

AMIGURUMI CELL PHONE



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This amigurumi cell phone features a full QWERTY keyboard for texting and a 2x2 LFD (little felt display) for checking e-mail and browsing the web. There are no contracts, fees, or commitments and service is limited only by your imagination!

MATERIALS

- Small amounts of worsted weight yarn in white and grey or desired colors (see pattern notes for specific yarns used)
- Small pieces of white and grey felt
- Fiber fill
- Black embroidery thread
- White and grey sewing thread to match felt
- Size E crochet hook (or size needed to obtain gauge)
- Yarn needle
- Sharp pointed sewing needle
- Stitch marker

PATTERN NOTES

Stitches and abbreviations used in this pattern:

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| CH | chain stitch |
| SC | single crochet |
| ST | stitch |
| STS | stitches |
| MM | move marker |
| FO | finish off |

For the project shown in the photographs, I used Caron Simply Soft yarn in white and grey heather.

PART 1: PHONE BODY (MAKE 2)

The phone body is made in two pieces. To get the oval shape, you will work in the back stitches of the foundation chain and continue from there in rounds.



Figure 1: Phone body

Round 1: With white, CH 15. Make 2 SC in second CH from hook. Make 1 SC each in the next 12 CH STS. In the last CH, make 4 SC. Turn your work so you are working across the open loops on the back of the chain. Make 1 SC each in the next 12 loops. Make 2SC in the last loop. Place a stitch marker in the last SC to designate the end of the round (32 SC).

Round 2: Make 2 SC in each of the first 2 SCs, then 1 SC each in the next 12 STS. Make 2 SC each in the next 4 STS, then 1 SC each in the next 12 STS. Finish by making 2 SC in each of the last two STS. MM. (42 SC).

Round 3: Make 1 SC in first ST, then 2 SC in each of the next 2 STS. SC in the next 14 STS. Make 2 SC in each of the next 2 STS, then 1

SC in each of the next 2 STS. Make 2 SC in each of the next 2 STS, then SC in the next 14 STS. Make 2 SC in each of the next 2 STS, then 1 SC in the next ST. MM. (48 SC).

Round 4: Make 1 SC in each of the first 2 STS, then 2 SC in each of the next 2 STS. SC in the next 16 STS. Make 2 SC in each of the next 2 STS, then 1 SC in each of the next 4 STS. Make 2 SC in each of the next 2 STS, then SC in the next 16 STS. Make 2 SC in each of the next 2 STS, then 1 SC each in the last 2 STS. MM. (56 SC).

Round 5: Make 1 SC in each of the first 3 STS, then 2 SC in each of the next 2 STS. SC in the next 18 STS. Make 2 SC in each of the next 2 STS, then 1 SC in each of the next 6 STS. Make 2 SC in each of the next 2 STS, then SC in the next 18 STS. Make 2 SC in each of the next 2 STS, then 1 SC each in the last 3 STS. MM. (64 SC).

Round 6: Make 1 SC in each of the first 4 STS, then 2 SC in each of the next 2 STS. SC in the next 20 STS. Make 2 SC in each of the next 2 STS, then 1 SC in each of the next 8 STS. Make 2 SC in each of the next 2 STS, then SC in the next 20 STS. Make 2 SC in each of the next 2 STS, then 1 SC each in the last 4 STS. MM. (72 SC). FO and weave in ends.

PART 2: GREY BAND



Figure 2: Body with gray band

The front and back body pieces are connected with a grey band that runs along the outside of the phone. To make the gray band, you will need one of the body pieces (it doesn't matter which) and your grey yarn.

Round 1: Join grey yarn at the bottom of the phone. Working in the back loops from round 6 of the phone body only, make 1 SC in each ST around. Place a stitch marker in the last SC to designate the end of the round (72 SC).

Round 2: Sc in each ST around. (72 SC). FO and weave in ends.

PART 3: KEYPAD, SCREEN, AND CENTER BUTTON

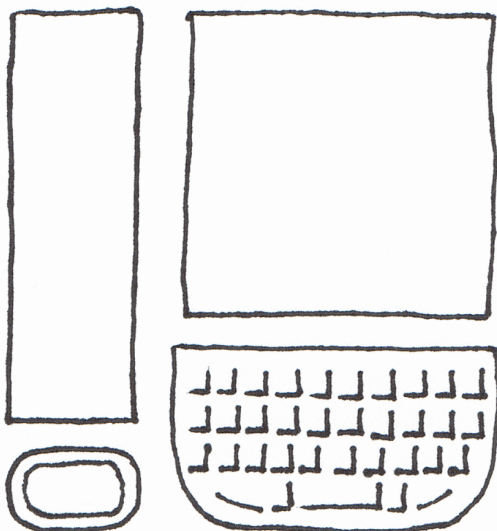


Figure 3: Cutting template

Figure 3 is a template that you can use to cut out the felt shapes for your cell phone's key pad, screen, and center button. Use white felt for the key pad and grey felt for the other pieces.

Embroidery

If you're like me, then you probably feel a little intimidated by embroidery. To help you out, I've drawn the keys and circle that I stitched on the templates.

If you're not confident "going freehand," pin the templates to the felt pieces you cut and sew through both the felt and the paper, tracing the drawn lines.

When you are finished stitching, wet the paper and gently tear out the template pieces. Leave your finished felt pieces to dry flat.

PART 4: ASSEMBLY



Figure 4: Diagram for attaching felt

Step 1: Sew the felt pieces to the phone body with the grey band as shown in figure 4.

Step 2: Using white yarn, sew the two phone body pieces together, leaving a small hole to stuff the phone.

TIP: I used a whip stitch and worked through the back loops only from the two pieces in order to keep the join on the back consistent with the front (see below).



Figure 5: Stuffing the phone

Step 3: Stuff the phone using about a handful of fiber fill. You want the phone to have some three-dimensionality, but don't stuff it so full that it puffs out.

Step 4: Finish stitching the phone closed and tie off the yarn.

Ring ring! I think it's for you!

