pulling loop tightly so that no hole remains, sl into ch to join round. [6sc created]

Round 2: ch1, sc into each st around, sl to join round. [6 sc total] Cut yarn, leaving 10cm (4") tail. Set aside until finishing.

Beak

Round 1: Using C3, ch3, sc into 2nd ch from hook, work 4sc into next ch, sc into next ch, work 3sc into next ch, sl into ch to join round. [8sc created]

Round 2: ch1, sc into each st around, sl to join round. [8 sc total] Cut yarn, leaving 10cm (4") tail. Set aside until finishing.
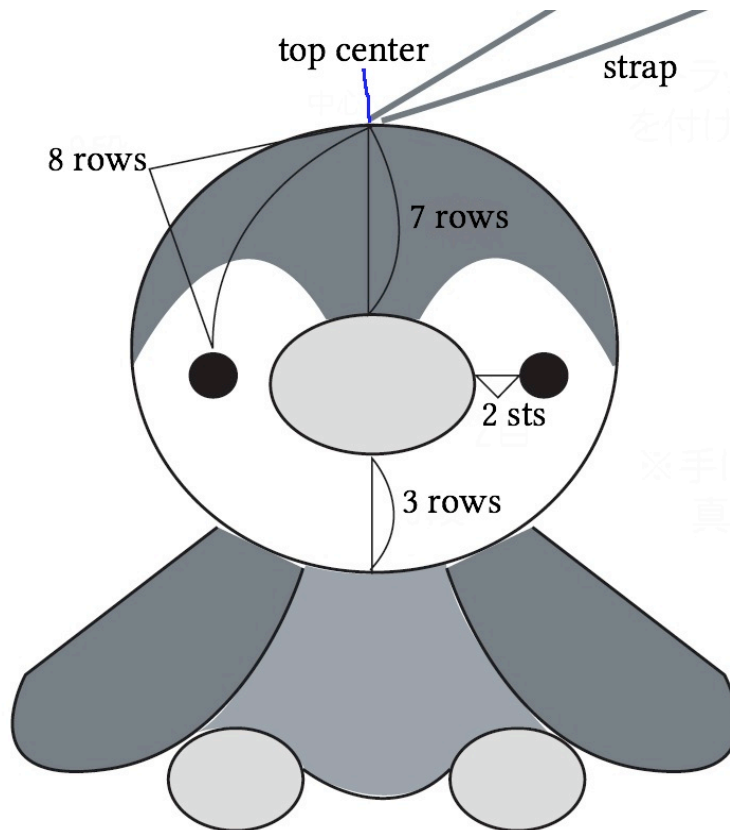
Finishing

Stuff head and body pieces with stuffing (or scrap yarn). Thread ones of the tails (from either the head or body) onto a darning needle. The other tail will not be needed, so hide it by placing it into the stuffing.
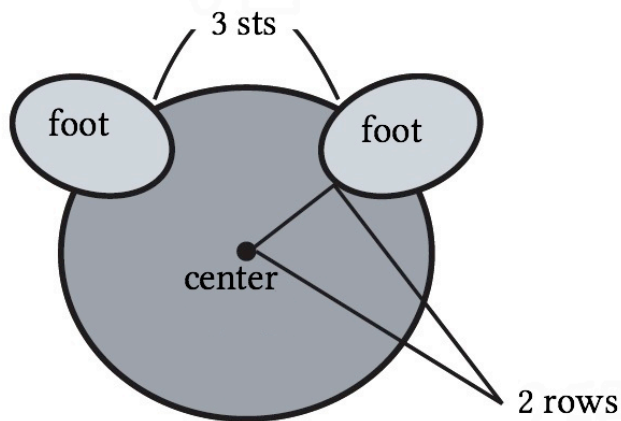
Align stitches in head and body and sew together using darning needle. Whipstitch is recommended, but any stitch that joins the pieces snugly and is not unsightly will suffice.

When the seaming is finished, push the needle into the seam and all the way through the body so that it juts out the other side. Holding yarn tight, cut yarn. Release yarn and pull on the body until the end is pulled inside and effectively hidden.

Stuff arms and beak and attach to body, using diagram below as a guide to placement.

top center

strap

8 rows

7 rows

2 sts

3 rows

Fill feet with stuffing and attach using the diagram below—showing the body from the bottom up—as a guide to their placement.

3 sts

foot

foot

center

2 rows

Using sewing thread and small needle, sew bead eyes onto face using first diagram above as a guide to placement. Weave in any remaining ends. Attach cell phone strap to top center of head as shown in first diagram above.