Shandun Squirrel

Cascade 220® Sport

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Crochet Pattern S141 - Intermediate

Finished Measurements: approx. 8.5” tall by 4” across at widest point.

Materials:

Cascade 220® Sport – 100% Peruvian Highland Wool, 164 yds (150 m), 1.75 oz (50 g)

Colors:

- 8885 Dark Plum – 1 skein
- 1016 Bordeaux – 1 skein

Tools:

- US size D-3 (3.25) crochet hook
- US size E-4 (3.50 mm) crochet hook
- Black embroidery thread
- 10 mm safety eyes
- 12-gauge aluminum craft wire
- Wire cutters
- Round needle-nose pliers
- Slicker brush
- Polyfill
- 18-gauge floral wire (optional for glasses)
- Stitch markers
- Yarn needle

Body:

1016 Bordeaux

R1: MR + 8 sc (8 sc)

R2: Increase in each st around (16 sc)

R3: (sc, inc) x8 (24 sc)

R4: (2 sc, inc) x8 (32 sc)

R5: (3 sc, inc) x8 (40 sc)

Abbreviations:

Ch - Chain
FO - Finish off
MR - Magic Ring
R - Round
Sc(s) - Single crochet(s)
Sl st - Slip stitch
Sk - Skip
St(s) - Stitch(es)
TW - Turn work

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R6: (4 sc, inc) x8 (48 sc)

R7: BLO, sc around (48 sc)

R8-11: Sc around (48 sc)

Lightly stuff body.

R12: (3 sc, dec) x8 (40 sc)

R13: (2 sc, dec) x8 (32 sc)

R14-26: Sc around (32 sc)

R27: (sc, dec) x8 (24 sc)

R28-29: Sc around (24 sc)

R30: Decrease around (16 sc)

Add more stuffing to body.

Neck:

R31-32: Sc in each st (16 sc)

R33: Decrease around (8 sc)

FO, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Head:

R1: MR + 6 sc (6 sc)

R2: Increase around (12 sc)

R3: (2 sc, inc) x4 (16 sc)

R4: (3 sc, inc) x4 (20 sc)

R5-6: Sc in each st (20 sc)

R7: (4 sc, inc) x4 (24 sc)

R8: (5 sc, inc) x4 (28 sc)

R9: (6 sc, inc) x4 (32 sc)

R10: (7 sc, inc) x4 (36 sc)

R11-16: Sc in each st (36 sc)

R17: (4 sc, dec) x6 (30 sc)

R18: (3 sc, dec) x6 (24 sc)

R19: (2 sc, dec) x6 (18 sc)

R20: (sc, dec) x6 (12 sc)

R21: Dec around (6 sc)

Nose:

8885 Dark Plum

Using the center of the narrow tip on the Head, embroider a triangular-shaped nose 4 sts and 2 sts down.

Embroider Shandun Squirrel's 4 mouth sts across.

View pictures for reference.

Eye Base:

8885 Dark Plum

R1: Ch 7. In second chain from the hook: inc, 4 sc, 3 sc in last ch. You should have 9 sc.

Note: Be sure to place a stitch marker in the first sc of each round.

TW. Continue with 5 sc. Crochet over tail to eliminate having to weave it in later. You should have 14 sc in total.

R2: 7 sc. In 8th st, place 3 sc. Continue with sc in remaining 6 sts. You should have 16 sc in total.

R3: Sc in each st (16 sc)

R4: Increase around (32 sc)

FO, leaving a long tail for sewing

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Secure safety eyes on Eye Base, approximately 2-3 sts from Eye Base border.

Place the Eye Base on the Head between R9-10, spacing the safety eyes approximately 7 sts apart.

Once the eyes are in place, finish stuffing the head, FO, and weave in ends.

If desired, highlight the eyes with white embroidery thread.

Ears:

1016 Bordeaux

R1: Ch 6. In the second chain from the hook, 5 sc across. Ch 1, TW.

R2: 5 sc across. Ch 1, TW. (5 sc)

R3: 1 sc, dec, 2 sc (4 sc)

R4: 4 sc across. Ch 1, TW. (4 sc)

R5: 1 sc, dec, 1 sc. Ch 1. TW. (3 sc)

R6-7: 1 sc in each st (3 sc)

R8: 1 sc, dec (2 sc)

R9: dec, FO

With **8885 Dark Plum**, join with sl st near the middle of the ear.

Sc around until you reach the top of the ear. At the tip of the ear, work (sc, ch 1, sc).

Add 2 scs at the bottom corners of the ear.

FO, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Arms (Make 2):

R1: Starting with **8885 Dark Plum**, MR + 6 sc (6 sc)

R2: Sc in first 2 sts, inc, sc in next 2 sts, inc. (8 sc)

R3: Sc 3, inc; rep once. (10 sc)

R4-8: Sc in each st (10 sc)

Lightly stuff paw.

R9: sc, inc, 9 sc (12 sc), changing to **1016 Bordeaux** in the last st (12 sc)

R10-17: Sc in each st (12 sc)

Add more stuffing.

R18: (Sc 3, inc) 3 times. (15 sc)

R19-20: Sc in each st (15 sc)

Add remaining stuffing, taking care not to overfill. FO, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Tail:

8885 Dark Plum

R1: MR + 8 sc (8 sc)

R2: inc, sc, inc, sc, inc, 2 sc, inc (12 sc)

R3: inc, 2 sc, inc, 2 sc, inc, 3 sc, inc, sc (16 sc)

R4: 6 sc, inc, 7 sc, inc, sc (18 sc)

R5: 8 sc, inc, 8 sc, inc (20 sc)

R6-8: Sc in each st (20 sc)

R9: sc, inc, 19 sc (22 sc)

R10: (inc, sc) x11 (33 sc)

R11: Sc in each st (33 sc)

R12: (Sc 9, dec) 3 times (30 sc)

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R13: (Sc 13, dec) 2 times (28 sc)

R14: Sc in each st (28 sc)

R15: 7 sc, dec, 6 sc, dec, 5 sc, dec, 4 sc, dec (24 sc)

R16: Sc in each st (24 sc)

R17: 1 sc, dec, 18 sc, dec, sc (22 sc)

R18-20: Sc in each st (22 sc)

R21: (Sc 5, inc, sc 5) x2 (24 sc)

R22: (2 sc, inc) x6 (30 sc)

R23: 12 sc, inc, 14 sc, inc, sc (32 sc)

R24: Sc in each st (32 sc)

R25: (Sc 14, dec) x2 (30 sc)

R26: 6 sc, dec, 5 sc, dec, 6 sc, dec, 5 sc, dec (26 sc)

R27: (Sc 11, dec) x2 (24 sc)

R28: (Sc 10, dec) x2 (22 sc)

R29-36: Sc in each st (22 sc)

R37: 4 sc, dec, 3 sc, dec, 4 sc, dec, 3 sc, dec (18 sc)

R38: Sc in each st (18 sc)

Cut a 16-inch piece of aluminum craft wire and gently bend it into an upside-down U shape. Insert the wire into the tail, positioning the U-shaped bend near the top. Shape the wire as desired to create the tail's curve and position.

Add stuffing to the top of the tail to cover the wire. Continue adding small amounts of stuffing until the tail is lightly filled, taking care not to overstuff.

R39-42: Sc in each st (18 sc)

R43: 5 sc, dec, 6 sc, dec, 3 sc (16 sc)

R44-47: Sc in each st (16 sc)

Add the remaining stuffing. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Fuzz the tail with a slicker brush. Working in one direction, gently brush the tail to achieve the desired level of fluffiness.

Hind Legs:

1016 Bordeaux

R1: Ch 10. Sc in the 3rd ch from hook and in each of the next 6 ch. Work 3 sc in the last ch. Working on the opposite side of the foundation chain, sc in each of the next 7 ch. (18 sc)

R2: BLO, sc in each st (18 sc)

R3: Sc in each st (18 sc)

R4: (sc, inc) x9 (27 sc)

R5: Sc in each st (27 sc)

R6: 8 sc, dec, 12 sc, dec, 3 sc (25 sc)

R7: 7 sc, dec, 11 sc, dec, 3 sc (23 sc)

R8: 4 sc, dec, 2 sc, dec, 8 sc, dec, 3 sc (20 sc)

R9: (sc, dec) x6, 2 sc (14 sc)

R10: Sc in each st (14 sc)

R11: Decrease around (7 sc)

FO, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Hind Paw (Make 2):

8885 Dark Plum

R1: MR + 4 sc (4 sc)

R2: Increase around (8 sc)

R3-4: Sc in each st (8 sc)

R5: Sc, inc, 3 sc, inc, 2 sc (10 sc)

R6-7: Sc in each st (10 sc)

Tug on the starting tail to tighten the MR, then stuff the paw.

R8: Sl st. Turn the paw slightly and insert the hook through both sides to create the toes using the remaining sts: hdc, dc, dc, hdc, sl st. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Sew the Hind Paw to the bottom of the Hind Leg (the smaller end).

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With **1016 Bordeaux**, use the bottom of the squirrel as a guide and sew the Hind Leg to R14 of the Body. Attach only the side of the stitches closest to the body that were created by the BLO round in R2. See photos for placement.

Finishing Touches:

Belly Fur:

8885 Dark Plum

R1: Ch 12. Hdc in the 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across. (10 hdc)

R2-4: Hdc in each st. Ch 2, TW. (10 hdc)

R5: Hdc, dec, 7 hdc. Ch 2, TW. (9 hdc)

R6: Hdc in each st. Ch 2, TW. (9 hdc)

R7: Hdc, dec, 6 hdc. Ch 2, TW. (8 hdc)

R8: Hdc in each st. Ch 2, TW. (8 hdc)

R9: Hdc, dec, 5 hdc. Ch 2, TW. (7 hdc)

R10: Hdc in each st. Ch 2, TW. (7 hdc)

R11: Hdc, dec, 4 hdc. Ch 2, TW. (6 hdc)

R12: Hdc in each st. Ch 2, TW. (6 hdc)

R13: Hdc in each st. Ch 2, TW. (6 hdc)

R14: Hdc, dec, 3 hdc. Ch 2, TW. (5 hdc)

R15: Hdc in each st. Ch 2, TW. (5 hdc)

R16: Dec, hdc, dec (3 hdc)

Ch 1. Sl st around the perimeter of the belly to create a border. FO, leaving a long tail for sewing. Using a slicker brush, gently brush the belly fur until it reaches the desired level of fluffiness.

Head Stripe:

8885 Dark Plum

Ch 27. Hdc in the 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across. (25 hdc).

FO, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Sew the stripe between the eyes, 6 sts above the embroidered nose and down the back of Shandun Squirrel's head.

See picture for reference.

Glasses (optional):

To create Shandun's glasses, cut a 10-inch piece of 18-gauge floral wire. Bend approximately 2 inches of wire at one end to form the first arm. Using a crochet hook, chopstick, or pen as a guide, shape the wire into two circular lenses connected by a 1-inch bridge, measuring approximately 2.5 inches wide across the front. Bend another 2 inches at the opposite end to form the second arm, trimming any excess wire as needed. Finally, gently curve the ends of the arms to complete the spectacles.

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