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“I love yarn because it allows me to do so many different creative things... whether it's crocheting or knitting, or even weaving or making pom-poms, yarn is the perfect material for expressing myself and making just about anything. From soft baby blankets and luxurious sweaters to pot holders or amigurumi -- yarn allows you to do it all!”



Crochets

These crobots (crochet robots) are so easy to make, they're a perfect project for beginning crocheters. They're made from simple rectangle pieces and embellished with felt and small hardware to give them tons of charm. The best part? Each one can be completed in just a couple hours, so you can make the whole family in no time. Have fun!

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What You'll Need



- 1 skein worsted-weight yarn
- crochet hook in a size to give you a tight gauge
- craft felt
- miscellaneous small hardware, including screws, hex nuts, little gear thingies, and little loop thingies on screws (just browse the hardware store and find pieces that look interesting)
- black embroidery floss
- sewing needle and thread
- fiber-fill stuffing
- yarn needle
- glue



EASY

Gauge

Exact gauge is not important for this project; however, be sure to use a crochet hook that is small enough so that your stitches will be tight and no stuffing will show through the finished pieces.

***NOTE** The small metal pieces on these crobots mean these are not safe for little kids, as they could be a choking hazard. Crobots are toys for grown-ups!*

1. Make the bodies

BACK

Chain 20. Single crochet in the second chain from the hook and into each chain across.

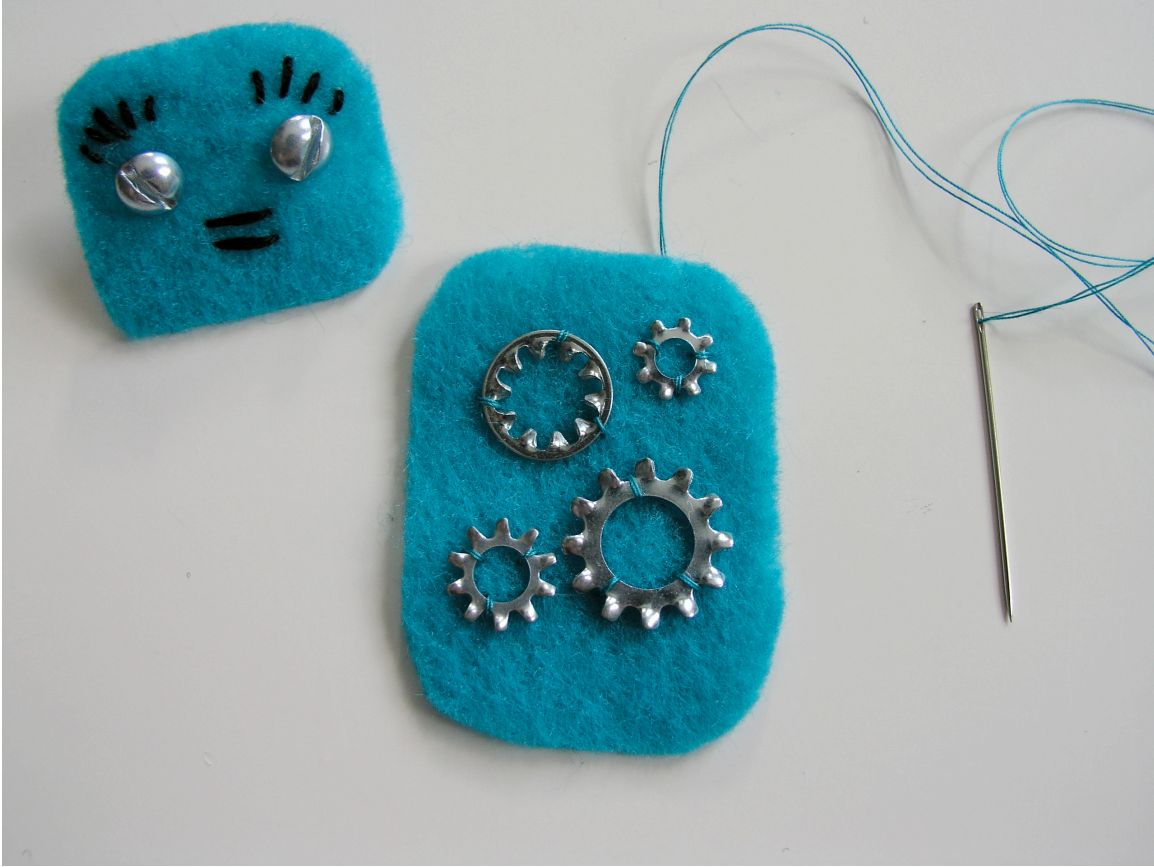
Row 1: Chain 1, turn, and single crochet into each stitch below.

Work all remaining rows as Row 1, until piece measures 2". Fasten off.

FRONT

Work as the back, but do not fasten off after work measures 2". Instead, continue working around all four sides of the piece, making one single crochet into each stitch or end of row around each side. Continue working in rounds in a continuous spiral until your sides are 1 1/4" deep. Fasten off, leaving a long tail (this will be used later to seam the Front and Back together).

2. Make the face and belly



Cut two pieces of colored felt in square or rectangle shapes with rounded corners. Stitch little gear hardware onto the belly piece, using sewing thread and a sewing needle. For the face, pierce the felt with small scissors or a seam ripper, then insert two screws for eyes. With black embroidery floss, embroider simple straight-line features like a mouth and eyelashes or eyebrows. Remove the screw-eyes for now and set them aside.

3. Make the arms and legs (skip this step if making the baby robot)

Next, cut 2 strips of felt 1/2" wide and 4" long each for the arms, and 2 strips 1/2" wide and 5" for the legs. You'll also need 4 hex nuts.

Thread one piece of felt through each nut, folding the felt in half so it's doubled. With matching thread and a sewing needle, sew the two layers of felt together from the nut to the end of the felt. Leave the thread and needle attached.

4. Attach the parts

Sew the face and belly to the front of the robot body, then sew each arm and leg to the body using the same thread you used to sew up the felt arms/legs.

5. Finishing

Finally, sew the back of the body to the front/sides using the long tail and a yarn needle. Stuff the body firmly with fiberfill before completing the seam, then fasten off and weave in the yarn tail.

Insert the screw eyes into the face and a loop-screw thing into the top of each head, placing a dab of glue onto the screw part of each item before inserting it into the fabric/yarn.

For more information:

<http://www.iloveyarnday.org/>

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