Eugene the Crab
designed and crocheted for
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Pattern difficulty:
Moderate

Measurements (approximate):
Body: 14cm
Front leg to front leg: 20cm
Height: 12cm

Materials:
Vinnis Colours Nikkim:
2 balls of 119m/50g, DK in
Tomato (575)
Black embroidery thread
2 12mm black safety eyes
Hook: 3.5mm, or appropriate size
to create a tight stitch
Stitch marker or safety pin
Tapestry needle
Scissors
Fibrefill

Abbreviations:
ch - chain
dc - double crochet
htr - half treble crochet
inc - increase
inc3 - increase three
invd - invisible decrease
invd3 - invisible decrease three
slst - slip stitch
st(s) - stitch(es)

Pattern notes:
As this is an amigurumi pattern the tension should be tighter than normal so that the stuffing is not visible, hence the use of the smaller hook size.
If the holes between decreases are very noticeable change to a hook half a size smaller, this will close the gaps.
The crab is crocheted in the round using spirals, except for the body.
A stitch marker placed at the end of the round will help keep track of rounds and stitches. Simply move it up each round as you work.

Special stitches:
Magic ring
Make a large loop with the end of the yarn lying under the working yarn. Hold the loop with your thumb and forefinger, insert the hook under the yarn end and pull the working yarn through to create a loop. Slip stitch 1 to lock the loop. Treat the looped yarn as a closed chain and work the required number of stitches into the loop. Once you have completed the stitches pull the yarn end to tighten the loop thus closing the hole.

Increase:
Increases are made by placing 2 stitches into the same stitch from the previous round.
When asked to make an increase three, place 3 dcs into the same stitch from the previous round.

Invisible decrease:
Working with the next two available stitches, insert hook through front loop of first stitch; do not draw up a loop. Insert hook through front loop of second stitch (3 loops on hook). Yarn over hook. Pull through both front loops (2 loops on hook). Yarn over hook, pull through both loops on hook. Invisible decrease made.
For invisible decrease three:
Working with the next three available stitches, insert hook through front loop of first stitch; do not draw up a loop. Insert hook through front loop of second stitch. Insert hook through front loop of third stitch (4 loops on hook). Yarn over hook. Pull through all three front loops (2 loops on hook). Yarn over hook, pull through both loops on hook. Invisible decrease three made.

Note:
When making a decrease on an htr round make a yarn over first.

Closing body parts:
Cut the yarn with enough length to weave in the end. Use the tapestry needle insert through the front loops of each remaining stitch. Pull the opening tight and weave in the end, varying the direction so that it does not unravel.

To make:

Body
Make a magic ring.
Round 1:
10htr in ring, pull closed (10 sts).

Round 2:
Inc each st. (20 sts).

Round 3:
(1htr, inc) x10 (30 sts).

Round 4:
(2htr, inc) x10 (40 sts).

Round 5:
(3htr, inc) x10 (50 sts).

Round 6:
(4htr, inc) x10 (60 sts).

Round 7:
(5htr, inc) x10 (70 sts).

Round 8:
(6htr, inc) x10 (80 sts).

Round 9:
(7htr, inc) x10 (90 sts).

Round 10:
(8htr, inc) x10 (100 sts).

Round 11:
(8htr, invd) x10 (90 sts).

Round 12:
(7htr, invd) x10 (80 sts).

Round 13:
(6htr, invd) x10 (70 sts).

Round 14:
(5htr, invd) x10 (60 sts).

Round 15:
(4htr, invd) x10 (50 sts).

Round 16:
(3htr, invd) x10 (40 sts).

Round 17:
(2htr, invd) x10 (30 sts).

Round 18:
(1htr, invd) x10 (20 sts).

Stuff the body so that it has a little bit of squish.

Round 19:
Invd x10 (10 sts).
Cut yarn with enough length to weave in ends.

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**Eyes x 2**

Make a magic ring.

**Round 1:**
5dc in ring, pull closed (5 sts).

**Round 2:**
Inc each st (10 sts).

**Round 3:**
(1dc, inc) x5 (15 sts).

**Round 4 - 6 (3 rounds):**
1dc in each st around (15 sts).

**Round 7:**
(1dc, invd) x5 (10 sts).

Stuff the tip of the eye then insert safety eye into round 5.

**Round 8 - 12 (5 rounds):**
1dc in each st around (10 sts).

Stuff the eyes firmly.

Cut yarn with enough length to weave in ends.

**Pincers x 2**

Make a magic ring.

**Round 1:**
6dc in ring, pull closed (6 sts).

**Round 2:**
1dc, inc3, 2dc, inc3, 1dc (10 sts).

**Round 3:**
2dc, inc3, 4dc, inc3, 2dc (14 sts).

**Round 4:**
3dc, inc3, 6dc, inc3, 3dc (18 sts).

**Round 5:**
4dc, inc3, 8dc, inc3, 4dc (22 sts).

**Round 6:**
5dc, inc3, 10dc, inc3, 5dc (26 sts).

**Round 7:**
1dc in each st around (26 sts).

**Round 8:**
6dc, inc3, 12dc, inc3, 6dc (30 sts).

**Round 9 - 14 (6 rounds):**
1dc in each st around (30 sts).

**Round 15:**
6dc, invd3, 12dc, invd3, 6dc (26 sts).

**Round 16:**
1dc in each st around (26 sts).

**Round 17:**
5dc, invd3, 10dc, invd3, 5dc (22 sts).

**Round 18:**
1dc in each st around (22 sts).

**Round 19:**
4dc, invd3, 8dc, invd3, 4dc (18 sts).

**Round 20:**
1dc in each st around (18 sts).

**Round 21:**
3dc, invd3, 6dc, invd3, 3dc (14 sts).

**Round 22:**
1dc in each st around (14 sts)

**Round 23 - 27 (5 rounds):**
4dc, 7htr, 3dc (14 sts).

Cut yarn with enough length to weave in ends.

**Back legs x2**

Make a magic ring.

**Round 1:**
6dc in ring, pull closed (6sts).

**Round 2:**
Inc each st (12sts).

**Round 3 - 10 (8 rounds):**
1dc into next 6 sts, 1htr into next 6 sts (12sts).

Cut yarn with enough length to weave in ends.

To make up:

**The eyes**

Sew the eyes onto round 5 on top of the body, with a gap of two stitches between the eyes.

**The pincers**

Sew the pincers onto round 9-11 of the body and about six stitches towards the outside of the eyes with the htr sts facing outwards.

**The legs**

Attach each leg in line with the pincers, with the htr sts facing up, leaving a 1 stitch gap between each appendage.

**The mouth**

Using the black embroidery cotton sew a large smile onto the body. Starting on round 7 between the right eye and pincer (when facing the crab) and ending on round 9 under the left eye. The lowest point of the curve should be on round 11.

**Defining the pincers**

Using the black embroidery cotton sew a line of five zigzags down the claw making sure to sew up both sides of the claw to pinch the sides slightly.

Placement of the appendages and embroidery is dependent on personal preference and the above is only a guide.