



My Foxy Valentine – Emma Varnam

Size: Approx 10cm tall

You will need: Oddments of DK yarn in (Rico Design Essential Cotton DK) Red Brick 72 (A) and White 80 (B)
1x 3mm crochet hook
9mm plastic safety eyes with backing
1 x 8mm black bead
A small amount of beads or pulses.
1 x Tapestry Needle
Fibrefill or stuffing of choice

Abbreviations:

dc=double crochet, R =round,
dc2tog=decrease 2 crochet
stitches together, ch st=chain stitch
(Pattern uses UK dc in the US substitute
for stitch for sc)

Tips:

Work in continuous rounds, do not join or turn unless otherwise instructed. When you have completed R20, place a small circle of cardboard the same size as the base at the bottom of the fox and then place a few beads or pulses in the base, then start stuffing the body of the fox. At R32 insert the eyes. This is so much easier than later when you have very few stitches.

Directions:

TAIL

Using (B) and a 3mm hook make a magic adjustable ring.

R1: Work 4 dc into the ring and pull to tighten.

R2: 2dc into each dc around (8sts)

R3: Work 1rnd (8sts)

Change yarn to (A)

R4: *dc3, 2dc in next dc* rep once.
(10sts)

Work 4 rounds.

R9: *dc3, dc2tog * rep once (8sts)

Work 5 rounds.

R14: dc2, dc3tog *rep once (6st)

Work 1 round

Fasten off. Stuff tail and fold opening in half.

BODY

Using (A) a 3mm hook make a magic adjustable ring.

R1: Work 6 dc into the ring and pull to tighten.

R2: 2 dc into each of dc around (12 sts)

R3: *dc 1, 2dc in next dc * rep 6 times
(18 sts)

R4: *dc 2, 2dc in next dc * rep 6 times
(24 sts)

R5: *dc 3, 2dc in next dc * rep 6 times
(30 sts)

R6: Through back loops only dc (30 sts)
Place marker

R7- Place tail: From marker dc 6 sts, work through 2st at the top of the tail and the next dc of body, rep twice, dc 21 sts to end (30 sts)

Work 24 rounds.

R32: *dc4, dc2tog * rep 4 times (25 sts)

R33: *dc3, dc2tog * rep 4 times (20 sts)

R34: *dc2, dc2tog * rep 4 times (15 sts)

R35: *dc1, dc2tog * rep 4 times (10 sts)

R36: * dc2tog * rep 4 times (5 sts)

Fasten off leaving a long tail of yarn. Stuff the remaining part of the nose and then thread the yarn through the remaining stitches and gather together.

EARS (Make 2)

Using (A) and 3mm hook make a magic adjustable ring.

R1: Work 3 dc into the ring and pull to tighten.

R2: 2dc into each dc around (6sts)

R3: *dc1, 2dc in next dc * rep twice
(9sts)

R4: *dc2, 2dc in next dc * rep twice (12 sts)

R5: Work 1 round (12 sts)

Fasten off and fold the ear in half.

TO FINISH OFF

Fold the top of the body down at approx R29, with the eyes uppermost. Sew the pointed nose to the body and then sew a bead to the nose. Sew both ears firmly to the top of the head.

Sew the tail to the side of the body. Then write a little note on a piece of paper and slip it between the tail and the body.

