

Manní Mouse

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Materials:

When using the suggested materials, it will be about 17 cm tall.

The listed wool and hook sizes are only suggestions. It is, of course, entirely your personal choice, which yarn you use.

Please keep in mind that different yarn may result in a bigger or smaller piece. Make sure to adapt your hook size according to your yarn and personal tension.

- Wool (Sport Weight), e. g. Schachenmayr Catania/Scheepjes Catona: No. 172, some creme 130, dark brown 162, brown, some black for the face, Aran weight Suede yarn, e. g. ggh - Velona: No. 09 - light green) for the bathrobe
- Crochet hook in suitable size (for me: 2.0 mm, 2.5 mm and 3.5 mm)
- Stuffing
- Eyes in suitable size (for me: 6 mm)
- Pipe cleaner

Abbreviations (US Terms):

MR = magic ring	inc = increase
sc = single crochet	dec = decrease
ch = chain	BLO = back loop only
hdc = half double corchet	FLO = front loop only
dc = double crochet	st = stitch
slst = slip stitch	
(-) x = repeat inside of () for x nr of times	

Crochet in continuous rounds (spirals), unless otherwise stated.

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Head:

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 3, inc) x3 (15)
4. sc in each st around (15)
5. (sc 4, inc) x3 (18)
6. sc in each st around (18)
7. (sc 5, inc) x3 (21)
8. sc in each st around (21)
9. (sc 6, inc) x3 (24)
10. (sc 7, inc) x3 (27)
11. (sc 8, inc) x3 (30)
- 12.-16. (5 Rounds) sc in each st around (30)
17. (sc 3, dec) x6 (24)
18. (sc 2, dec) x6 (18)
19. (sc 1, dec) x6 (12)

Stuff and shape the head.

20. dec x6 (6)

Fasten off invisibly.

If you like, you can form eye sockets, this gives a nicer head shape, but is not absolutely necessary. To do this, mark the spots for the eyes with pins, use a strong thread (sewing thread works fine and is nearly invisible), insert it at the bottom of the head, come out at the first needle, insert again one stitch up/down or left/right offset, come out at the other needle, insert it there again offset by one stitch and then come out again at the bottom where you're starting from. Tighten the thread to form the eye sockets, knot the thread well, weave in loose ends.



Now attach or embroider the eyes and embroider the rest of the face. This time I simply embroidered the nose by stitching from right to left very often until the nose is formed.

Yes, Manni Mouse could also be Manni, the polar bear 😊



Ear (make 2):

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 3, inc) x3 (15)

slst 3, Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Sew the ears to the head with the side where the slip stitches are.

Leg (make 2):

Can be worked in ether continuous or joined rounds (join each round with a slst and chain 1). I chose to do joined rounds because it makes them more even.

1. sc 9 in MR (9)
2. **BLO:** sc in each st around (9)
3. sc in each st around (9)
4. inc, sc 8 (10)
5. inc, sc 9 (11)
6. inc, sc 10 (12)
7. sc in each st around (12)

First leg: fasten off invisibly.

Do not fasten off the second leg, now begins the:



Body:

You'll connect the legs in the following round.

Crochet in continuous rounds.

8. ch 6, sc 1 in 1st st of the 1st (fastened off) leg, sc 11 around the leg, sc 6 along the chain, sc 12 around the 2nd leg, sc 6 along the chain (36)

Place your roundmarker here.

- 9.-11. (3 Rounds) sc in each st around (36)
12. sc 12, inc, sc 1, inc, sc 1, inc, sc 19 (39)
- 13.-22. (10 Rounds) sc in each st around (39)

Stuff the legs

23. sc 12, dec, sc 4, dec, sc 19 (37)
24. sc in each st around (37)
25. sc 14, dec, sc 21 (36)
26. sc in each st around (36)
27. (sc 10, dec) x3 (33)
28. (sc 9, dec) x3 (30)
29. (sc 8, dec) x3 (27)
30. (sc 7, dec) x3 (24)

Stuff the lower part of the body.

31. (sc 6, dec) x3 (21)
32. (sc 5, dec) x3 (18)
33. (sc 4, dec) x3 (15)
34. (sc 3, dec) x3 (12)
35. sc in each st around (12)

Fasten off, do not close, leave a long tail for sewing.

Stuff and shape the body.

Sew the head to the body (best using mattress stitch - it's invisible and the head does not wobble), finish stuffing before closing.



Foot (make 2):

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
 2. inc x6 (12)
 3. (sc 3, inc) x3 (15)
 - 4.-6. (3 Rounds) sc in each st around (15)
 7. (sc 3, dec) x3 (12)
 8. sc in each st around (12)
 9. (sc 2, dec) x3 (9)
 - 10.-11. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (9)
- Stuff the foot, but do not overstuff (it's getting a little flattened).*
12. (sc 1, dec) x3 (6)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Roll the foot back and forth between your fingers to shape it and finally flatten the end. Guide the end thread to the top side and sew the foot on the leg, for an invisible seam use the mattress stitch again. Ensure that the feet are straight forward and possibly slightly outward.

You could shape the toes now, but the feet are already groovy and you cannot see them later anyway ;o)



Tail:

If you think, Manni looks more like a polar bear than a mouse, make a shorter (bear-like) tail.

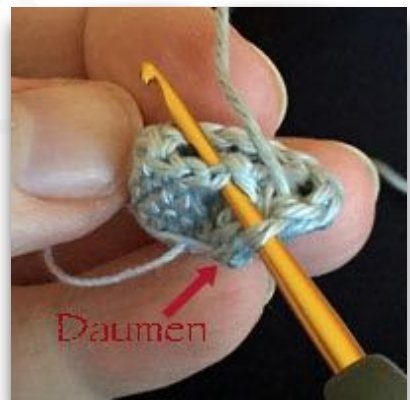
1. ch 3, join round with slst (3)
 2. inc x3 (6)
 - 3.-22. (20 Rounds) sc in each st around (6) - sc 120 in total
- Fasten off, do not close.*

You can insert pipe cleaner for a moveable tail, but you can stuff it as usual.

Hand / Arm (make 2):

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
- 3.-5. (3 Rounds) sc in each st around (12)
6. sc 1, ch 3, sc 2 along the chain (skip 1st chain) < - *this is the thumb*, loose slst in 1st st, sc 11 (12)
7. sc in each st around (12) < - *do not crochet the thumb stitches, put the thumb to the outside, so fold thumb forward, skip the actual sc of the previous round and crochet into the slst.*
8. (sc 2, dec) x3 (9)
- 9.-23. (15 Rounds) sc in each st around (9)

I used pipe cleaner again to fill the arms, so that they do not become too thick, and they can be easily moved and fixed in a specific position. I have formed a small loop at the front of the pipe cleaner, it comes into the hand, can simply be pushed through, if you don't make the loop too big. This has the advantage that the wire does not come out in front and the hand can be shaped/moved even more pleasant.



Of course you can stuff hand and arm as usual.

24. (sc 1, dec) x3 (6)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Manni is now actually finished, but he is already very naked :o) That's why I crocheted him some clothes.

When crocheting clothes, always try them on the doll, because different yarn, hook size and personal tension may alter the final product. Adapt if necessary.

First of all:

Clogs (make 2):

Sole:

You will start with an oval (see the diagram).

Crochet in joined rounds (join each round with a slst and chain 1).

I've used dark brown (coffee). The color on the picture looks different because of the lightning.

- 1.** ch 10, starting in 2nd chain from hook: sc 5, hdc 3, hdc 5 in last st, rotate 180 degrees and crochet along the opposite side of the foundation chain: hdc 3, sc 4, sc 2 in last st (22)
- 2.** inc, sc 6, hdc 2 in next 7 sts, sc 6, inc x2 (32)
- 3.** (loose) slst in each st around (32)

Fasten off invisibly.

Check if the sole fits the feet.

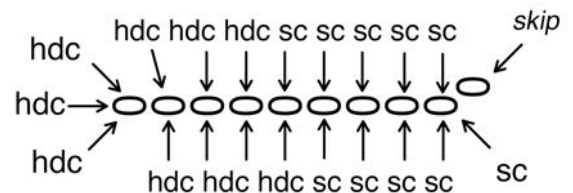
Upper part:

I've used one hook size bigger as for the sole (2.5 mm instead of 2.0 mm) and a lighter brown (it is - of course - your choice, which colors you use). Here also: try it on if the size fits the foot, the upper part should reach down to the ground - the foot must go well into the slipper later, when the sole is sewn on. Crochet in rows. At the end of each row, chain 1 and turn.

- 1.** sc 5 in MR, ch 1, turn (5) < - **important!** Just tighten the ring, do not close it, because you don't need a circle, you need a semicircle.
- 2.** inc x5, ch 1, turn (10)
- 3.-9.** (7 Rows) sc in each st (10)

For a better finish I crochet a row of slst along the sides, so just crochet from the last stitch along one side to the other side. Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing. Sew sole and upper part together.

Crochet an oval



○ = chain





Mug:

For the mug I crocheted in joined rounds (join each round with a slst and chain 1). The small seam that is created when crocheting joined rounds is covered later by the hand and the mug is more evenly shaped.

1. sc 6 in MR, join with slst in 1st st, ch 1 (6)
2. inc x6, join with slst in 1st st, ch 1 (12)
3. (sc 1, inc) x6, join with slst in 1st st, ch 1 (18)
4. **BLO**: sc in each st around, join with slst in 1st st, ch 1 (18)
- 5.-11. (7 Rounds) sc in each st around, join with slst in 1st st (18)

Do not fasten off.

For the handle: ch 10 (adapt if needed - the hand should fit through), join this chain with a slst to the bottom of the mug, slst along the chain back, secure with a slst into the first st of the previous round of the mug.

12. sc in each st around (18)

Fasten off invisibly.

Of course, the cup should also contain:

Coffee:

Dark brown

Can be worked in ether continuous or joined rounds.

1. sc 5 in MR (5)
2. inc x5 (10)
3. (sc 1, inc) x5 (15)
4. **BLO**: sc in each st around (15)
- 5.-8. (4 Rounds) sc in each st around (15)

Fasten off, just put the thread inside. If you like, stuff a little but it's not really necessary.

I am still not a hero in crocheting clothes and even less in writing patterns for it. Basically, Manni just looks good only with coffee and slippers. If you can handle my scribbling, you can of course also crochet your bathrobe.



Bathrobe:

I used a Aran weight Suede yarn for it. It's not a pattern as usual because the needed stitches and rows depends very much on the wool used, hook size and personal tension, but you should see, how it works. As a clue, I'll give you a number of my stitches/rows. Always try on while crocheting.

Crochet in rows. At the end of each row, chain 1 and turn.

It's crocheted bottom up.

- ch 37, skip 1 chain, sc 36 along the foundation chain, ch 1, turn
- sc 36, ch 1, turn

Repeat row 2 if you reach the desired length, it should be measured directly below the arms and reach to some point at the legs - how long the bathrobe should be for you. To get a slightly sloping neckline, I decreased a stitch from the 13th row on the left and on the right, here you also have to look where you want the neckline to go with your own mouse, from there the decreases have to start.

Once you have reached the required height, mark the areas for the armholes (keep in mind, you should use your own numbers of stitches).

- sc 4, ch 5 / skip 5, sc 8, ch 5 / skip 5, sc 4
- crochet 2 more rows with sc and the decreases (if you've decreased before)

Fasten off invisibly.



For the collar join new on the side in this row, where your decreases starts (see upper right picture - 1 stitch per row). Along the side (adapt to your size): slst 1, sc 1, hdc 2 in next st, dc 2 in each st until you reach the top, dc 3 in the corner, along the top side: dc in each st, dc 3 in the corner, along the other side (down) dc 2, until you have 3 stitches (rows) left of the decreased rows, hdc 2 in next st, sc 1, slst 1

Fasten off invisibly.

For the sleeves rejoin at the bottom of the armhole with a slip stitch.

Can be worked in ether continuous or joined rounds (join each round with a slst and chain 1). If you choose joined rounds, you can turn after each round to stay in pattern.

My armhole was 5 stitches wide, so I start at the third and crochet as follows (has to be adjusted to your own numbers, if necessary):

- sc 3, sc 1 in the corner, sc 5, sc 1 in the corner, sc 2 (12)
- sc 3, inc, sc 5, inc, sc 2 (14)
- Now crochet sc until the desired sleeve length is reached (in my case 11 rounds), then I crochet an turn-up:
- **FLO:** (sc 6, inc) x2 (16)
- (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (16)

Fasten off invisibly, repeat for the other sleeve.

I added bags, belt loops and belt.

Bags (in rows): ch 6, skip 1, sc 5, crochet 4 or 5 additional rows until you reach teh desired length of the bag. Sew the bags on the bathrobe, leave the top open.

For the belt loops chain 5 or 6 and sc back along the chain, crochet in the typical positions.

Crochet a long enough chain for the belt, sc back along the chain.

Done, Manni is ready! :o)

