DECORATIVE JARS - COOKIE MONSTER

Preface

There is nothing quite like working on an idea for something homemade and then giving that little something as a present to someone you love. You can use the instructions here to crochet the same project or you can use it as a source of inspiration for your own ideas. A self-crocheted article is absolutely unique and therefore very special.
Have fun crocheting!

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You will need:

- A large jar with a screw-top lid 12.7 cm (incl. lid),
  9.5 cm Ø
- Crochet hook no. 12
- Glue gun or multi-purpose glue
- Washable stuffing
- Cotton crocheting yarn 50 g Larra Scheepjes

Larra colour numbers:
Blue: 7384
Black: 7325
White: 7310
Orange: 7404

If you choose to work with a thicker hook, crochet one or two round less leaving out round 9 and/or 10. The crochet work for the lid should come up a little smaller so that it fits better. Crochet the three rounds (without increases or decreases) for the side edges.
In the last round, decrease equally approx. 6 dc.

Abbreviations:

ch	= chain	htr	= half treble crochet
sl st	= slip stitch(es)	R	= row
dc	= double crochet	rnd	= round
dc inc	= doubled double crochet = increase 1 dc (2 dc in one insertion point)	rep	= repeat
		CC	= contrast colour
dc2tog	= double crochet together (see general tips)	flp	= front loop
		[ ]	= total number of stitches
tr	= treble crochet		

Techniques

You can read about basic crochet techniques on my website
and download workshops with photos as PDFs.
The PDFs can be found here: www.haakpret.eu
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basic techniques to open the PDF in a new window. You can also
download the PDF.

General tips

When decreasing double crochet stitches (= dc2tog):
Always insert the hook in the front loop of the previous round so the decrease is not so noticeable.

Fastening off:
At the end of the last round do not cut the yarn too short and draw it through the last stitch. Use and fasten off the yarn later to connect the parts.

There are three ways to close a round:
- Close a round with a sl st and begin the next rnd with 1 ch.
- Turn the work over at the end of a round and crochet back in the other direction.
- Mark the beginning of the round in a contrasting colour and continue crocheting in spirals.
Note: The closing method affects the total number of rounds. That's why it's always important to follow the instructions.

Important: If a sl st is crocheted in a rnd, this is counted just like other stitches. Exception: If a rnd is closed with a sl st, then this sl st is not counted as a stitch.

Lid cover: In blue: Close rnd with 1 sl st

1: 6 dc into ring,
2: 1 ch – 6x 1 dc inc [12 st]
3: 1 ch – 6x (1 dc – 1 dc inc) [18 st]
4: 1 ch – 6x (2 dc – 1 dc inc) [24 st]
5: 1 ch – 6x (3 dc – 1 dc inc) [30 st]

6: 1 ch – 6x (4 dc – 1 dc inc) [36 st]
7: 1 ch – 6x (5 dc – 1 dc inc) [42 st]
8: 1 ch – 6x (6 dc – 1 dc inc) [48 st]
9: 1 ch – 6x (7 dc – 1 dc inc) [54 st]
10: 1 ch – 6x (8 dc – 1 dc inc) [60 st]
11 + 12 + 13 + 14: 1 ch – 60 dc
15: 1 ch – 6x (8 dc – dc2tog) [54 st]
Fasten off.

Innenteil Mund: in Schwarz, Rd mit 1 Kettm schließen
Genauso wie der Deckelbezug: Rd 1 – 11. Abmaschen

Head: In blue

1: 6 dc into ring join with 1 sl st.
2: 1 ch – 6x 1 dc inc [12 st], secure CC, continue working spiral rounds.
3: 6x (1 dc inc – 1 dc) [18 st]
4: 6x (1 dc inc – 2 dc) [24 st]
5: 6x (1 dc inc – 3 dc) [30 st]
6: 6x (1 dc inc – 4 dc) [36 st]
7: 6x (1 dc inc – 5 dc) [42 st]
8: 2 dc – 5x (1 dc inc – 7 dc) [47 st]
9: 5x (8 dc – 1 dc inc) – 2 dc [52 st]
10: 3x (16 dc – 1 dc inc) – 1 dc [55 st]
11: 4 dc – 1 dc inc – 26 dc – 1 dc inc – 23 dc [57 st]

12: 14 dc – 1 dc inc – 28 dc – 1 dc inc – 13 dc [59 st]
13: 59 dc
14: 1 dc inc – 58 dc [60 st]
15: 30 dc – crochet together next 30 dc of 14th rnd with front loops of 30 dc of 11th rnd of lid cover [60 st]
16: Continue working in the back loops of the 11th round of the lid cover – 30 dc – then continue with the 30 dc of the 15th rnd [60 M]
17 + 18: 60 dc
19: 5x (dc2tog – 8 dc) – dc2tog – 7 dc – 1 sl st [54 st]
Fasten off.

Now sew on the black part of the inside of the mouth always inserting the hook in the back loops of the 30 dc of the 15th rnd of the head. From the corner of the mouth, join the front loops of the inside with the front loops of the 11th rnd of the lid cover. As you work, stuff the top part of the head. Sew the inside part on to the lid cover at the back in the middle. Close up to the opposite corner of the mouth.

Eyes: x2 in white. Close all rnds with 1 sl st

1: 6 dc into ring
2: 1 ch – 6x 1 dc inc [12 st]
3: 1 ch – 6x (1 dc – 1 dc inc) [18 st]
4: 1 ch – 6x (2 dc – 1 dc inc) [24 st]
5: 1 ch – 3x (7 dc – 1 dc inc) [27 st]
6: 1 ch – 13 dc – 1 dc inc – 13 dc [28 st]
7 + 8: 1 ch – 28 dc

9: 1 ch – 13 dc – dc2tog – 13 dc [27 st]
10: 1 ch – 3x (7 dc – dc2tog) [24 st]
11: 1 ch – 6x (2 dc – dc2tog) [18 st]
12: 1 ch – 6x (1 dc – dc2tog) [12 st]
Stuff.
13: 1 ch – 6x (dc2tog) [6 st]
Fasten off. Draw the yarn through the flp of the last 6 st and pull tightly.

Pupils: x2, in black. Close rnd with 1 sl st

1: 6 dc into ring. Fasten off

Sew the pupils onto the eyes at the 7 front loops of the 16th rnd.
Sew on the eyes arranging them so the monster is looking in two different directions.

Collar: In blue

1: 40 ch – turn – 39 sl st with 1st sl st in 2nd ch from hook – 100 ch – turn – 39 sl st with 1st sl st in 2nd ch from hook – then crochet middle 60 ch as follows: 6x (1 dc inc – 9 dc) [66 st] turn
2: 1 ch – 4 dc – 8x (3 dc in 1 st – 2 dc – dc2tog – 2 dc) – 3 dc in 1 st – 3 dc – dc2tog [74 st] turn
3: 1 ch – 5 dc – 8x (3 dc in 1 st – 2 dc – dc2tog – 3 dc) – 3 dc in 1 st – 5 dc [82 st] turn
4: 1 ch – 6 dc – 8x (1 dc inc – 3 dc – dc2tog – 3 dc) – 1 dc inc – 6 dc [82 st] turn
5: 1 ch – 7 dc – 8x (3 ch – 3 dc – dc2tog – 4 dc) – 3 ch – 7 dc
Fasten off

Pompoms: x9 in orange. Close all rnds with 1 sl st
1: 6 dc into ring
2: 1 ch – 6x 1 dc inc [12 st]
3: 1 ch – 4x (2 dc – 1 dc inc) [16M]
4: 1 ch – 16 dc
5: 1 ch – 4x (2 dc – dc2tog) [12 st]
6: 1 ch – 6x dc2tog [6 st]
Fasten off. Stuff. Draw the yarn through the flp of the last 6 st and pull tightly. Sew the pompoms on at the ch 3 arch of the 5th rnd of the collar.

Stick the lid cover to the top of the lid starting at the front. Then stick down the top and finally the side edges and the back.

Attach the label to the end of the yarn. Place the collar below the lid around the jar and tie off the ends of the yarn.

Have fun
being creative!

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