



On the left and right, small eyes; in the middle are large eyes

Crochet ami eyes

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Materials:

- Size 20 crochet cotton or perle cotton size 8 in black, white, and iris color
- Size 9 steel crochet hook

Alternatively,

- Size 3 crochet cotton in black, white and iris color
- Size C (2.5mm) crochet hook.
- Sewing needle
- patience!

These eyes were inspired by the many lovely crochet dolls I've seen recently with crochet eyes. I wanted to create these myself, and share them.

With the size 20 crochet cotton and perle thread, these eyes work well with my 7 and 8 1/2 inch Simply Amis crochet dolls. Thicker thread and larger hooks can be used to make eyes for bigger dolls.

The eyes in this tutorial are made with size 3 crochet cotton and a size C (2.5mm) hook. The last picture shows a comparison of eye sizes.

Eyes these small can be a bit fiddly to work with; you might want to make a pair of larger eyes to get a feel for this, then work your way down to smaller eyes.

I left long tails of thread (which annoyingly get in the way) in order to shape the eye, and also to sew it in place once the eyes are done. Tails can be tied off on the back of the eye with a square knot.

Okay, enough chat...

Eyes:

Pupil: beginning with black, chain 2, 10 sc in the second chain from the hook. Join to the top of the first sc and cut the thread.



To close the hole in the center of the pupil, thread the beginning black tail into a sewing needle and run the tail around the pupil stitches on the back side. Thread the ending tail into the sewing needle and run it under a couple stitches on the back side and tie off the black threads with a square knot.

Iris: working in the back loops only, join iris color with a slip stitch two sts from the join on the pupil, sc in the next six sts, sl st in the next st and fasten off. Leave the remaining pupil stitches unworked.



Thread one of the iris color ends into the sewing needle and run it under a few iris stitches on the back side; do the same with the other end, then tie off the iris threads with a square knot on the back side.



Whites: (leave long tails at both ends of the white) working in the back loops only, join white to the first sl st of the iris color, slip stitch or sc loosely in each iris color, sl st in the next st and fasten off.



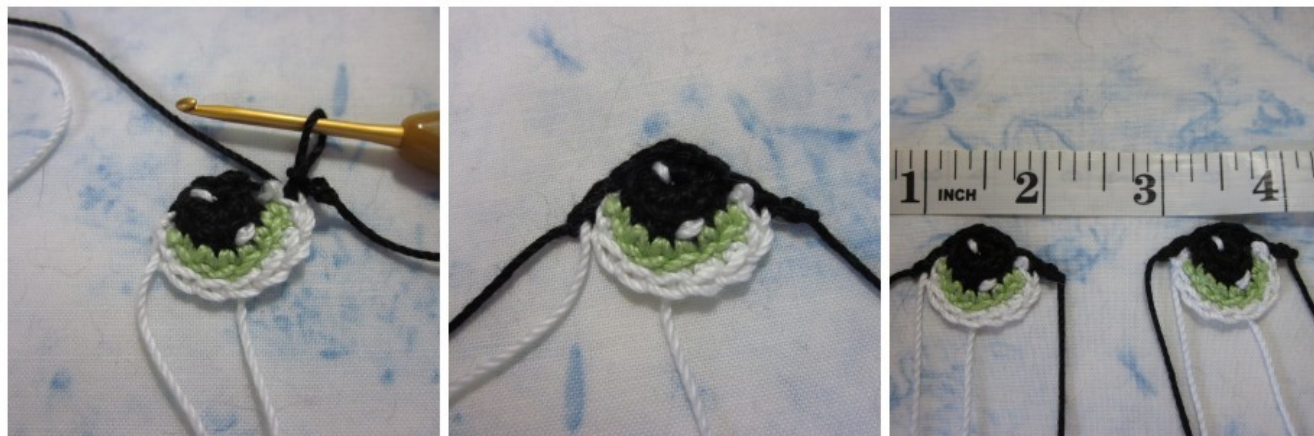
With one of the white tails, thread it into the sewing needle and bring it from the back of the eye through the center of the pupil. Make a small V or single stitch with white at the top of the eye, then run this thread back to the beginning of the white stitches. We will use it to stitch the eye to the doll face.



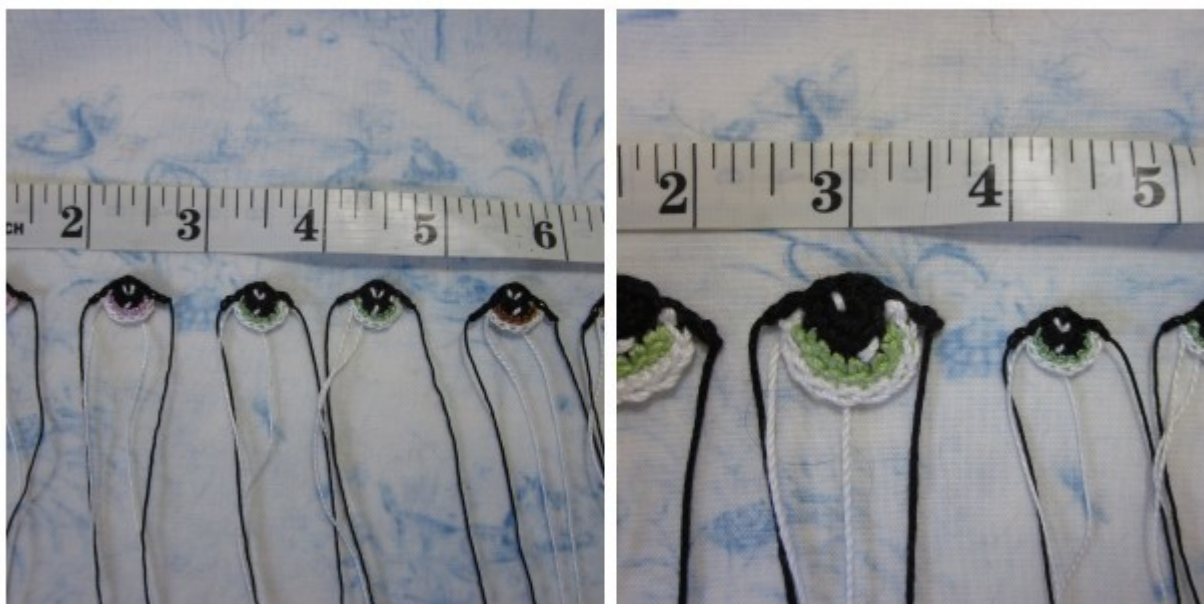
With the other white tail, make a small white dot at the bottom of the pupil and let this thread hang.



With black, chain one, then slip stitch across the top of the eye, ending with a chain one. Leave long tails at both ends to sew the eye to the doll face.



At this point, each eye should have two white tails and two black tails. When the doll head is done, use the black tails to tack the top of the eye to the face. Take the white tail that is hanging off the back and run it into the head of the doll and out the back. This just hides the tail. With the other white tail, stitch the white of the eye to the doll face.



Eye size comparison