

Tuto Totoro Tawashi

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What you'll need:

- A 3,5mm hook.
- a wool needle to tuck in the threads and embroider the details.
- two thread of different colors, less than a skein each + black thread for the details (eyes, nose, etc..). In this case, I used for the white thread some Drops Cotton Light, and for the blue parts some Coton Fifty from Bergère de France doubled (I crocheted two threads together because it was too thin).

Abbreviations:

sc: single crochet
 dc: double crochet
 ss: slip stitch

For the belly, with white thread:

1. In a magic loop make chain three and then make 10 dc, close with a ss.

WATCH OUT: for the remainder of the belly, we hook in a spiral, which means that rows are not closed with a ss.

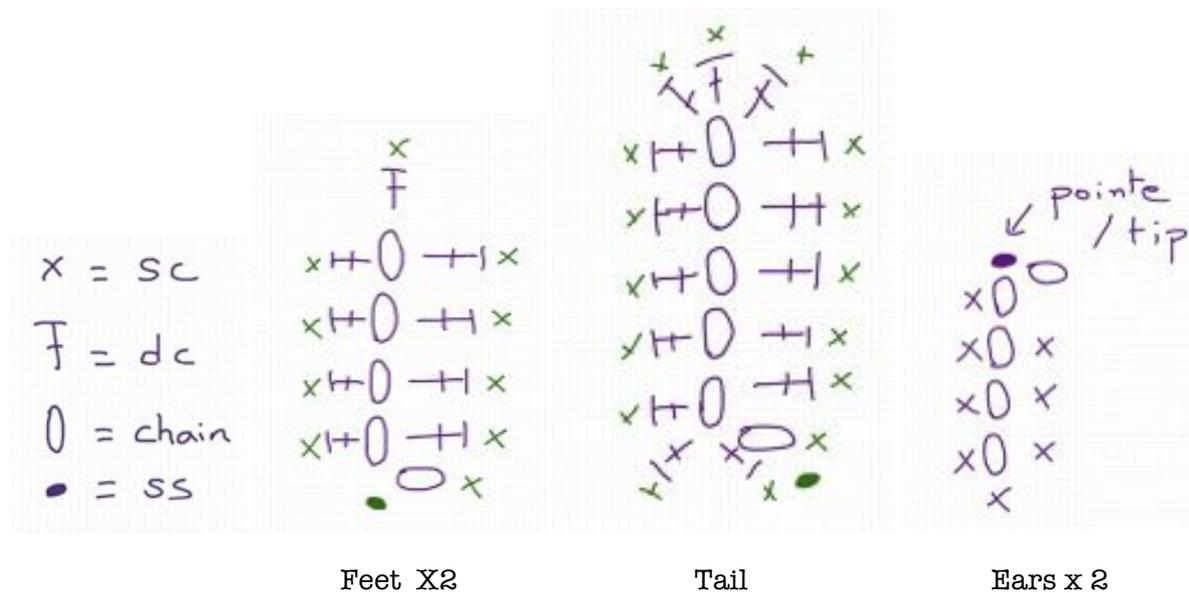
2. 2 sc in each dc= 22 stitches.
3. *1 sc, 2sc in 1 sc* x 11 = 33.
4. *2 sc, 2sc in 1sc* x 11 = 44.
5. *3 sc, 2sc in 1 sc* x 11 = 55.
6. *4 sc, 2sc in 1 sc* x 11 = 66.
7. 1 sc in each sc, close with 1 ss. Cut the thread.

With the blue thread:

1. Make 42 sc (1 sc in each sc) along your circle. Turn your work around.
2. Chain 1, start working in the 4th loop from your hook (this makes a decrease at the beginning of the row), make 39 sc. Turn.
3. Chain 1, start working in the 4th loop from your hook, make 34 sc, ss to close, cut thread.
4. On this last row count 10 sc, crochet 15 sc in the next 15 sc, you have 10 sc left from row 3. Turn.
5. Chain 1, start working in the 3rd loop from your hook, crochet 13 sc, turn.
6. Chain 1, start working in the 3rd loop from your hook, crochet 11 sc, turn.
7. Chain 1, start working in the 3rd loop from your hook, crochet 9 sc, turn.
8. Chain 1, start working in the 3rd loop from your hook, crochet 7 sc, do NOT turn.
9. To nicely finish the body of your Totoro, with your work facing up, make a sc border all around. In most cases you'll be crocheting in the existing sc from the

previous rows, otherwise just stick your hook where you can. Close with a ss, cut the thread.

The rest of the explanations are with pics, sorry they are not very pretty, but they serve their purpose I hope...



Ears : when you tuck the thread in, try to make a pointed shape to make the tip of the ear.

Eyes: Chain 4 tightly with the white thread, close with a ss. Embroider the pupil with the black thread.

Embroider the triangular shapes on Totoro's belly. Stitch the eyes, embroider the nose and whiskers.

Stitch the feet, tail and ears.

To hang your Totoro to dry:

Stick your crochet between Totoro's ears, chain 18 tightly, end with a ss also between Totoro's ears. Cut the thread and tuck it in.

Here you are you should now have a nice Totoro Tawashi, I hope you had fun making it!

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