

## Mr. and Mrs. Mouse

1980s Crochet Pattern



Such a charming couple. Mr. and Mrs. Mouse are crocheted of 4 ply worsted weight yarn; Mrs. Mouse's frock is sewn. Each measures about 14 inches tall.

To make the pair, you will need 9 ounces of Coats & Clark's 4 ply hand-knitting yarn in orchid and 2 ounces of taupe (for Mr. Mouse's jacket), a size H crochet hook, or size required to obtain given gauge, polyester stuffing, scraps of blue, black, red and pink felt and black cord. For Mr. Mouse, you will also need 1 yard of  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch green ribbon and two  $\frac{5}{8}$  inch gold buttons. For Mrs. Mouse, you will need a 9 x 18 inch piece of printed fabric and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  yards each of  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch and  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch wide lavender ribbon.

Gauge: 4 sc equal 1 inch  
4 rnds equal 1 inch

### MR. MOUSE

**HEAD:** Starting at nose, with orchid ch 4. Join with sl st to form ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 1, work 6 sc in ring. Do not join rnds but carry a contrasting color yarn up between last and first sc to indicate beginning of each rnd.

Rnd 2: [Work 2 sc in next sc (inc made), sc in next sc] 3 times – 9 sc.

Rnd 3: Sc in first sc, (inc in next sc, sc in next sc) 4 times – 13 sc.

Rnd 4: (Sc in next 2 sc, inc in next sc) 4 times, sc in last sc – 17 sc.

Rnd 5: (Sc in next 2 sc, inc in next sc) 5 times, sc in last 2 sc – 22 sc.

Rnd 6: Sc in next 3 sc, inc in next sc, (sc in next 2 sc, inc in next sc) 5 times, sc in last 3 sc – 28 sc.

Rnd 7: (Sc in next 3 sc, inc in next sc) 6 times, sc in last 4 sc – 34 sc.

Rnds 8, 9: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 10: Sc in first 2 sc, (inc in next sc, sc in next 7 sc) 4 times – 38 sc.

Rnd 11: Sc in next 5 sc, (inc in next sc, sc in next 8 sc) 3 times, inc in next sc, sc in next 5 sc – 42 sc.

Rnds 12 through 20: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 21: \*Draw up lp in each of next 2 sc, yo and draw through all 3 lps on hook (dec made), sc in next 3 sc. Repeat from \* around, end last repeat with dec over last 2 sc – 33 sc. Stuff head as work progresses.

Rnd 22: \*Sc in next sc, dec over next 2 sc. Repeat from \* around – 22 sc.

Rnd 23: \*Sc in next sc, dec over next 2 sc. Repeat from \* around, sc in last sc – 15 sc.

Rnd 24: \*Dec over next 2 sc, sc in next sc. Repeat from \* around. Leaving a 10 inch length, fasten off. Draw this end through remaining 10 sts, pull tightly together and secure.

**EAR:** (Make 2) With orchid, ch 2.

Row 1: Work 3 sc in 2nd ch from hook. Ch 1, turn.

Row 2: Sc in first sc, inc in next sc, sc in last sc – 4 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Row 3: Sc in first sc, (inc in next sc) twice, sc in last sc – 6 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Row 4: Sc in first sc, (inc in next sc) 4 times, sc in last sc – 10 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Row 5: Sc in first 2 sc, (inc in next sc) 6 times, sc in last 2 sc – 16 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Row 6: Inc in first sc, (sc in next 2 sc, inc in next sc) 5 times. Ch 1, turn – 22 sc.

Row 7: Sc in each sc across – 22 sc. Leaving 16 inch length for sewing, fasten off. Sew straight edge of each ear to center top of head, leaving a 2 inch space across top of head between ears as shown.

**BODY:** Starting at neck edge, work as for head until Rnd 3 has been completed – 13 sc.

Rnd 4: (Inc in next sc, sc in next sc) 6 times, inc in last sc – 20 sc.

Rnd 5: (Sc in next 2 sc, inc in next sc) 6 times, sc in last 2 sc – 26 sc.

Rnds 6 through 12: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 13: (Sc in next 2 sc, inc in next sc) 8 times, sc in each of last 2 sc – 34 sc.

Rnd 14: (Sc in next 4 sc, inc in next sc) 6 times, sc in last 4 sc – 40 sc.

Rnds 15 through 26: Sc in each sc around. At end of last rnd ch 4, drop lp from hook. Stuff body. Remove contrasting color marker.

**Work First Leg as Follows:** Sk next 19 sc, place safety pin in next st for marker, insert hook in next sc and draw dropped lp through, ch 1, sc in same st the dropped lp was drawn through, sc in next 19 sc, sc in next 4 ch sts. Place contrasting color yarn between last and next sc and carry up as before.

Rnd 2: Sc in next 20 sts, (dec over next 2 sts) twice.

Rnd 3: Dec over next 2 sts, sc in next 18 sc, dec over next 2 sc – 20 sc.

Rnds 4 through 11: Dec over next 2 sts, sc in each sc around – 12 sc on last rnd. Join with sl st in next sc. Remove contrasting color yarn and stuff leg. **Work in rows as follows.**

**Front Section of Foot:**

Row 1: Ch 1, sc in joining, sc in next 5 sc, do not work across remaining 6 sts. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 2 through 10: Sc in each of 6 sc across. Ch 1, turn. At end of Row 10, leave a 16 inch length for sewing. Fasten off.

Sew the 6 sts on last row to corresponding 6 free sts on Row 1. Sew side seam. Stuff foot and sew other side seam.

**Second Leg:** Join yarn to opposite side of next ch following marked st, remove pin.

Rnd 1: Ch 1, sc in same st where yarn was joined, sc in opposite side of next 3 ch, sc in next 20 sc – 24 sc. Place con-

trasting color yarn between last and next sc and carry up as before.

Rnd 2: (Dec over next 2 sc) twice, sc in each remaining 20 sc. Starting with Rnd 3, work as for first leg to front section of foot.

**Front Section of Foot:**

Row 1: Sl st in next 5 sts, ch 1, sc in next 6 sc. Ch 1, turn. Starting with Row 2, complete as for other foot.

Sew head to body as shown.

**ARM:** (Make 2) Starting at upper arm with orchid, ch 7. Join with sl st to form ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 1, sc in each ch around – 7 sc. Place contrasting color yarn between last and next st and carry up as before.

Rnds 2 through 17: Sc in each sc around. Stuff as work progresses. At end of Rnd 17, leaving a 16 inch length, fasten off. Draw end through sts on last rnd, pull together.

Sew Rnd 1 of each arm to body as shown.

**TAIL:** With orchid, ch 35, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Fasten off. Sew tail in place.

**FEATURES:** (Features may be sewn rather than glued). For eyes cut 2 pieces of blue felt, each about 1 x ¾ inches, trim to an oval shape. Glue in place. Cut 2 circles of black felt, each ½ inch in diameter, glue onto blue felt. With pink felt cut a circle ½ inch in diameter, glue onto tip of nose. With red felt cut crescent shaped mouth, about ¾ inches from side to side. For whiskers cut 3 lengths of black cord each 7 inches long, draw each length through sts on nose as shown. Having 3 inch ends on each side of nose and leaving a space between each end, glue the ends on face.

**JACKET**

**BACK:** Starting at lower edge with taupe, ch 21.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across – 20 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 2 through 7: Sc in each sc across – 20 sc. Ch 1, turn.

**Armhole Shaping:** Row 1: Dec over first 2 sc, sc in each sc to within last 2 sc, dec over last sc. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 2 through 5: Sc in each sc across – 18 sc. Ch 1, turn. At end of last row, fasten off.

**Right Front:** Starting at lower edge with taupe, ch 11.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Mark beginning of row for front edge. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 2 through 7: Sc in each sc across. Ch 1, turn.

**Armhole Shaping:** Row 1: Dec over first 2 sc, sc in next 8 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 2, 3: Sc in each sc across – 9 sc. Ch 1, turn.

**Neck Shaping:** Row 1: Sl st in first 4 sc, ch 1, sc in next 5 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Row 2: Sc in each of next 5 sc. Fasten off.

**Left Front:** Work as for right front until Row 1 is complete. Mark end of row for front edge. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 2 through 7: Repeat Rows 2 through 7 of right front.

**Armhole Shaping:** Row 1: Sc in each sc to within last 2 sc, dec over last 2 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Rows 2, 3: Repeat Rows 2 and 3 of right front.

**Neck Shaping:** Row 1: Sc in first 5 sc, **do not** work across remaining sts. Ch 1, turn.

Row 2: Sc in each of next 5 sc. Fasten off.

**SLEEVES:** (Make 2) Starting at lower edge with taupe, ch 13.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across – 12 sc.

Rows 2 through 9: Sc in each sc across. Ch 1, turn. At end of last row, fasten off.

Sew shoulder, side and sleeve seams. Sew in sleeves. One inch up from lower edge sew a button ½ inch in from each

front edge. To form lapels, turn down each neck shaping and tack in place as shown. With green ribbon around neck, tie bow at front.

### **MRS. MOUSE**

Omitting jacket, work same as for Mr. Mouse.

**DRESS:** Fold fabric in half, cut into two 9 inch squares. With right sides held together, mark 1 end of each square for top edge of dress, pin fabric along 2 sides, sew side seams to within  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches of top edge. Fold each top edge  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch to wrong side, sew hems. To make armholes, fold fabric under at slight angle, sew in place. Turn fabric right side out. Make running stitches along each top edge, gather each edge to fit across front and back of mouse as shown, secure thread. Turn up and sew a  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch hem at bottom edge. Cut  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch wide lavender ribbon into 4 equal lengths. Sew one end of each length to front and back top edges at armholes. Tie into bows at shoulders as shown. Cut  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch wide lavender ribbon in half. Wrap 1 length of each ribbon around each foot and tie into bow at ankles as shown. 🐭