Teeny Tiny Lobsters



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Materials: 1 3.75 mm (F) hook 7-8 yds of scrap worsted weight yarn Contrasting yarn or embroidery floss Small amount of fiberfill/stuffing Stitch marker Tapestry needle

Abbreviations: ch – chain slst – slip stitch sc – single crochet hdc – half double crochet sc-dec – single crochet decrease rd – round The Teeny Tiny Lobster is worked in a spiral unless otherwise specified.

Body:

Rd 1: Make an adjustable ring, ch 1, and sc 6 into the ring, pull closed tightly, place marker and move up with each row (6) Rd 2: 2sc in each st (12) Rd 3-4: sc in each st around (12) Rd 5: (sc in next st, sc-dec) around (8) Rd 6: sc in each st around (8) Stuff Rd 7: (sc in next st, sc-dec) x2, sc in next 2 st (6) Rd 8: sc in each st around (6) Rd 9: 2 sc in each st (12) Finish stuffing if needed

Tail:

Flatten the open end horizontally so that the hook is positioned at one corner. Crochet through both layers as follows:

Row 1: 3 hdc in next st, sc in next st, slst in next 2 st, sc in next st, 3 hdc in next st.

Claws (make 2):

The claws are worked flat and crocheted to the body.

Step 1: ch 3, attach claw to your body by slst between the 2^{nd} and 3^{rd} rd of the body on the lower left or right, depending on which claw you're making (your claws should be 2-3 stitches apart from each other when finished for the best effect), turn work so you are ready to crochet back along the claw

Step 2: slst into the first 2 of your ch

Step 3: sc 5 times into your last ch, so that you are moving around it creating a rounded top

Step 4: ch 2

Step 5: sc into second ch from the hook to creat the "thumb" of your claw

Step 6: slst into each of the bottom sides of your ch down your claw until you reach the body, slst into your body to attach

Antennas (make 2):

Cut a 5" piece of yarn for each antenna

Thread through the top of the head between the 2^{nd} and 3^{rd} rd of the body

Hold the yarn so that it is a horizontal line and twist each side in opposite directions,

place the two ends together and let the 2 sides twist around each other

Use the 2 ends to tie a firm knot where you wish the antenna to end and trim your ends

Finishing: Embroider eyes Using tapestry needle, weave in any ends