Echidna Pincushion

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Pattern requirements

8 ply yarn (two shades of brown) (Double knitting yarn)
3.5mm crochet hook (Australian) 9 (English) E-4 (American)
Stuffing
Tapestry needle

Abbreviations used

sl st – slip stitch
dc = double crochet (Australian) or single crochet (American)
tr = treble (Australian) or double crochet (American)
rep = repeat
inc = increase
dec = decrease
cast off = end

Method

Body (starting at snout)

Using lighter brown yarn, Ch 3, sl st into first st to form ring

R1: ch 2, 4 dc into ring, sl st into ch to form round

R2: ch 2, dc to end, sl st into 2nd ch

R3: ch 2, dc, *2 dc into next dc (inc.), dc to end, sl st into 2nd ch

R4: ch 2, dc 1, inc. in next 4 dc, dc t o end, sl st into 2nd ch

R5: ch 2, 3 dc, inc. in each dc until last 3, 3 dc, sl st into 2nd ch

R6: ch 2, *2 dc, inc.*, rep. 5 times, dc to end, sl st into 2nd ch

R7: ch 2, dc to end, sl st into 2nd ch

R8: ch 2, *2 dc, inc.*, rep. 5 times, dc to end, sl st into 2nd ch

R9-10: ch 2, 5 dc, 10 tr, dc to end, sl st into 2nd ch

R11-16: ch 2, dc to end

Stuff

R17-19: (working on the round) dec

Stuff

Continue dec on the round until no more stitches.

Cast off.

Spine area

Using darker brown yarn, ch 14

R1: dc to end, turn (12 st)

R2: inc. 5 dc, inc. 5 dc, inc, turn

R3: inc, 6 dc, inc. 6 dc, inc., turn

R4-12: dc to end, turn

R13-14: dec., *dc 2, dec* rep to end

Cast off

Feet (make 4)

Using lighter brown yarn, ch 3, form ring

R1-2: ch 2, dc to end

Cast off, leaving enough yarn to sew foot on.

Assembly

Sew spine area onto back of body. Sew on feet. Using dark brown yarn, sew two eyes, threading the end through the snout before cutting off and tie knot to make tongue.