



Crochet mini hedgehog

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Materials:

- Fingering weight yarn for face
- Laceweight kid mohair yarn for body
- Size 2 steel crochet hook
- Size 8 black perle cotton for eyes and nose

Gauge is not important; mine turned out to be 1 3/4 inches long from the tip of his nose to his bottom. A larger hedgehog can be made by using sportweight or worsted weight yarns.

Hedgehog: starts at the nose tip using fingering weight yarn

- 1: Ch2, four sc in the second ch from hook. Work in rounds, do not join unless instructed to.
- 2: Sc in each sc. 4sc
- 3: Two sc in each sc. 8sc
- 4: Sc in each sc. 8 sc
- 5: (Sc in the next sc, two sc in the next sc) around. 12 sc
- 6: (Sc in the next two sc, two sc in the next sc) around. 16 sc
- 7: (Sc in the next sc, two sc in the next sc) around. 24 sc
- 8-9: Sc in each sc around. At the end of round 9, join to the first sc of this round, pick up the laceweight yarn, and turn. All the subsequent rounds will be worked in the opposite direction with the laceweight yarn.
- 10-18: Sc in each sc around. 24 sc.
- 19: (Sc next two sc tog) around. 12 sc. Stuff the hedgehog lightly.
- 20: (Sc next two sc tog) around until the opening is closed. Continue to stuff lightly as you close the opening. Fasten off and bury the end into the body.

Face:

With black perle cotton, make two French knot eyes either side of the nose about five sts apart. I made each eye separately, burying the ends into the body. This gives you more control over the size of the eyes.

With tiny straight stitches, embroider the nose and bury the loose ends in the body. With a slicker brush from the pet store, comb the mohair gently to fuzz it up and give your hedgehog some very soft spines :-)

