HAVING PROBLEMS CROCHETING WITH FRINGED OR FLUFFY YARN???

HAAKPRET IS HERE TO HELP!!!

We have a few tips to make it easy to work with this material, so that the Haakpret monkey gets his lovely, fluffy fur!



Crocheting with fringed or fluffy yarn

For all the models that Anja Toonen has created for Haakpret, the base for the fur is always a smooth yarn. This creates the first layer. For the base, you only insert the hook in the back loops wherever the fur will come later.

You only work the fur when the entire base is finished; to add the fur, always insert the hook in the front loops.

The fur-covered Haakpret models are all made according to this two-layer principle! **Note:** If you insert the hook for the base in the back loops – either sometimes or all the time – this will influence the final shape as the stitches are not as stable as when you work in both loops. So that the proportions of the Haakpret models correspond to the instructions and the photos, it's important to work exactly according to the instructions.

A few more tips

- Be sure to work very carefully when using fringed or fluffy yarn as it's difficult correct if it goes wrong. If necessary, use tacking stitches as markers.
- If you work according to the two-layer principle, you can add fur to any area.
- Foundation chains are used to work the fur. The length of the chain determines
 the length of the fur. Depending on the yarn thickness, insert the hook in every
 front loop or in every other front loop after a foundation chain and work 1 sl st or
 dc.
- Because the areas for the fur are marked by the free front loops, you can work
 quite quickly and don't have to count stitches. It's also unnecessary to unravel
 the fringed or fluffy yarn (you'll only create knots).
- By working according to the two-layer principle, the fur area becomes very stable and the stuffing will not escape.
- If a cuddly toy is worked fully according to the two-layer principle, it will be soft yet durable. We recommend you don't stuff the animal too firmly.
- Even though this method uses 2 yarns, the projects have a very long lifespan.

Photo sources:

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For the base, you only insert the hook in the back loops in the places where the fur will come.

To add the fur, always insert the hook in the front loops of the base.





Have fun! Anja Toonen

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