



## Bad Hair Day Finger Puppet

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A fun little puppet to stimulate conversation, imagination and creativity as a child plays and talks with the puppet.



### Materials and Equipment

- Scraps of DK (sport, #3) acrylic yarn in brown, dark brown and a bright colour for the body
- Tiny amount of pink yarn for mouth
- 3 mm/ US D crochet hook
- Yarn needle
- Stitch marker (optional)

### NOTES:

Weave in ends as work progresses

The pattern is worked in rounds from the top down without joining

Gauge is not important but 5 sc and 5 rows = 1 inch approx.

### Abbreviations

Note: Pattern uses American terminology

| American           | British            |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| slipstitch(sl st)  | single crochet(sc) |
| single crochet(sc) | double crochet(dc) |

### Special Stitch:

**Sc dec** = single crochet decrease (insert hook into next stitch, yarn over and draw through. Insert hook into next stitch, yarn over and draw through. Yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook)

## Instructions:

### HEAD & BODY

With brown, make a magic ring (Alt: ch 4 and join into a ring with a slip stitch. Work the first round over the tail and then pull to make the ring smaller)

**Rnd 1:** Work 6 sc into ring (do not join here and throughout)

**Rnd 2:** 2 sc in each sc around (12 sc)

**Rnd 3:** \*sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc\*. Rep. from \* to \* 3 times (16 sc)

**Rnd 4:** sc in each sc around (16 sc)

**Rnd 5:** Rep rnd 4

**Rnd 6:** Rep rnd 4

**Rnd 7:** \*sc in each of next 2 sc, sc dec over next 2 sc\*. Rep from \* to \* 3 times (12 sc)

**Rnd 8:** \*sc in next sc, sc dec over next 2 sc. Rep from \* to \* 3 times (8 sc). On last stitch, change to body colour

**Rnd 9:** Using body colour, 2 sc in each sc around (16 sc)

**Rnd 10:** sc in each sc around

**Rnds 11-15:** Rep rnd 10. Fasten off and weave in end.

### ARMS

Join body colour with sl st around the post of any sc in the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the body. Ch 6. Sk 1<sup>st</sup> 2 ch, sc in 3<sup>rd</sup> ch from hook and each of next 3 ch. Sl st in same place on body as join. Fasten off. **Tip:** keep tension loose when working sc here to prevent the arms curling. Fasten off and weave in ends.

Make another arm on the opposite side of the body.

### HAIR

Cut 9 – 10 strands of dark brown yarn approx. 2.5 inches long.

Fold strand in half, insert hook around post of sc in the first row of the head, draw yarn at fold through st on hook to form a loop, draw cut ends through loop on hook, pull gently to secure.

Rep. with remaining strands around 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> rows of head at random. Cut ends to equal lengths.

### FACE

Embroider eyes with dark brown yarn in satin stitch as shown. Make a V stitch for the mouth with a scrap of pink yarn.

## Variation:

Change the body colour and hair length to create unique and individual finger puppets.



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