

Sammy the Hedgehog : a Warm Fuzzies original pattern



*Sammy's a mischievous little hedgehog specially designed to accompany Rebecca Velasquez's "Shroom" pattern, available at <http://www.crochetme.com/shroom>. *Note: Sammy is worked in the back loops only of a round, in one continuous spiral; do not join the rounds unless specifically instructed to do so.*

Materials

- small portion of sport weight beige yarn (e.g. , Red Heart LusterSheen Yarn in natural)
- dark brown six-strand embroidery floss
- 2 black "E" beads for eyes
- 1 6 mm round black bead
- wool or fiberfill stuffing
- size 1 (2.75 mm) steel crochet hook

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Body

R1: Using beige yarn, make a magic adjustable ring, and sc 5 times into the loop. Pull end to tighten loop. (Note: instructions for this technique are available on the internet at the following website - http://www.crochetme.com/Dec_Jan_0405/reads_round.html).

R2: 2 sc in each sc around (10 sts)

R3: Work *2 sc in next sc, 1 sc in next sc* around (15 sts)

R4: Work *2 sc in next sc, 1 sc in each of next 2 sc* around (20 sts)

R5-6: sc in each sc around (20 sts)

R7: Work *2 sc in next sc, 1 sc in each of next 10 sc* around (22 sts)

R8-9: sc in each sc around (22 sts)

R10: sc 2 tog, 1 sc in each of next 2 sc, sc 2 tog, 1 sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog, 1 sc in each of next 3 sc, sc 2 tog, 1 sc in next 2 sc, sc 2 tog, 1 sc in next 2 sc (17 sts). Stuff the body firmly with fiberfill, and continue stuffing as you go.

R11: Work *sc 2 tog, 1 sc in each of next 2 sc* around, 1 sc in last sc (13 sts)

R12-13: sc in each sc around (13 sts)

R14: sc 2 tog around, 1 sc in last sc (7 sts)

R15: sc 2 tog around, 1 sc in last sc (4 sts)

R16: sc 2 tog around (2 sts). Fasten off and weave in yarn end.



Ear (make 2, crochet through both loops)

R1: ch 2, 2 sc in second ch from hook, turn (2 sts)

R2: sc in first sc, 2 sc in next sc (3 sts) Fasten off.

Spikey Pom-pom balls (make 2)

Holding the dark brown embroidery floss and beige yarn together, wrap yarn and floss loosely around your index and middle fingers 50-70 times, depending on how full you want Sammy's spikes to be. Cut off yarn and floss ends.

Slip a 6" to 8" length of dark brown embroidery floss all the way around the wrapped yarn and floss, like a belt. Tie a knot with the embroidery floss, and slip the yarn and floss bundle off of your fingers while pulling the knot tight, cinching the "waist" of the bundle. Continue to pull tightly as you complete the double knot.

While firmly holding the ends to the knot you just tied, use scissors to cut through all of the loops on the pom-pom. You will now have a loose, shapeless yarn and floss ball. Continue to use the scissors to snip off bits of yarn and floss to trim and shape the pom-pom until you're satisfied. I cut the pom-pom balls slightly unevenly, to give Sammy a spikier look.



Finishing

Position the pom-pom balls toward the back of Sammy's body (the round end), leaving about 1.5 to 2 cm near the pointed end for his face. Thread a needle through the ends of the embroidery floss knot, and attach the pom-poms to the body.

Position the ears in front of the pom-pom balls, and attach them in the 1:00 and 11:00 positions. Weave in all ends.

Sew a 6 mm round black bead to the pointed tip of the body. The starting and ending knots should come from behind the ears so that the bead is deeply embedded into the crochet body. Position and attach the two E beads for eyes.