Arlo the Clown

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INTERMEDIATE

Abbreviations

- ch - chain
- sc - single crochet
- hdc - half double crochet
- dc - double crochet
- tc - treble crochet
- inc - increase (sc 2 times in the next stitch)
- dec - decrease (stitch next 2 stitches together)
- hdc inc - half double crochet increase (hdc 2 times in the next stitch)
- sc3tog – stitch the next 3 stitches together
- lpst - loop stitch
- 3sc – 3 sc in next st
- sl st - slip stitch
- st(s) - stitch(es)
- sk - skip chain or stitch
- sp - space
- BLO - back loop only
- FLO - front loop only
- R - round
- [ ] - repeat work as directed
- ( ) - number of stitches you should have at the end of the round
- FO - finish off
- MR - magic ring

Finished doll is about 20" tall if using worsted weight yarn.

Before you begin

- This amigurumi/plush is worked in continuous rounds. Mark the beginning of each round with a stitch marker.
- Use the "magic ring" when starting rounds. There are many youtube videos teaching how to make a magic ring or magic circle.
- Gauge is not important in this project as long as you are consistent with your tension.
- TIP: Always change colors in the stitch BEFORE the color change by pulling the new color through the 2 loops, thus beginning with the correct color on your hook.
- Exact colors used are listed in italics in the "Supplies" section.
- **This project is made with all sc stitches unless otherwise specified.**

Supplies

- Worsted Weight [4] in colors listed below
- White (Hands, Mouth, Hat Flower) *Impeccable Big: White* [50 yds]
- Red (Shoes, Nose, Suspenders) *Red Heart: Cherry Red* [100 yds]
- Purple (Pants, Hat Band) *Impeccable: Lavendar* [150 yds]
- Lt. Green (Shirt) *Red Heart: Spring Green* [100 yds]
- Skin Color (Head) *Hobby Lobby, I Love This Yarn: Lt. Peach* [100 yds]
- Blue (Hair, Flower) *Red Heart: Turqua* [150 yds]
- Orange (Hat, Flower) *Red Heart: Pumpkin* [80 yds]
- Yellow (Bow Tie, Hat Flower) *Red Heart: Bright Yellow* [30 yds]
- Pink (Buttons) *Red Heart: Petal Pink* [3 yds]
- Green (Back of Hat Flower) *Impeccable: Kelly Green* [scrap]
- Black (Eyebrows) *Impeccable Big: Black* [scrap]
- Red Fine Weight Yarn [2] *Vanna's Glamour: Ruby Red* [100 yds]
- 2 12mm safety eyes
- White Felt
- Felt of various colors: Red, Yellow, Pink, Green, Blue (Optional)
- 6" Dowel, Chop Stick or Popsicle Stick; *Model has 3/8" dowel.*
- 12" of wire for balloon string. You can use a few pipe cleaners twisted together. Model has 14 awg (2.08 mm) Solid Core Copper Wire (found at hardware store)
- Green pipe cleaner
- 12-15 red 5mm pony beads for bow tie (optional)
- Crochet hook size F/5 (3.75mm) and B/1 (2.25mm)
- Yarn needle
- Stitch markers

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FINE

Fingers - make 3 per hand (six total)

With white
R1: MR sc 6
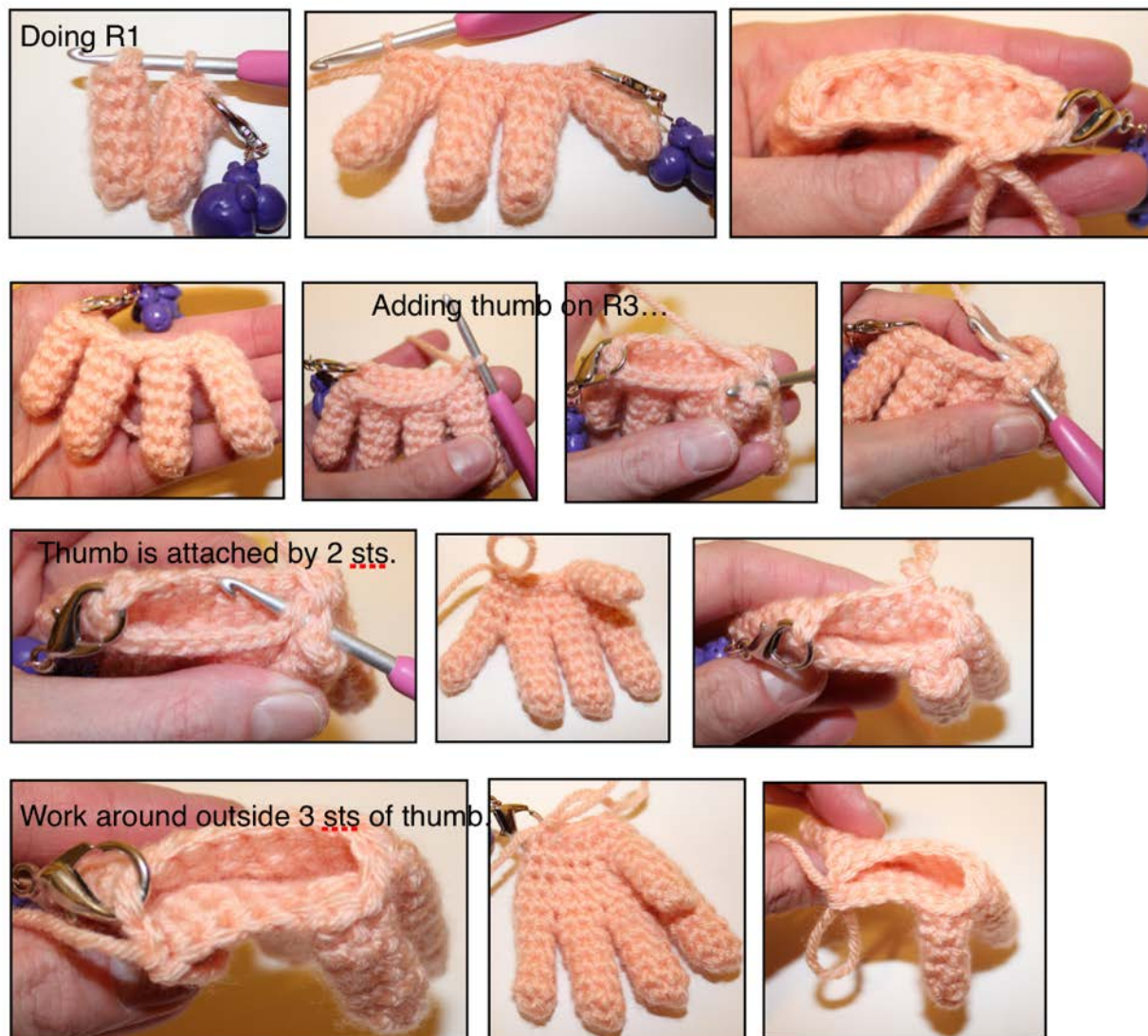R2-6: sc 6
FO, weave in ends.

little Finger and Thumb - make 1 of each per hand (four total)

With white
R1: MR sc 5
R2-5: sc 5
FO thumb & weave in end. Do not cut yarn on little finger, continue on.

Hands/Arms – make 2

With white

R1: working with little finger, sc 2, pick up finger one sc 3, pick up finger two sc 3, pick up finger three, sc 6, sc 3 on finger two, sc 3 on finger one, sc 3 on little finger. (23)
R2: sc 23
Right Hand R3: sc, dec, sc 2, dec, with thumb sc 2 *(see photos above)*, (sc 2, dec) x3, sc 2 (18)
Right Hand R4: dec, sc 3, sc 3 around outside of thumb, sc 11 (18)
Left Hand R3: sc, (dec, sc 2) x3, with thumb sc 2, (dec, sc 2) x2 (18)

Left Hand R4: sc 10, sc 3 around thumb, dec, sc 4 (18)
Following instructions are for both hands/arms. Stuff as you go.
R5: sc 18
R6: [dec, sc 1] x6 (12)
R7: [dec, sc 2] x3 (9)
Change to lt. green.
R8: BLO sc 9
R9-28: sc 9
FO, hide tail.

Foot/Boot – make 2

With red
R1: MR sc 6
R2: inc x6 (12)
R3: [inc, sc 1] x6 (18)
R4: [inc, sc 2] x6 (24)
R5: [inc, sc 3] x6 (30)
R6: [inc, sc 4] x6 (36)
R7-12: sc 36
R13: [dec, sc 4] x6 (30)
R14-18: sc 30
R19: sc 5, ch 9, sk 9, sc in next st *(the 10th one)*, sc 15 (30)
R20: sc 5, sc 9 in ch, sc 16 (30)

R21: sc 30
R22: [dec, sc 3] x6 (24)
R23: [dec, sc 2] x6 (18)
R24: [dec, sc 1] x6 (12)
R25: dec x6 (6)
FO, leave tail to close hole.
Stuff shoes through hole made in R19.

legs – make 2

With purple
Join yarn to center back st from R19 hole.

R1: sc 20 around hole from R19 (Just add an extra st on each side to make 20)
R3: [inc, sc 1] x10 (30)
R4-5: sc 30
R6: BLO sc 30
R7-15: sc 30
R16: [dec, sc 3] x6 (24)
R17-18: sc 24
FO, weave in ends. Stuff.

Pant Cuff - make 2

With purple
R1: ch 30, join to form circle, sc 30
R2-14: sc 30
Do not FO. Fold in half with wrong sides together. Slip over leg. With working yarn, sl st around through both layers of folded cuff and through front loops from R6. (30)

*Alternately, if this
is tricky, just sew it on with a whip stitch.*

Body

With purple
R1: Pick up both legs, face feet so they are pointing in the same direction and away from you. Have the feet be slightly turned out from each other instead of facing straight ahead. Insert hook in middle stitches and sc legs together, make one more sc between the legs (this second sc should come towards your body) joining them well in the middle. The two joining sc will not count in your stitch count. The next stitch you make will be in the leg on your left and this will be the beginning stitch so place your stitch marker here. Continue around left leg and then go around right leg. You want to be working from the back so your color changes don't show in the front. (44)
R2: sc 44
Change to lt. green.
R3: BLO sc 44
R4-16: sc 44

2 sc sts

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R17: [inc, sc 10] x4 (48)
R18-23: sc 48
At this point, the beginning of each round should be on the back right-hand side. (If you crochet right-handed). Keep the stitch marker where it is. It is time to attach the arms.

R24: sc 16, *(At the end of this sc 16, you want to be positioned at the doll's left side. You may need to increase or decrease the number of sts to get you to the correct spot.)* Pick up an arm. Sc 2 going through the inside arm sts (armpit spot) and the current row you are on. Sc 22 *(This positions you to right arm placement, once again, increase or decrease the number of sts to get in to the right spot if needed.)* Sc 2 through arm and body. Sc 6 (48)

R25: sc 16, sc 7 around outside of arm, sc 22, sc 7 around outside of arm, sc 6 (58)
R26: sc 58
R27: [dec, sc 12] x2, [dec, sc 13] x2 (54)
For the following rounds, the sc3tog should be at the top of the shoulder where the arm was added. If your placement doesn't fall there, change the sts around so it will. Just make sure you end up with the correct number of sts at the end of the row.

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R28: [dec, sc 1] x5, sc 1, sc3tog, [dec, sc 1] x8, sc3tog, [dec, sc 1] x2, dec (34)
R29: [dec, sc 3] x2, sc3tog, [dec, sc 3] x2, dec, sc 2, sc3tog, sc 2, dec (24)
R30: [dec, sc 2] x6 (18)
Stuff.
R31: [dec, sc 1] x6 (12)
Change to skin color.
Stuff
R32-35: sc 12
R36: inc x12 (24)
R37: [inc, sc 1] x12 (36)
R38: sc 36
R39: [inc, sc 2] x12 (48)
R40-41: sc 48
R42: [inc, sc 3] x12 (60)
R43-51: sc 60
R52: [dec, sc 8] x6 (54)
R53-55: sc 54
R56: [dec, sc 7] x6 (48)
R57-60: sc 48
When cutting white felt for eyes, insert the eyes into the felt and then cut around them to get them the size you like. Alternately, you can use the oval template below if you are working with worsted weight yarn. If you are using larger or smaller yarn, you can change the size of the template to be the size you like.
Insert eyes between R53-54 2-3 sts apart.
R61: [dec, sc 4] x8 (40)
R62: [dec, sc 3] x8 (32)
R63: [dec, sc 2] x8 (24)
R64: [dec, sc 1] x8 (16)
Stuff
R65: dec x8 (8)
R66: dec x4 (4)
FO, weave in tail.

Nose

With red
R1: MR sc 6
R2: inc x6 (12)
R3-4: sc 12
R5: [dec, sc 1] x4 (8)
FO, leave 10" tail. Use tail to sew to face just below eyes.

Mouth

With white

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R1: ch 15, inc in 2nd ch from hook, sc 12, sc 4 in last ch, continue working around other side of ch, sc 12, inc (32)
R2: inc x2, sc 12, inc x4, sc 12, inc x2 (40)
R3: [inc, sc 1] x2, sc 12, [inc, sc 1] x4, [dec, sc 1] x4, [inc, sc 1] x2 (44)
FO, leave 20" tail. Use tail to sew to face just below nose.
With red, embroider mouth.

Pants Top

With purple
With head pointed away from your body, join purple to back of body R3 front loops.
R1: in front loops, sc 44
R2: sc 44
R3: [inc, sc 10] x4 (48)
R4: [inc, sc 7] x6 (54)
R5: sc 4, [inc, sc 8] x5, inc, sc 4 (60)
R6-9: sc 60
R10: [dec, sc 8] x6 (54)
FO, weave in tail.

Hair

With blue
The entire hair piece is made using loop stitches. A tutorial is directly after this hair section.
CAUTION: Every person's tension is different. The loop stitch often changes people's tension. Frequently put the hair on your doll to see if it is fitting. If it is too large, do not do one of the increase rounds. Judge how long you like the hair. Omit rounds at the end if it is too long.
R1: MR lpst 6
R2: lpst inc x6 (12)
R3: [lpst inc, lpst 1] x6 (18)
R4: [lpst inc, lpst 2] x6 (24)
R5: [lpst inc, lpst 3] x6 (30)
R6: lpst 2, [lpst inc, lpst 4] x5, lpst inc, lpst 2 (36)
R7: [lpst inc, lpst 5] x6 (42)
R8: lpst 3, [lpst inc, lpst 6] x5, lpst inc, lpst 3 (48)

R9: [lpst inc, lpst 7] x6 (54)
R10-20: lpst 54
FO, leave 24" tail. Use tail to sew to head.

Special Stitch: Loop Stitch - lpst

There are many ways to make a loop stitch. You can watch tutorials on the internet. I will attempt to show you the way I do them. Use whichever method is most comfortable for you!
Wrap yarn around your finger…insert hook into stitch, working clockwise, wrap yarn around back strand and cross over front strand, release back strand and grab front strand, pull through stitch, yo, pull through both stitches on hook.

Normal front side of work...   loop stitch front side of work

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Ears – make 2

With skin color
R1: MR 6, do not join
R2: ch 1, turn, hdc inc x6 (12)
FO, leave 8" tail. Use tail to sew to sides of head.
With black, stitch eyebrows.
Blush cheeks.

Suspenders – make 2

With red
Ch 40, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc 38 (39)
FO, leave 8" tail. Use tail to sew suspenders to front of pants. Position suspenders over shoulders, stitch other end to back of pants.

Bow Tie

With yellow
R1: ch 30, join with sl st to first ch, sc 30
R2-6: sc 30
FO, leave 24" tail.
Wrap tail tightly around center of bow several times creating bow center. Tie tightly.
If desired, sew 5mm pony beads to bow tie.
Stitch bow tie to neck.

Buttons – make 2

With pink

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R1: MR sc 6, join with sl st
FO, leave 8" tail. Use tail to sew buttons to shirt.

Shirt Flower

With blue
R1: MR sc 7
Change to orange.
R2: [ch 6, sl st in same st, sl st in next st] x7
FO, leave 8" tail. Use tail to sew to shirt.

Hat

With orange
R1: MR sc 6
R2: inc x6 (12)
R3: [inc, sc 1] x6 (18)
R4: [inc, sc 2] x6 (24)
R5: [inc, sc 3] x6 (30)
R6: sc 2, [inc, sc 4] x5, inc, sc 2 (36)
R7-10: sc 36
Change to purple.
R11-12: sc 36
Change to orange.
R13: FLO [inc, sc 1] x18 (54)
R14: sc 54
FO, leave 18" tail. Stuff. Use tail to sew to top of hair.

Hat Flower

With yellow
R1: MR sc 6
R2: sc 6, join, FO
Join white
R3: [ch 6, sl st in same st, sl st to next st] x6
FO, do not leave long tail.

Hat Flower Back

With green
R1: MR sc 6
R2: [inc, sc 1] x3 (9)
FO, leave 10" tail.
Fold green pipe cleaner in half, twist it firmly the length of the wire.
Place one end of pipe cleaner between Hat Flower and Hat Flower Back.
Use tail from Hat Flower Back to stitch back to flower. Make sure to secure pipe cleaner.
Push pipe cleaner into top of hat.

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Cut 30-35 small circles of different colors of felt. They do not have to
be perfect or the same size as each other. Glue or sew to pants.
or make polka dots with yarn:
MR 5, join & FO
Make as many as you like in different colors. Sew to pants.

Balloon Dog

With red fine weight yarn and B hook

Body

R1: MR sc 6
R2: inc x6 (12)
R3: [inc, sc 1] x6 (18)
R4-16: sc 18
R17: [dec, sc 1] x6 (12)
Stuff.
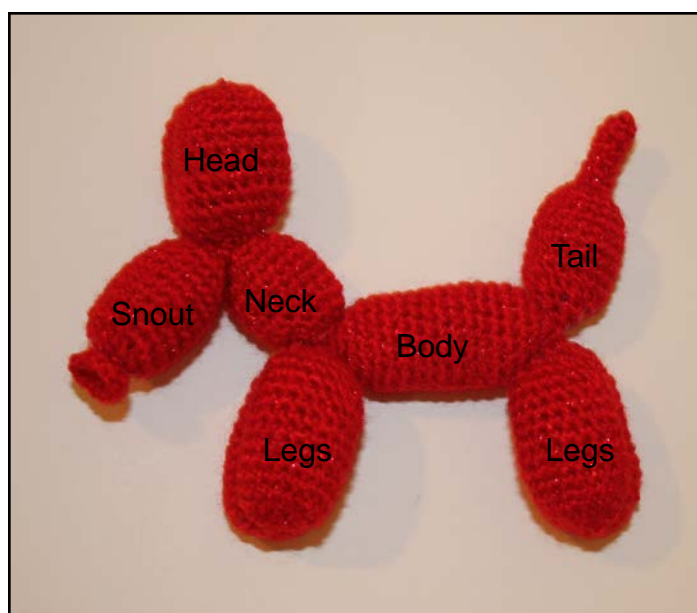R18: dec x6 (6)
FO, hide tail.

legs – make 4

R1: MR sc 6
R2: inc x6 (12)
R3: [inc, sc 1] x6 (18)
R4-13: sc 18
R14: [dec, sc 1] x6 (12)
Stuff.
R15: dec x6 (6)
FO, leave 12" tail. Use tail to stitch 2 leg tops together, and 2 leg bottoms together,
creating one leg section for 2 legs. (2 total leg sections will be made)
Stitch leg sections to either end of body.

Neck

R1: MR sc 6
R2: inc x6 (12)
R3: [inc, sc 1] x6 (18)
R4-9: sc 18
R10: [dec, sc 1] x6 (12)
Stuff.
R11: dec x6 (6)
FO, leave 12" tail. Use tail to stitch neck to body.

Snout

R1: MR sc 6
R2: inc x6 (12)
R3: [inc, sc 1] x6 (18)
R4-11: sc 18
R12: [dec, sc 1] x6 (12)
Stuff.
R13: dec x6 (6)
R14: inc x6 (12)
R15: sc 12
FO, leave 12" tail. Use tail to gather and pull tightly at R13.
Stitch to neck.

Head – make 2

R1: MR sc 6
R2: inc x6 (12)
R3: [inc, sc 1] x6 (18)
R4-11: sc 18
R12: [dec, sc 1] x6 (12)
Stuff.
R13: dec x6 (6)
FO, leave 12" tail. Use tail to stitch ear sections together at top and bottom.
Stitch ear section to head.

Tail

R1: MR sc 6
R2-7: sc 6
R8: inc x6 (12)
R9: [inc, sc 1] x6 (18)
R10-16: sc 18
R17: [dec, sc 1] x6 (12)
Stuff.
R18: dec x6
FO, leave 12" tail. Use tail to sew tail to body.

Cut 12" wire.
Wrap white yarn tightly around wire the full length.
Use glue (hot glue works great) to fasten ends.
Stick one end in balloon dog and

the other end on front of hand and into foot.
Stitch fingers on
hand closed around
wire.

Congratulations!

Your friend is now complete and ready for play or display. I hope you enjoyed using this pattern to make your doll. I would love to see pictures of your finished dolls!!
Note: Be careful when giving your finished plush to young ones. Your amigurumi now contains small parts and pieces. If these pieces were to come off, they could pose a choking hazard to small children and pets.

Additional Information

I am happy to answer any questions or try to help while you are making your amigurumi toy. Please feel free to contact me at mary@madebymary.biz.
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