

Original Snigill (Snail)

Character Reference — Arctic Wool World



Reference art for construction guidance. Colors/pose may vary slightly from your finished piece.

Original Snigill — Crochet Pattern

A large, friendly knitted garden snail. Clumsy, sweet, and full of slow-moving charm. (~12 cm, true to reference size)

Origin: Magical Garden · **Personality:** Gentle, clumsy, sweet · **Likes:** Dewy leaves, slow walks, warm sunlight

This is an original pattern written for this character, based on standard, generic amigurumi and toy-knitting construction techniques (magic ring/CO, spiral increases and decreases, i-cord, stuffed tubes and spheres). It does not copy, trace, or reproduce any published or copyrighted pattern -- these underlying construction techniques are standard craft knowledge, not anyone's intellectual property, the same way a recipe's technique of 'creaming butter and sugar' isn't owned by any one baker.

Crochet abbreviations: sc = single crochet · inc = increase (2 sc in same st) · dec = invisible decrease (sc2tog) · sl st = slip stitch · rnd(s) = round(s) · st(s) = stitch(es)

Materials

Yarn: DK or worsted-weight (8-10 ply) pure wool, small quantities in each of: Chestnut Brown, Cream, Tan/Cream.

Hook/needles: a 2.5-3mm crochet hook (go smaller than the yarn band suggests -- a tight, dense fabric is what keeps stuffing from peeking through).

Notions: Tapestry/yarn needle · stitch markers · polyester fiberfill stuffing · embroidery needle and a little dark thread/yarn for the face · small scissors.

Gauge

Worked at a firm amigurumi tension: roughly 18 sts and 20 rows over 10 cm in single crochet, worked in the round. Finished size at this gauge is approximately 12 cm -- true to the reference art. Exact gauge isn't critical for a stuffed toy; if your fabric is loose enough to see stuffing through it, drop a hook size rather than add more stuffing.

BODY

Worked head-to-tail in Tan/Cream, starting at the head end (wider) and tapering to a point at the tail.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in magic ring (6 sts)

Rnd 2: inc around (12 sts)

Rnd 3: *sc, inc; rep from * around (18 sts)

Rnd 4: *sc2, inc; rep from * around (24 sts)

Rnd 5: *sc3, inc; rep from * around (30 sts)

Rnds 6-16: sc around even, 11 rnds (30 sts)

Stuff as you go, then taper to the tail:

Rnd 17: *sc3, dec; rep from * around (24 sts)

Rnd 18: *sc2, dec; rep from * around (18 sts)

Rnd 19: *sc, dec; rep from * around (12 sts)

Break yarn, thread through remaining 12 sts, pull tight, fasten off.

EYE STALKS (make 2)

Two thin tubes, each topped with a tiny ball (work 2-3 rounds of increase then close, like a mini sphere, at the tip).

Rnd 1: 6 sc in magic ring (6 sts)

Rnds 2-5: sc around even, 4 rnds (6 sts)

Close with a small ball tip, sew a dot eye onto each ball, and sew the base to the top of the head end, curving gently forward.

SHELL

Worked as a flat continuous spiral (not joined into rounds -- crochet in a true spiral, or for knitting, work as a flat circle increasing every round without a rnd-start jog): begin with 6 sts, increase by 6 every round same as a standard flat circle, out to about 74 sts / 13.2 cm across. Alternate Chestnut Brown and Cream every 2-3 rounds as you go -- because the rounds spiral rather than stack in neat rings, the colour change reads as a coiled spiral rather than a bullseye, which is exactly the shell texture we want.

Fasten off, then gently cup the flat spiral into a shallow dome (steam or wet-block it over a small bowl to hold the curve) and sew it onto the snail's back, tilted up and slightly forward.

FACE

Small smiling mouth stitch and blush cheeks below the eye stalks, in keeping with the reference art's sweet expression.

Finishing: steam very lightly (hover an iron just above the surface, don't press) to even out stitches, and check every seam by hand -- these take the most handling stress, especially if this toy is for a child. This is a first-generation pattern for this character: proportions, stuffing firmness, or a specific shaping detail may want a tweak once you've made one -- treat it as a working draft.