

Maisha

99% homemade :-)



Crocheted toy eyes

Many patterns for stuffed animals and toys will suggest using plastic eyes, which is fine. I do however prefer the homemade yarn variety :-)

So I made these patterns – a set of manga inspired eyes in two different sizes and methods, and one set of white eyes with pupils.

They may be made in any type of yarn that goes with your toy or garment. To the right you can see examples made using worsted weight wool (top two photos) and cotton sock yarn (bottom photo).

I use them for homemade toys and teddies or as replacement eyes when the dog eats the plastic ones ;-). I always sew them on with strong sewing thread, because it has the nicest results.

You will need:

- Black yarn
- White yarn
- Crochet needle
- Black or white sewing thread
- Wool needle and regular needle

Abbreviations:

- sl st = slip stitch
- ch = chain
- sc = single crochet
- dc = double crochet

Note: patterns use American crochet terms.



Manga eyes, large

I made these eyes after one of my dogs ate Pikachu's eyes and my youngest son was devastated. They are made of worsted weight wool using a 4,5 mm crochet needle. For a slightly smaller version you can use a round of sl st instead of round 2, or use a lighter weight of yarn, of course :-)



1. With black, make a magic ring and ch 3 in the ring.



2. 9 dc in ring – leave last 2 loops on hook.



3. Change to white yarn and pull through the last loops.



4. 2 dc in ring – leave last two loops on hook.



5. Change to black and pull through the last loops. Pull the magic ring tight and weave in end.



5. End round with sl st. Round 2: ch 1. *2 sc in first dc, 1 sc in next* around. Break yarn and pull through last st.



7. Thread a needle with the yarn end and go under both loops of the first sc of round 2.



8. Bring the yarn end back through the middle of the last sc of round 2 as shown in photo. Weave in ends.



Manga eyes, small

This variety only differs slightly from the large ones – they are made in one round only, so they are just a tad smaller. They are great for small toys if made using sock yarn. Mine were made using cotton yarn and a 3 mm crochet needle.



1. Using black yarn, make a magic ring and ch 3 in the ring.



2. 9 dc in ring.



3. Change to white and pull up loop, go through ring and pull up loop. 3 loops on hook.



4. Pull up loop again and go through the 2 white loops. 2 loops on hook now.



5. Pull up a loop **with black yarn** and go through both loops on hook.



6. Using white yarn again, repeat steps 3 and 4.



7. Repeat step 5.



8. Break yarn and pull through last st. Pull the ring tight and weave in end.



9. Thread a needle with the yarn end and go under both loops of the first sc of round 2.



8. Bring the yarn end back through the middle of the last sc of round 2 as shown in photo. Weave in ends.

This is what the finished eye should look like before sewing on to toy.

And this is the eye on a tiny penguin teddy :-)

White eyes with pupils

I think these eyes have a super cute and innocent look :-) I made them for ladybug slippers, which were meant to have plastic eyes, but I just prefer the crochet ones. They are a little bulky and may look slightly odd up close, but they are really great for shoes :-) I made these using worsted weight yarn and a 3 mm needle, because they had to be small to fit the shoe.



1. Using white yarn, make a magic ring and ch 3 in the ring.

2. 11 dc in ring. Break yarn and pull through last st.

3. Pull the ring tight and weave in end. Set aside.



4. Using black yarn, make a magic ring and ch 1.

5. 5 sc in ring. Break yarn and pull through last st.

6. Pull ring tight and weave in end.



7. Thread a needle with the yarn end and go under both loops of the first sc of round.



8. Bring the yarn end back through the middle of the last sc of round. Weave in ends.



9. The white eye and the pupil are now just about ready to be stitched together.



10. Close the white circle in the same manner as the black one above. Do **not** weave in end. Leave yarn end on needle



11. Place pupil on top of white eye – not in the middle but towards the edge – and bring the needle through both layers to the front at the edge of the pupil.



12. Bring the yarn around the needle twice close the the pupil.



13. Go through both layers again a few mm to the side.



14. Weave in ends and you're done.



This is sooo cute on slippers :-)

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