

Belle

the ballerina bunny



MATERIALS**YARN**

100% Cotton DK weight yarn of your own choice.

I used Paintbox Cotton DK in the following colours;

- Misty Grey - Body
- Banana Cream - Dress & Flower
- Paper White - Underskirt / Whites of eyes
- Candyfloss Pink - Flower
- Macaron Green - Flower
- Lime Green - Flower

OTHER MATERIALS

- Hook size 2.25mm
- Black embroidery thread / small amount of pink yarn for nose
- 10mm Safety eyes x 1 pair
- Soft toy filling
- Stitch markers / round headed pins / yarn needle / scissors

ABBREVIATIONS - GENERAL GUIDE

mr - magic ring	dc inc - double crochet increase	dec - invisible decrease (dec 2 sts together FLO)
st / sts - stitch / stitches	inc - single crochet increase	sh st - shell stitch (instructions in pattern)
sl st - slip stitch	hdc - half double crochet	rnd - round
ch - chain	hdc inc - half double crochet increase	F/O - fasten off
sc - single crochet	BLO - back loop only	[...] * ... - repeat instruction in bracket ... times
dc - double crochet	FLO - front loop only	(...) - total number of sts in round / row

PATTERN TERMINOLOGY

This pattern is written in US terminology. Below is a conversion chart for reference;

US TERM

Single Crochet (sc)
Half Double Crochet (hdc)
Double Crochet (dc)
Treble Crochet (tr) or (trc)

UK TERM

Double Crochet (dc)
Half Treble Crochet (htr)
Treble Crochet (tr)
Double Treble (dtr)

FINISHED SIZE

Approximately 30cm in height using the recommended materials & hook size.

NOTES

- Work in continuous rounds unless otherwise stated in the pattern.
- Colour changes are made in the last step of the last sc of the round (unless otherwise stated).
- I have used the 'x' stitch to create my Belle (yarn under technique).
- Using different materials and hook size to what is recommended may alter the final appearance of your Belle.
- If a different size hook and yarn is used, consider adjusting the size of the safety eyes accordingly.

SKILL LEVEL

Intermediate



HEAD & BODY

Start with Misty Grey; stuff as you go

Rnd 1: 6 sc in mr (6)

Rnd 2: [inc] x 6 (12)

Rnd 3: [1 sc, inc] x 6 (18)

Rnd 4: 1 sc, inc, [2 sc, inc] x 5, 1 sc (24)

Rnd 5: [3 sc, inc] x 6 (30)

Rnd 6: 2 sc, inc, [4 sc, inc] x 5, 2 sc (36)

Rnd 7: [5 sc, inc] x 6 (42)

Rnd 8: 3 sc, inc, [6 sc, inc] x 5, 3 sc (48)

Rnd 9 - 15 (7 rnds): 48 sc (48)

Rnd 16: [7 sc, inc] x 6 (54)

Rnd 17: 54 sc (54)

Rnd 18: 4 sc, inc, [8 sc, inc] x 5, 4 sc (60)

Rnd 19 - 20 (2 rnds): 60 sc (60)

Rnd 21: [8 sc, dec] x 6 (54)

Insert safety eyes between rounds 16/17, 11 sts apart

Rnd 22: 2 sc, dec, [4 sc, dec] x 8, 2 sc (45)

Rnd 23: [3 sc, dec] x 9 (36)

Rnd 24: 2 sc, dec, [4 sc, dec] x 5, 2 sc (30)

Rnd 25: [3 sc, dec] x 6 (24)

Rnd 26: 1 sc, dec, [2 sc, dec] x 5, 1 sc (18)

Rnd 27: 18 sc (18)

Rnd 28: 1 sc, inc, [2 sc, inc] x 5, 1 sc (24)

Rnd 29: [3 sc, inc] x 6 (30)

Rnd 30: 30 sc (30)

Rnd 31: 2 sc, inc, [4 sc, inc] x 5, 2 sc (36)

Change to Banana Cream

Rnd 32: **BLO** 36 sc (36)

Rnd 33 - 34 (2 rnds): 36 sc (36)

Rnd 35: [5 sc, inc] x 6 (42)

Rnd 36 - 41 (6 rnds): 42 sc (42)



Rnd 42 - 43 (2 rnds): **BLO** 42 sc (42)

Rnd 44: 42 sc (42)

Rnd 45: [5 sc, dec] x 6 (36)

Rnd 46: 2 sc, dec, [4 sc, dec] x 5, 2 sc (30)

Rnd 47: [3sc, dec] x 6 (24)

Rnd 48: 1 sc, dec, [2 sc, dec] x 5, 1 sc (18)

Rnd 49: [1 sc, dec] x 6 (12)

Rnd 50: [dec] x 6 (6)

F/O and weave the yarn tail through each FLO of the last round. Gently pull the tail to close the opening and weave in.

EARS - MAKE 2

Using Misty Grey

Rnd 1: 6 sc in mr (6)

Rnd 2: 6 sc (6)

Rnd 3: [1 sc, inc] x 3 (9)

Rnd 4: 1 sc, inc, [2 sc, inc] x 2, 1 sc (12)

Rnd 5: [3 sc, inc] x 3 (15)

Rnd 6: 2 sc, inc, [4 sc, inc] x 2, 2 sc (18)

Rnd 7: [5 sc, inc] x 3 (21)

Rnd 8: 3 sc, inc, [6 sc, inc] x 2, 3 sc (24)

Rnd 9 - 20 (12 rnds): 24 sc (24)

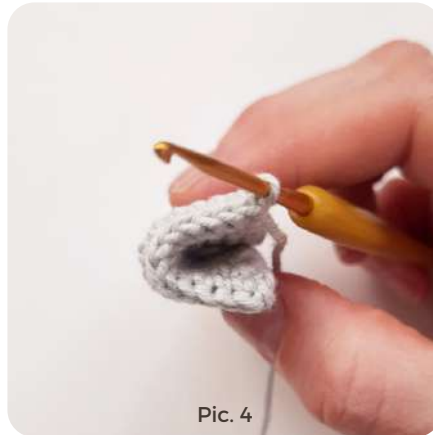
We are now going to close the ears in the 3 following steps, to give them their shape for attaching to the head. The ears are not stuffed.



Pic. 3

STEP 1

Flatten the opening and sc in the next 12 sts through both layers to close.



Pic. 4

STEP 2

Fold the end in half so your crochet hook is at the top of your work, and hold it together.



Pic. 5

STEP 3

Sc in the next 6 sts, through both layers. F/O and leave a long tail for attaching to the head.

ARMS - MAKE 2

Use Misty Grey; stuff the hand firmly, and then lightly up to round 14 only.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in mr (6)

Rnd 2: [1 sc, inc] x 3 (9)

Rnd 3: [2 sc, inc] x 3 (12)

Rnd 4 - 7 (4 rnds): 12 sc (12)

Rnd 8: [2 sc, dec] x 3 (9)

Rnd 9 - 21 (13 rnds): 9 sc (9)

Flatten the opening and sc in the next 4 sts through both layers to close. F/O and leave a long tail for attaching.



Pic. 6



LEGS - MAKE 2

Using Misty Grey

Rnd 1: 6 sc in mr (6)

Rnd 2: [inc] x 6 (12)

Rnd 3: [1 sc, inc] x 6 (18)

Rnd 4: [5 sc, inc] x 3 (21)

Rnd 5 - 9 (5 rnds): 21 sc (21)



Rnd 10: [5 sc, dec] x 3 (18)

Rnd 11: 18 sc (18)

Rnd 12: 2 sc, dec, [4 sc, dec] x 2, 2 sc (15)

Rnd 13: 15 sc (15)

Rnd 14: [3 sc, dec] x 3 (12)

Rnd 15: 12 sc (12)

Stuff the foot firmly.

We will now make the ankle joint in the next 3 steps.



Pic. 7

STEP 1

Flatten the opening and sc in the next 6 sts through both layers.



Pic. 8

STEP 2

We will now create 12 sts using the front and back loops.

Rnd 16: Ch 1, turn, sc in the next 6 sts in the BLO.



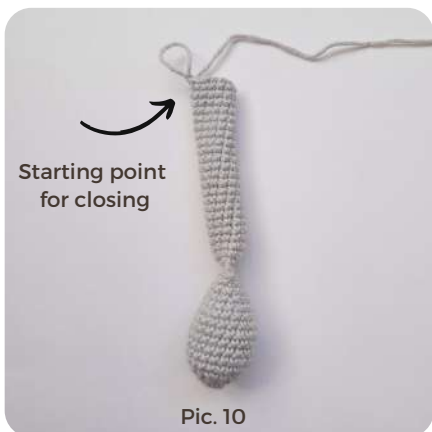
Pic. 9

STEP 3

Turn, sc in the next 6 sts in FLO. (The ch 1, made in step 2, does not count as a st) (12).

Now we will continue making the legs; stuff the leg as you go and stop stuffing at round 34.

Rnd 17 - 38 (22 rnds): 12 sc (12)



Pic. 10

The closing of the leg is vertical to the ankle joint. To ensure you start in the correct position, make a few extra scs (I made 4 extra sc).



Pic. 11

Flatten the opening and sc in the next 6 sts through both layers to close.



Pic. 12

F/O and leave a long tail for attaching to the body.

TOP FRILL

The top frill is made working in continuous rounds.

Using Banana Cream, Ch 40 and make a sl st into the 1st ch to make a circle (the sl st counts as a st).

Rnd 1: [1 sc, inc] x 20 (60)

Rnd 2: [inc] x 60 (120)

Rnd 3: 120 sc (120)

F/O and make an invisible stitch to finish and leave a long tail, this will be used to attach the frill to the body. Weave it in towards the inner round ready for when you attach.

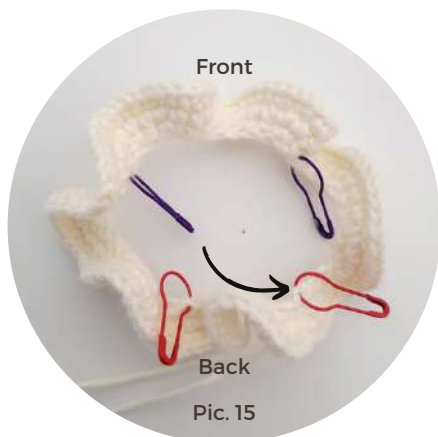


Pic. 13

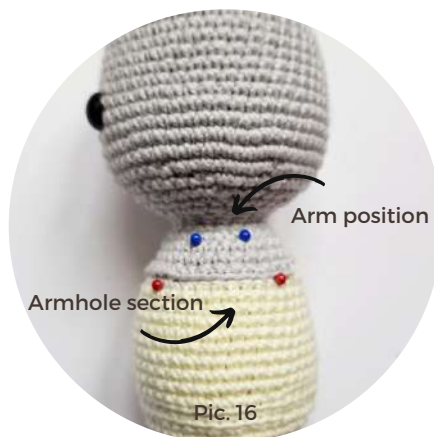


Pic. 14

Now we will mark out the positioning of the frill before attaching it to the body. The frill is attached to the FLO of rnd 31 of the body. Working into 12 sts at the front, 8 sts at the back and leaving 8 unworked sts on each side for the armholes.



Pic. 15



Pic. 16



Pic. 17

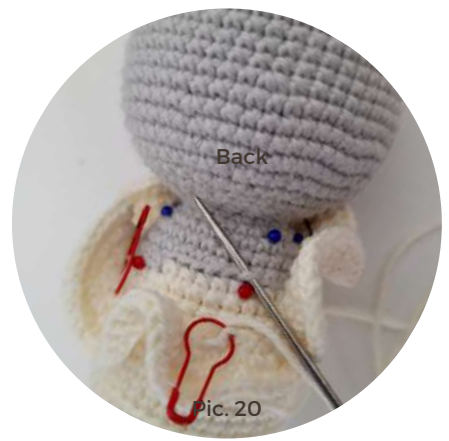
FRILL

Mark out the front and back position on the frill. The front markers (blue) mark 12 sts in total, the back markers (red) mark 8 sts in total. This will leave 10 sts on either side for the armholes. Ensure the tail is at the back of your work and is at the starting point for attaching (arrow in Pic. 15).

Now mark out the position on the body. Position the front and back pins so that it matches the markers on the frill. The armhole sections will only be 8 sts wide on the body.

Once you have marked out the frill, mark out the position for the arm between rnds 29 / 30, equally on each side (blue pins in Pic. 16).

Before proceeding onto the next step, make sure you are completely happy with the positioning and it lines up centrally to the eyes and sides of the body.



Place the frill in position on the body. Check the markers line up with the pins at the front and back, the right side of the sts on the frill should be facing upwards.

Again, make sure you are happy with the positioning and adjust if needed.

Hold your work the right side up and start attaching from the right side pin and marker at the back. Remove pins and markers as you go.



Once you have worked the 8th st on the back, take the yarn through the body to the front pin. Attach the 12 sts at the front.

Once complete, secure and weave in the tail, including the starting tail. Arrange the frill so it sits evenly.



SKIRT

Now we will make the skirt working into the FLO of rnds 41 & 42, starting with the bottom layer first.

BOTTOM LAYER

NOTE: The last rnd of the bottom layer (edging) is made using a shell stitch. This stitch is made as follows; skip 1 st, 4 dc into next st, skip 1 st, sl st into next st (Pic. 25).

Using White, attach the yarn in the 1st FLO of rnd 42.

Rnd 1: 42 sc (42)

Rnd 2: [6 sc, inc] x 6 (48)

Rnd 3: [inc] x 48 (96)

Rnd 4: [1 sc, inc] x 48 (144)

Rnd 5 - 8 (4 rnds): 144 sc (144)

Rnd 9: [sh st] x 36 (36) Replace the last sl st with an invisible st to finish, secure and weave in tail.



TOP LAYER

Using Banana Cream, attach the yarn in the 1st FLO of rnd 41.

Rnd 1: 42 sc (42)

Rnd 2: [6 sc, inc] x 6 (48)

Rnd 3: [inc] x 48 (96)

Rnd 4: [1 sc, inc] x 48 (144)

Rnd 5 - 8 (4 rnds): 144 sc (144)

Make an invisible st to finish, secure and weave in tail.



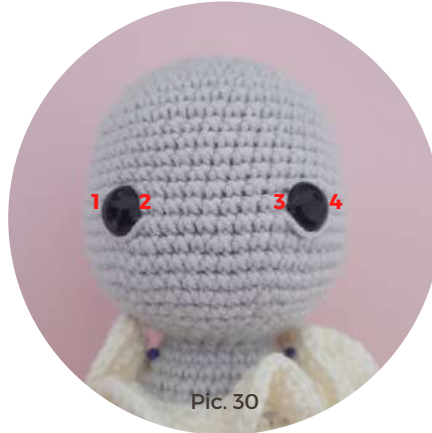
FACIAL DETAILS

EYE INDENTS



Pic. 29

Take a length of Misty Grey yarn and insert through a stitch centrally in the back of the neck (leave a starting tail).



Pic. 30

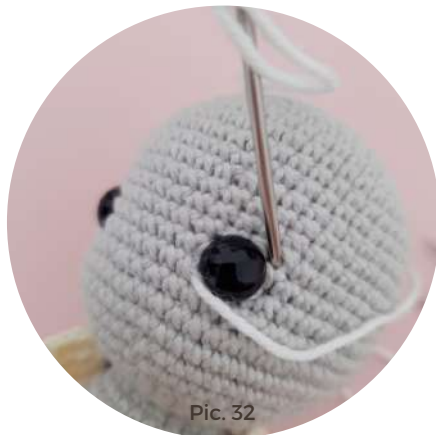
Bring it out at point 1 and back in at point 2. Then bring the yarn out at point 3 and back in at point 4.



Pic. 31

Take the yarn back out through the same stitch you started in at the back of the neck. Pull the tails firmly to indent the eyes. Make a secure knot and weave in the tails.

EYES & NOSE



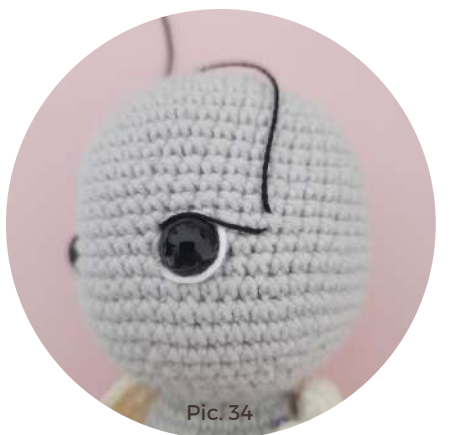
Pic. 32

Using White, bring out the yarn 1-2 sts over from the bottom middle of the eye.



Pic. 33

Take the yarn back in at the top of the eye, slightly to the side. Secure and weave in tail.



Pic. 34

Using black embroidery thread, add the eye lashes; going from the top of the eye and out to the side by 2-3 sts. Make the 2nd line 1 st above the other.



Pic. 35

Repeat on the other side. Secure and weave in tail.



Pic. 36

Mark out the position of the nose with pins between rnds 17/18, 3-4 sts wide, with the central line going over 3 rnds below the nose.



Pic. 37

Using pink yarn, embroider the nose. Secure and weave in tail.

ASSEMBLY

ARMS



Pic. 38

Attach the arms using the marked out position you made earlier when you attached the frill.



Pic. 39

Take the arm under the armhole of the top frill and attach.



Pic. 40

Secure and weave in tail.

LEGS



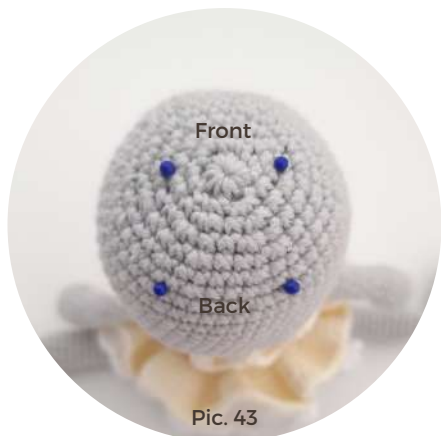
Pic. 41

Attach the legs equally on each side of the body, inline with the arms between rnds 45/46. Secure and weave in tail.



Pic. 42

EARS



Pic. 43

Mark out the placement of the ears. The front is attached between round 3/4 centrally on top of the head, with the back between rnds 7/8, 6 sts to the back of the front pins.



Pic. 44

Once the ear is attached and before securing, take the yarn to the front of the ear and make a stitch through both edges, just above the closing round of the ear. This will help the ears to stand up.



Pic. 45

Secure and weave in tail. You can choose to have your ears standing straight up, or flopped to one side by gently bending them over.

DECORATION & FINISHING TOUCHES

FLOWERS



Pic. 46

Ch 15 and starting in the 2nd ch from the hook, [1 sc, inc] x 7 (21)



Pic. 47

F/O with a long tail for attaching. Roll the rose and use the tail to secure together underneath.



Pic. 48

Make a selection of flowers in different colours of your choice.



Pic. 49

Attach the flowers in an arrangement of your liking. Here are 2 examples you may want to use. Weave in all tails once attached.



Pic. 50

BLUSH



Pic. 51



Pic. 52



Pic. 53

You may add cosmetic blush to the cheeks and inner ears if desired (Pic. 51), or leave your Belle without (Pic. 53).



*Congratulations!
Your Belle is now complete!*

