

# Mabel The Pig

## \*\* Preparing Your Materials\*\*

- **Materials Required:** Refer to your Amazon Starter Kit for the yarn, 4mm hook, stitch marker, and a pair of scissors from home. For Mabel The Pig, you'll need pink and black yarn.
- **Finding the End of the Yarn:** Gently pull out the loose end of the yarn from the center of the skein. This method prevents the yarn from tangling as you work.
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## Part 1. Creating the Magic Ring

### Materials Required for This Step:

- Crochet Hook
- Pink Yarn Spool
- A Few Stitch Markers

### Magic Ring Basics:

The magic ring is a crochet technique used to start projects that are worked in rounds. It allows you to pull the center tightly closed, ideal for amigurumi, like Mabel The Pig. Some say this can be the hardest part of a crocheting pattern, so please be patient with yourself and take breaks if needed <3

### Step 1: Prepare the yarn

1. Take some yarn from your ball, leaving a tail of about 6 inches

### Step 2: Create the initial loop

1. Wrap the yarn around three fingers (index, middle, and ring).
2. Weave the working yarn (attached to the ball) through the loop created around your pinky.
3. Wrap the working yarn once over your fingers.
4. Wrap it a second time over your fingers.
5. Tuck the tail between your middle and ring fingers.

### Step 3: Position your crochet hook

1. Hold the yarn securely with your left hand.
2. Take your crochet hook in your right hand.
3. Weave the hook under the first two strings of the loop.
4. Grab the third string (working yarn) with your hook.
5. Pull it underneath and up through the loop.

### Step 4: Create the base stitch

1. With the loop on your hook, weave under the same yarn again.
2. Grab the yarn with your hook.
3. Pull it through the loop on your hook.

### Step 5: Remove the loop from your fingers

1. Gently and loosely slide the yarn off your fingers, being careful not to disturb or twist anything.

### Step 6: Round 0 make six single crochets into the magic ring

1. Insert your hook under the two strands of the circle.
2. Yarn over (wrap the working yarn over your hook).
3. Pull up a loop.
4. Yarn over again.
5. Pull through both loops on your hook.
6. Repeat steps 1-5 five more times, for a total of six single crochets.

### Step 7: Close the magic ring

1. Hold onto the stitches you've made with your left hand.
2. Locate the tail end of your yarn.
3. Gently pull the tail to tighten the ring.
4. As you pull, one of the loops will start to get smaller - focus on this loop.
5. Continue pulling until the ring closes tightly, forming a small circle.

6. Give the tail one final tug to secure the ring.

**Step 8: Add a stitch marker (optional)**

1. Take a stitch marker (like a small safety pin).
2. Locate the last stitch you made (it will look like a "V" shape).
3. Insert the stitch marker through both loops of this last stitch.
4. Close the stitch marker to secure it in place.

Congratulations! You've now created a magic ring with six single crochet stitches. This forms the base for many crochet projects, especially when working in the round. Remember, practice makes perfect. Don't worry if your first attempts aren't perfect - with time and practice, you'll get better at creating neat and tight magic rings.

## Part 2: Starting Mabel's Body

### Materials Required for This Step

- Crochet Hook
- Pink Yarn Spool
- A Few Stitch Markers

### Knowledge for This Step

#### Single Crochet (sc) Explained:

1. **Insert the Hook:** Push the hook through the next stitch from your magic ring.
2. **Yarn Over:** Wrap the yarn over the hook from back to front.
3. **Pull Through:** Draw the yarn back through the stitch. You now have two loops on your hook.
4. **Yarn Over Again:** Wrap the yarn over the hook once more.
5. **Pull Through Both Loops:** Draw the yarn through both loops on your hook. This is one single crochet.

#### Increase Explained:

1. **Two Single Crochet in the Same Stitch:** Make another single crochet in the same stitch.
2. **Completed Increase:** You have now increased from one to two stitches in the same spot.

### 1. From Magic Ring to Mabels Body:

- **Round 1 (Pink Yarn):** Increase in each stitch around, a total of 6 increases
  - ◆ (6inc = 12 stitches total).
  - ◆ **Tip:** Perform two single crochets in each of the six stitches from Round Magic Ring
- **Round 2 (Pink Yarn):** 1 single crochet, then 1 increase in the next stitch. Repeat this pattern 6 times around.
  - ◆ ((sc, inc) x 6 = 18 stitches total).
- **Round 3 (Pink Yarn):** 2 single crochet, then 1 increase in the next stitch. Repeat this pattern 6 times around.
  - ◆ ((2sc, inc) x 6 = 24 stitches total).
- **Round 4 (Pink Yarn):** 3 single crochet, then 1 increase in the next stitch. Repeat this pattern 6 times around.
  - ◆ ((3sc, inc) x 6 = 30 stitches total).
  - ◆ **Tip:** As your work grows, it will start to curve. Gently push the "right side" (the side that looks smoother, where the V's are prominent) outwards, so the "wrong side" (bumpier side with the tail from the magic ring) is on the inside.

### ★ Tips for Maintaining Shape and Tension ★

**Counting Stitches:** Always count your stitches at the end of each round. Consistent stitch counts are key to a symmetrical shape.

**Smooth Surface:** Aim for an even surface. If you notice gaps or holes, you might need to tighten your stitches.

## Part 3: Building Mabel's Body

### Materials Required for This Step

- Crochet Hook
- Pink Yarn Spool
- A Few Stitch Markers
- Two Safety Eyes
- Stuffing (Polyfilling)

### Knowledge for This Step

#### Single Crochet Rounds Explained:

- **Working in Continuous Rounds:** Keep going in a spiral, no joining needed
- **Following the Marker:** Your stitch marker shows where each round ends

#### Decrease Explained:

1. **Insert the Hook:** Push the hook into the next stitch where you plan to start the decrease.
2. **Yarn Over:** Wrap the yarn over the hook from back to front.
3. **Pull Through:** Draw the yarn back through the stitch. You now have two loops on your hook.
4. **Insert the Hook into the Next Stitch:** Push the hook into the following stitch, continuing the decrease.
5. **Yarn Over Again:** Wrap the yarn over the hook from back to front once more.
6. **Pull Through:** Draw the yarn back through the stitch. You should now have three loops on your hook.
7. **Yarn Over and Pull Through All Loops:** Wrap the yarn over the hook again and draw it through all three loops on your hook at once.

### 1. Building the Body:

- **Rounds 5 (Pink Yarn):** Single crochet in each stitch around.
  - ◆ (30sc = 30 stitches total)
- **Rounds 6 (Pink Yarn):** Single crochet in each stitch around.
  - ◆ (30sc = 30 stitches total)
- **Rounds 7 (Pink Yarn):** Single crochet in each stitch around.
  - ◆ (30sc = 30 stitches total)
- **Rounds 8 (Pink Yarn):** Single crochet in each stitch around.
  - ◆ (30sc = 30 stitches total)
- **Rounds 9 (Pink Yarn):** Single crochet in each stitch around.
  - ◆ (30sc = 30 stitches total)
- **Rounds 10 (Pink Yarn):** Single crochet in each stitch around.
  - ◆ (30sc = 30 stitches total)
- **Rounds 11 (Pink Yarn):** Single crochet in each stitch around.
  - ◆ (30sc = 30 stitches total)

- **Rounds 12 (Pink Yarn):** Single crochet in each stitch around.
  - ◆ (30sc = 30 stitches total)
- **Rounds 13 (Pink Yarn):** Single crochet in each stitch around.
  - ◆ (30sc = 30 stitches total)
- **Rounds 14 (Pink Yarn):** Single crochet in each stitch around.
  - ◆ (30sc = 30 stitches total)
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## 2. Safety Eye Preparation:

After Round 14, it's time to place Mabel's eyes

1. Locate rows 3-4 (count from bottom, round one being the first 6 stitches into the magic ring)
2. Test place eyes 4-5 stitches apart
3. Once you're happy with the placement, push the post of the safety eye through the fabric.
4. From the inside of the body, place the washer onto the post of the eye and push down firmly until it clicks or feels secure. Repeat for the second eye.

## 3. Time For The Stuffing:

- **First Stuffing Point:** Before continuing with decrease rounds, add a good amount of stuffing firmly but not too tight, ensuring the body starts to take shape. Don't overstuff, as you'll need to crochet more.

## 4. Our First Decrease:

- **Round 15 (Pink Yarn):** (3 single crochet, then 1 decrease). Repeat this pattern 6 times around.
  - ◆ ((3sc, dec) x 6 = 24 stitches total).
  - ◆ Tip:
    - Insert hook into first stitch
    - Pull up loop
    - Insert hook into next stitch
    - Pull up loop
    - Yarn over and pull through all three loops on hook
- **Round 16 (Pink Yarn):** (2 single crochet, then 1 decrease). Repeat this pattern 6 times around.
  - ◆ ((2sc, dec) x 6 = 18 stitches total).
- **Round 17 (Pink Yarn):** (1 single crochet, then 1 decrease). Repeat this pattern 6 times around.
  - ◆ ((sc, dec) x 6 = 12 stitches total).
- **Time For More Stuffing:** Add more stuffing to fill out the body firmly. Ensure it's evenly distributed and to your desired firmness. You should still be able to crochet the final round without grabbing stuffing.
- **Round 18 (Pink Yarn):** Decrease in each stitch around (6 decreases).
  - ◆ (6dec = 6 stitches total).

## Part 4: Closing Up Mabel

### Materials Required for This Step

- Crochet Hook
- Pink Yarn Spool
- Stuffing (Polyfilling)
- Yarn Needle
- A Few Stitch Markers
- Scissors

### Knowledge for This Step

#### Decrease:

1. **See part 3 for decrease steps if needed.**

### Closing The Loop:

- **Cut Five Inches of Pink Yarn:** Before cutting, ensure at least five inches of yarn is left for wiggle room.
- **Insert the Yarn Needle:** Thread the tail of your yarn through a yarn needle. Make sure the tail is long enough for weaving.
- **Weave Through Front Loops Only (FLO):** Insert the needle under the front loops only (FLO) of the first of the remaining six stitches. Continue weaving the needle through the front loops only of the next five stitches in the same manner.
- **Pull Tight to Close:** Gently pull the yarn tail to draw the stitches together, closing the opening. Ensure the tension is even to avoid bunching.
- **Tie Off:** Secure the closure by making a small knot close to the last stitch you pulled tight.
- **Weave Tail Through Body:** Weave the remaining tail of yarn back and forth through several stitches inside the body of your project to hide the end securely.
- **Trim Excess Yarn:** Cut off any excess yarn close to the body, being careful not to snip the fabric of your project.

## Part 5: Creating Mabel's Snout

### Materials Required for This Step

- Crochet Hook
- Pink Yarn Spool
- Black Yarn Spool
- Scissors
- Yarn Needle
- Stitch Marker

### Knowledge for This Step

#### Review Magic Ring, Single Crochet, and Increase From Previous Steps.

#### Basic Sewing/Weaving with a Yarn Needle

1. **Thread the Needle:** Insert the end of your yarn through the eye of the yarn needle. Pull through approximately 4-6 inches of yarn and fold it over if desired for security.
2. **Hold Your Work:** Position your crochet piece so the area you want to work on is clearly visible and accessible.
3. **Insert Needle:** Push your yarn needle through the designated stitch, where you want to begin sewing or weaving.
4. **Pull Yarn Through:** Draw the yarn completely through the stitch, ensuring it doesn't catch or split the existing yarn.
5. **Create Your Path:** Determine where your next insertion point will be based on the technique you're using.
6. **Insert Again:** Push your needle through the next stitch or space according to your pattern or purpose.
7. **Maintain Tension:** Keep consistent tension on your yarn as you pull it through each stitch – not too tight (which causes puckering) or too loose (which leaves gaps).
8. **Continue Pattern:** Repeat the insertion and pulling through process following your specific technique requirements until your seam is complete or ends are woven in.
9. **Secure End:** When finished, weave the yarn back through several stitches in different directions to secure it, or use a small knot if absolutely necessary.

### Creating the Snout Base:

→ **Rounds 0 (Pink Yarn):** Create a magic ring.

◆ (0 stitches)

→ **Rounds 1 (Pink Yarn):** 6 Single crochet in each stitch around the magic ring.

◆ (sc x 6 = 6 stitches total)

→ **Rounds 2 (Pink Yarn):** sc in first stitch, inc in next stitch, sc in next 2 stitches, inc in next stitch, sc in last stitch.

◆ ((sc, inc, 2sc, inc, sc) = 8 stitches total).

→ **Rounds 3 (Pink Yarn):** sc in first stitch, inc in next 2 stitches, sc in next 2 stitches, inc in next 2 stitches, sc in last stitch.

◆ ((sc, 2inc, 2sc, 2inc, sc) = 12 stitches total).

→ **Rounds 4 (Pink Yarn):** sc in each stitch around.

◆ (sc) x 12 = 12 stitches total).

## Placement:

1. Center the snout horizontally (oval shape sideways) on the face, right up close to and slightly below the eyes.
2. **Sewing (Main Attachment):**
  - a. Use the long finishing tail of the snout to sew its open edge to the face.
3. **sculpting (Flattening):**
  - a. Thread the snout's magic ring tail onto the yarn needle.
  - b. From the inside center of the snout, pass the needle to the top-right area of the snout's surface, pull slightly.
  - c. Pass the needle back into the snout near that point, and out through the bottom-right area (just outside where the snout meets the face). Pull to create an indent.
  - d. Pass the needle through a body stitch near the exit point, then up through the bottom-left of the snout's surface.
  - e. Pass the needle back into the snout near that point, and out through the top-left area of the snout's surface (near where the magic ring tail first emerged). Pull to create the second indent.
  - f. Secure this tail inside the snout or by weaving it into the head.
4. **Nostrils:**
  - a. Using **black** yarn, create two small vertical nostril lines, using the indentations you just made as guides. Tie off **black** yarn ends inside the head/snout and hide them.

## Part 6: Creating Mabel's Legs (Make 4)

### Materials Required for This Step

- Crochet Hook
- Pink Yarn Spool
- Scissors
- Yarn Needle
- Stitch Marker

### Knowledge for This Step

Review Magic Ring, Single Crochet, and Increase From Previous Steps.

### Creating the Legs:

Next to the magic circle, the chain stitching can be one of the most difficult stitch styles, so please have patience through this, you've got this!!

- **Round 0 (Pink Yarn):** Create a magic ring
- **Round 1 (Pink Yarn):** Single crochet in each stitch around the magic ring.
  - ◆ (sc x 6 = 6 stitches total)
- **Round 2 (Pink Yarn):** single crochet, then increase in the next stitch. Repeat this pattern 3 times around.
  - ◆ ((sc, inc) x 3 = 9 stitches total).
- **Round 3 (Pink Yarn):** 9 Single crochet in each stitch around the magic ring.
  - ◆ (sc x 9 = 9 stitches total)
- **Finishing:**
  - ◆ Fasten off with approximately 5 inches of tail for sewing
  - ◆ Cut yarn, leaving the 5" tail
  - ◆ Create 3 more, 4 in total.

## Part 7: Creating Mabel's Ears (Make 2)

### Materials Required for This Step

- Crochet Hook
- Pink Yarn Spool
- Scissors
- Yarn Needle
- Stitch Marker

### Knowledge for This Step

#### Slip Knot:

1. **Create Loop:** Make a loop with the yarn, leaving a tail about 6 inches long. The working yarn (attached to the ball) should be on top of the tail end.
2. **Insert Hook:** Push your crochet hook through the center of the loop from front to back.
3. **Catch Working Yarn:** Using your hook, catch the working yarn (not the tail) behind the loop.
4. **Pull Through:** Draw the working yarn through the center of your loop, creating a new smaller loop on your hook.
5. **Adjust Size:** Gently pull both the tail and working yarn to tighten the knot around your hook. Don't make it too tight - it should slide easily on the hook.
6. **Check Position:** Ensure the working yarn is coming from behind the hook and the tail is hanging loose.
7. **Final Tension:** Make any final adjustments so the slip knot is secure but not overly tight.

#### Chain Stitching: (ch)

1. **Create Starting Loop:** Make a slip knot and place it on your hook.
2. **Hold the Working Yarn:** Hold the working yarn behind your hook, keeping a slight tension.
3. **Yarn Over:** Wrap the yarn over the hook from back to front.
4. **Pull Through Loop:** Draw the wrapped yarn through the loop currently on your hook. You now have one new chain stitch.
5. **Repeat Process:** Continue yarning over and pulling through each new loop to create more chain stitches.
6. **Check Tension:** Ensure each chain stitch is neither too tight nor too loose, maintaining consistent tension throughout.
7. **Finish Chain:** Once you've made the desired number of chain stitches, proceed with your pattern's next instruction.

### Creating Mabel's Ears (Make 2):

- **Round 0 (Pink Yarn):** Make a slip knot
- **Round 1 (Pink Yarn):** Chain 4 into slip knot.
  - ◆ (ch x 4 = 4 stitches total)
- **Round 2 (Pink Yarn):** Skip the first chain from the hook, then single crochet in the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th chain from the hook.

- ◆ (skip x 1, ch x 3 = 3 stitches total).
- **Turn work around to stitch the opposite direction.**
- **Round 3 (Pink Yarn):** Single crochet in each stitch.
  - ◆ (sc x 3 = 3 stitches total)
- **Turn work around to stitch the opposite direction.**
- **Round 4 (Pink Yarn):** Skip the first chain from the hook, then single crochet in the 2nd and 3rd from the hook.
  - ◆ (skip x 1, ch x 2 = 2 stitches total).
- **Finishing:**
  - ◆ Fasten off with approximately 5 inches of tail for sewing
  - ◆ Cut yarn, leaving the 5" tail
  - ◆ Create 1 more, 2 in total.

## Part 8: Creating Mabel's Tail

### Materials Required for This Step

- Crochet Hook
- Pink Yarn Spool
- Scissors
- Yarn Needle
- Stitch Marker

### Knowledge for This Step

#### Review Chain Stitch

#### **Half Double Crochet (hdc):**

1. **Yarn Over First:** Wrap the yarn over your hook from back to front before inserting it into the stitch.
2. **Insert Hook:** Push your hook into the stitch or space indicated by your pattern (usually the third chain from the hook if you're working into a foundation chain).
3. **Yarn Over Again:** Wrap the yarn over your hook once more, from back to front.
4. **Pull Through Stitch:** Draw the yarn back through the stitch. You should now have three loops on your hook.
5. **Yarn Over Again:** Wrap the yarn over the hook one more time.
6. **Pull Through All Loops:** Draw the yarn through all three loops on your hook in one motion. You've completed one half double crochet stitch.
7. **Repeat for More Stitches:** Continue this process in each following stitch as needed for your row or round.

### Creating the tail:

- **Round 0 (Pink Yarn):** Make a slip knot
- **Round 1 (Pink Yarn):** Chain 9 into slip knot.
  - ◆ (ch x 9 = 9 stitches total)
- **Round 2 (Pink Yarn):** Skip the first chain from the hook, then half double crochet in the 2nd through 9th chain from the hook.
  - ◆ (skip x 1, hdc x 8 = 8 stitches total).
  - ◆ (The hdc stitches will naturally cause the chain to curl, creating the piggy tail shape).
- **Finishing:**
  - ◆ Fasten off with approximately 5 inches of tail for sewing
  - ◆ Cut yarn, leaving the 5" tail

## Part 9: Assembly - Sewing on the Ears, Legs, and Tail

### Materials Required for This Step

- Completed Body
- Four Completed Legs
- Two Completed Ears
- Completed Tail
- Yarn Needle
- Scissors

### Knowledge for This Step

#### Basic Sewing/Weaving with a Yarn Needle

10. **Thread the Needle:** Insert the end of your yarn through the eye of the yarn needle. Pull through approximately 4-6 inches of yarn and fold it over if desired for security.
11. **Hold Your Work:** Position your crochet piece so the area you want to work on is clearly visible and accessible.
12. **Insert Needle:** Push your yarn needle through the designated stitch, where you want to begin sewing or weaving.
13. **Pull Yarn Through:** Draw the yarn completely through the stitch, ensuring it doesn't catch or split the existing yarn.
14. **Create Your Path:** Determine where your next insertion point will be based on the technique you're using.
15. **Insert Again:** Push your needle through the next stitch or space according to your pattern or purpose.
16. **Maintain Tension:** Keep consistent tension on your yarn as you pull it through each stitch – not too tight (which causes puckering) or too loose (which leaves gaps).
17. **Continue Pattern:** Repeat the insertion and pulling through process following your specific technique requirements until your seam is complete or ends are woven in.
18. **Secure End:** When finished, weave the yarn back through several stitches in different directions to secure it, or use a small knot if absolutely necessary.

### Sewing on the Ears:

#### 1. **Placement:**

The edge of the ear where both yarn tails emerge is the bottom (attachment edge). Place ears approximately 4-5 rows back from the outer edge of the eyes, and about 4 stitches apart from each other on the top of the head.

#### 2. **Sewing:**

Sew the bottom edge of each ear to the head. Secure and hide tails as per general notes.body, exiting at a random point. Pull gently, and trim the yarn close to the body fabric. The end will retract inside, hiding it.

## Sewing on the Legs

### 1. Placement:

Use stitch markers to plan placement on the underside of the body. Position the front two legs roughly parallel with the eyes, ensuring there's balanced space for the two back legs.

### 2. Sewing:

- a. Stuff the magic ring tail of each leg inside the leg cup itself to add a little firmness.
- b. Sew the open edge of each leg cup to the underside of the body using its long finishing tail. Secure and hide tail.

## Sewing on the Tail:

### 1. Placement:

Position on the center-rear of the pig, about one-third of the way down from the top of the back (roughly in line with the ears). The end with both yarn tails is the attachment base; the tail should naturally curl upwards from this point.

### 2. Sewing:

Sew the base of the tail securely to the body. Secure and hide tails as per general notes

## Final Touches:

- Double-check all attachments to make sure everything is secure.
- Shape and adjust the stuffing as needed to achieve the desired roundness.

**Congratulations! You've completed your Mabel The Pig!**