Plague Doctor Amigurumi
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Materials

- 25g Carnival 8ply acrylic in black
- 15g Carnival 8ply acrylic in grey
- 10g Carnival 8ply acrylic in white
- Small amount Carnival 8ply acrylic in beige/brown
- 1 pair 15mm black buttons (or eyes)
- Toothpick
- White sewing thread
- Polyester fibrefill
- Plastic pellets (optional)
- Fabric glue (optional)

Tools and notions

- 2.50mm crochet hook
- Stitch marker (optional)
- Wool or tapestry needle
- Sewing needle

"Bring out your dead!"

Pattern notes:

- UK crochet symbols are used throughout this pattern. See http://www.simplycrochetmag.co.uk/2013/07/04/uk-and-us-crochet-conversion-chart/ for conversions.
- Tension is not critical but keep stitches tight to prevent stuffing from leaking out.
- Stitches used: slst, dc, dc2tog, crab stitch (reverse dc), magic ring
- Crab stitch tutorial: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K7XOkueIkNM
- Where indicated, use the invisible fasten off to ensure the edge is neat. (http://www.stitch-story.com/2010/12/invisible-fasten-off-one-of-my-favorite.html)
- Project should be assembled as individual parts are constructed.
- Plastic eyes can be used in place of buttons but may be difficult to secure through two layers of material. Besides, buttons are creepier (see Coraline).

Head and body:

Start with grey yarn.

Foundation: 6 st magic ring
Round 1: 2dc in each st (12 st)
Round 2: *2dc in 1 st, 1dc*, repeat ** to end of round (18 st)

Round 3: *2dc in 1 st, 2dc*, repeat ** to end (24 st)
Round 4: *2dc in 1 st, 3dc*, repeat ** to end (30 st)
Round 5: dc to end of round (30 st)
Round 6: *2dc in 1 st, 4dc*, repeat ** to end (36 st)
Round 7: dc to end of round (36 st)
Round 8: *2dc in 1 st, 5dc*, repeat ** to end (42 st)
Round 9-10: dc to end of round (42 st)
Round 11: *2dctog, 5dc*, repeat ** to end (36 st)
Round 12: dc to end of round (36 st)
Round 13: *2dctog, 4dc*, repeat ** to end (30 st)
Round 14: *2dctog, 3dc*, repeat ** to end (24 st)
Round 15: dc to end of round (24 st)

Change to black yarn.

Round 16: Working in front loops only, *2dc in 1 st, 3dc*, repeat ** to end (30 st)
Round 17: dc to end of round (30 st)
Round 18: *2dc in 1 st, 4dc*, repeat ** to end (36 st)
Round 19: dc to end of round (36 st)
Round 20: *2dc in 1 st, 5dc*, repeat ** to end (42 st)
Round 21: slst into first stitch of Round 20, ch 1, crab stitch to end of round (42 st)

Break yarn and pull through, weave in yarn end. Continuing with black yarn, join yarn to the back loop of the first stitch of Round 15.

Round 22: Working in back loops only, slst, dc to end of round (24 st)
Round 23-25: dc to end of round (24 st)
Round 26: *2dc in 1 st, 3dc*, repeat ** to end (30 st)
Round 27-29: dc to end of round (30 st)
Round 30: *2dc in 1 st, 4dc*, repeat ** to end (36 st)
Round 31-33: dc to end of round (36 st)
Round 34: slst into first stitch of Round 32, ch 1, crab stitch into front loops only to end of round (36 st)

Break yarn and pull through, weave in yarn end.

Base of Body:

Use black yarn.

Foundation: 6 st magic ring
Round 1: 2dc in each st (12 st)
Round 2: *2dc in 1 st, 1dc*, repeat ** to end of round (18 st)
Round 3: *2dc in 1 st, 2dc*, repeat ** to end (24 st)
Round 4: *2dc in 1 st, 3dc*, repeat ** to end (30 st)
Round 5: *2dc in 1 st, 4dc*, repeat ** to end (36 st)

Slst into first st of round 4, break yarn and pull through, invisible fasten off, leaving long tail. Stuff with body with fibrefill, add plastic pellets to weigh down the base if desired and sew base to Round 33 of body, using the remaining back loops as a guide.

Arms (make 2):

Start with grey yarn.

Foundation: 6 st magic ring
Round 1: 2dc in each st (12 st)
Round 2: *2dc in 1 st, 3dc*, repeat ** to end (15 st)
Round 3: dc to end of round (15 st)

Change to black yarn.

Round 4: dc to end of round (15 st)
Round 5: dc to end of round (15 st)
Round 6: *2dctog, 3dc*, repeat ** to end (12 st)
Round 7: *2dctog, 2dc*, repeat ** to end (9 st)
Round 8: dc to end of round (9 st)

Slst into first st of round 7, break yarn and pull through, invisible fasten off, leaving long tail. Stuff lightly, pinch top edge together and sew to Round 23 of body on opposite sides.

Bag:

Use beige/brown yarn.

Foundation and Row 1: ch7, dc into second ch from hook, 5dc, turn
Row 2-8: ch1, dc to end of row, turn
Row 9: ch1, 2dctog, 2dc, 2dctog, turn
Row 10-11: ch1, dc to end of row, turn
Row 12: ch1, dc to end of row, break yarn and pull through, leaving long tail

Fold up bottom edge to meet Row 8, and fold top edge over to make the front flap of the bag. Use long tail to anchor front flap to the front of the bag using backstitch, and to sew up sides of the bag. Join yarn to edge of row 8 and ch until strap is long enough to pass across the body around the opposite shoulder (approximately 12-13cm) and slst into opposite edge of Row 8. Cast off and use tail to anchor bag to the body if desired. Weave in ends.

Mask:

Use white yarn.

Foundation: 6 st magic ring
Round 1: *2dc in 1 st, 1dc*, repeat ** to end of round (9 st)
Round 2-3: dc to end of round (9 st)
Round 4: *2dc in 1 st, 2dc*, repeat ** to end (12 st)
Round 5: dc to end of round (12 st)
Round 6: *2dc in 1 st, 3dc*, repeat ** to end (15 st)
Round 7: *2dc in 1 st, 4dc*, repeat ** to end (18 st)
Round 8: 2dc in 1 st 3 times, 6dc, 2dc in 1 st 3 times, 6dc (24 st)
Round 9: 2dc, 2dc in 1 st 2 times, 10dc, 2dc in 1 st 2 times, 2dc, 6slst (28 st)

Round 10: 2slst, 7dc, 2dc in 1 st, 2dc, 2dc in 1 st, 7dc, slst to end of round (30st)
Round 11: 4slst, 4dc, 2dc in 1 st, 4dc, 2dc in 1 st, slst to end of round (32st)
Round 12: 3slst, 15dc, 2slst, break yarn and pull through, invisible fasten off, leaving long tail (19st, do not continue to end of round)

Push all yarn ends into the beak of the mask. Do not add stuffing. Sew eyes to mask using white sewing thread and overlay stitches with white yarn. Align bottom edge with Round 15 of the head and body. Attach to face using fabric glue (you may sew the mask to the face if you prefer, but glue may be neater).

Hat:

Use black yarn.

Foundation: 6 st magic ring
Round 1: 2dc in each st (12 st)
Round 2: *2dc in 1 st, 1dc*, repeat ** to end of round (18 st)
Round 3: *2dc in 1 st, 2dc*, repeat ** to end (24 st)
Round 4: *2dc in 1 st, 3dc*, repeat ** to end (30 st)
Round 5: working in back loops only, dc to end of round (30 st)
Round 6: *2dctog, 8dc*, repeat ** to end (27 st)
Round 7: *2dctog, 7dc*, repeat ** to end (24 st)
Round 8: working in front loops only, *2dc in 1 st, 3dc*, repeat ** to end (30 st)
Round 9: *2dc in 1 st, 4dc*, repeat ** to end (36 st)
Round 10: *2dc in 1 st, 5dc*, repeat ** to end (42 st)
Round 11: *2dc in 1 st, 6dc*, repeat ** to end (48 st)
Round 12: slst into first stitch of Round 1, ch 1, crab stitch to end of round (48 st)

Break yarn and pull through, weave in yarn end. Stuff lightly and sew to Round 5 of body, using the remaining back loops of Round 8 of the hat as a guide. Push a toothpick through the right hand of the figure as shown in the picture. Cut off the sharp end of the toothpick for safety, then get ready to avoid breathing in the miasma (though it might be better to just avoid the rats).

"I'm getting better!"

"No, you're not. You'll be stone dead in a moment."