

Whimsy & Flit Patterns

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In the forests of Weyburn, there had always been a Wishweaver—a spider with the magic to grant wishes. However, for many years now, wishes have gone unanswered. But why? That is the question an orb spider named Whimsy is determined to answer. With the help of her milkweed wisp friend, Flit, Whimsy will go on a journey to the old Wishweaver Oak in search of clues to solve the mystery, but the answers she seeks are buried deep in Weyburn's past.

Notes

Materials Needed

Method	Crocheting
Skill Level	Intermediate
Needles	Crochet Hook 3.75mm / US F/5
Other	6mm Safety Eyes Stitch marker Yarn Needle Embroidery Needle Black Embroidery Thread 12gauge Black Jewelry Wire Wire Cutters/Pliers Toy Stuffing
Yarn	Plymouth Encore: 1 ball in neon blue 480 (A) Mainstays Basic Yarn: 1 ball in gold 10013 (B) Lion Brand Fun Fur: 1 ball in bright yellow 158 (C) Red Heart Super Saver Solids: 1 ball in Bright Yellow (D), 1 ball in black (E), scraps of charcoal black (F) and white (G), 1 ball in Pumpkin (H)

Gauge

20 sts x 22 rows = 10 cm measured over sc

Abbreviations

mr	magic ring
sc	single crochet
ch	chain
inc	increase
invdec	invisible decrease
st(s)	stitch(es)
FLO	front loops only
FO	fasten off

Hints and Tips for Whimsy

1. Use tail from Head to sew to Chest Piece, and then to Body.
2. For more spindly spider legs, you can keep them as black jewelry wire.

Note

Whimsy and Flit are worked in the amigurumi style, in a spiral without slip stitching or turning chains. Use a st marker or waste yarn to keep track of the first st of each rnd. If you'd like to work alongside me, making Whimsy and Flit, I've posted crochet along videos on my Ink & Stitches YouTube Channel! www.youtube.com/inkstitches

Whimsy Pattern

Head (with color A):

- R1: 5sc in m.r. – 5
- R2: inc around – 10
- R3: (sc, inc) around – 15
- R4: (2sc, inc) around – 20
- R5: (3sc, inc) around – 25
- R6-10: sc around – 25
- R11: 7sc, (invdec, 2sc) 3 times, 6sc – 22
- R12: 7sc, (invdec, sc) 3 times, 6sc – 19
- R13: 7sc, (invdec) 3 times, 6sc – 16

Attach 6mm eyes between R7-8 of Head.

Embroider cheek marks + eyebrows using 3 strands of embroidery thread. (See Figure A & B in Assembly)

Embroider mouth + eyelashes using the full 6 strands of embroidery thread. Using 2-3 strands of embroidery thread, you will take some shaping stitches to pull the mouth into the shape that you'd like.

- R14: 2invdec, 8sc, 2invdec – 12

Begin Stuffing

- R15: 5sc, 2inc, 5sc – 14
- R16: invdec, 4sc, 2inc, 4sc, invdec – 14
- R17: 2invdec, 3sc, inc, 2sc, 2invdec – 11
- R18: invdec, 9sc – 10

Finish Stuffing

- R19: 2invdec, 2sc, 2invdec – 6

Slst to next, weave long tail through remaining 6 stitches in the FLO to close. Use same tail to take a tuck around R14-15 so that the pointed head curves forward like a crescent moon (See Figure C in Assembly).

Put yarn needle through to the base of the head where it will connect to the chest and set aside for now.

Body (with A):

- R1: 6sc in m.r. – 6
- R2: inc around – 12
- R3: (sc, inc) around – 18
- R4: sc around – 18
- R5: (2sc, inc) around – 24
- R6: sc around – 24
- R7: (3sc, inc) around – 30
- R8: sc around – 30
- R9: (4sc, inc) around – 36
- R10: sc around – 36
- R11: (5sc, inc) around – 42
- R12-14: sc around – 42
- R15: (5sc, invdec) around – 36
- R16: sc around – 36
- R17: (4sc, invdec) around – 30
- R18: sc around – 30
- R19: (3sc, invdec) around – 24

Whimsy Pattern Cont'd

Body Cont'd:

Begin stuffing

R20: (2sc, invdec) around – 18

R21: (sc, invdec) around – 12

Finish stuffing

R22: invdec around – 6

Slst to next, weave tail through remaining 6 stitches in the FLO to close.
FO, weave in end.

Chest (Hold one strand of B & C working stitches together):

R1: 4sc in m.r. – 4

R2: (sc, inc) around – 6

R3: (2sc, inc) around – 8

R4: (sc, inc) around – 12

R5: (sc, inc) around – 18

R6: sc around – 18

R7: (8sc, inc) around – 20

R8: sc around – 20

R9: (3sc, invdec) around – 16

R10: (2sc, invdec) around – 12

Lightly stuff around middle. Leave top unstuffed for head to be sewn down to later.

R11: (sc, invdec) around – 8

Slst to next, weave tail through remaining 6 stitches in the FLO to close.
FO, weave in end. You can take a brush or your yarn needle to pull out more of the fun fur that is tucked inside the chest piece if you want the chest furrier. I did not do this on my own. I liked how it looked as is.

Large Back Spots (Make 3 with D):

R1: 5sc in m.r. – 5

R2: inc, 2sc, inc, sc – 7

FO, leave tail to stitch to back.

Medium Back Spots (Make 4 with D):

R1: 5sc in m.r. – 5

FO, leave tail to stitch to back.

Small Back Spots (Make 6 with D):

These are French knots made with a yarn needle.

Whimsy Pattern Cont'd

Hands (Make 8 with E):

R1: 4sc in m.r. – 4

R2: sc around – 4

FO, leave tail to sew to the end of the leg chains.

Now it's time to assemble Whimsy!



Assembling Whimsy



A

Embroider mouth + eyelashes using the full 6 strands of embroidery thread. Using 2-3 strands of embroidery thread, you will take some shaping stitches to pull the mouth into the shape that you'd like.



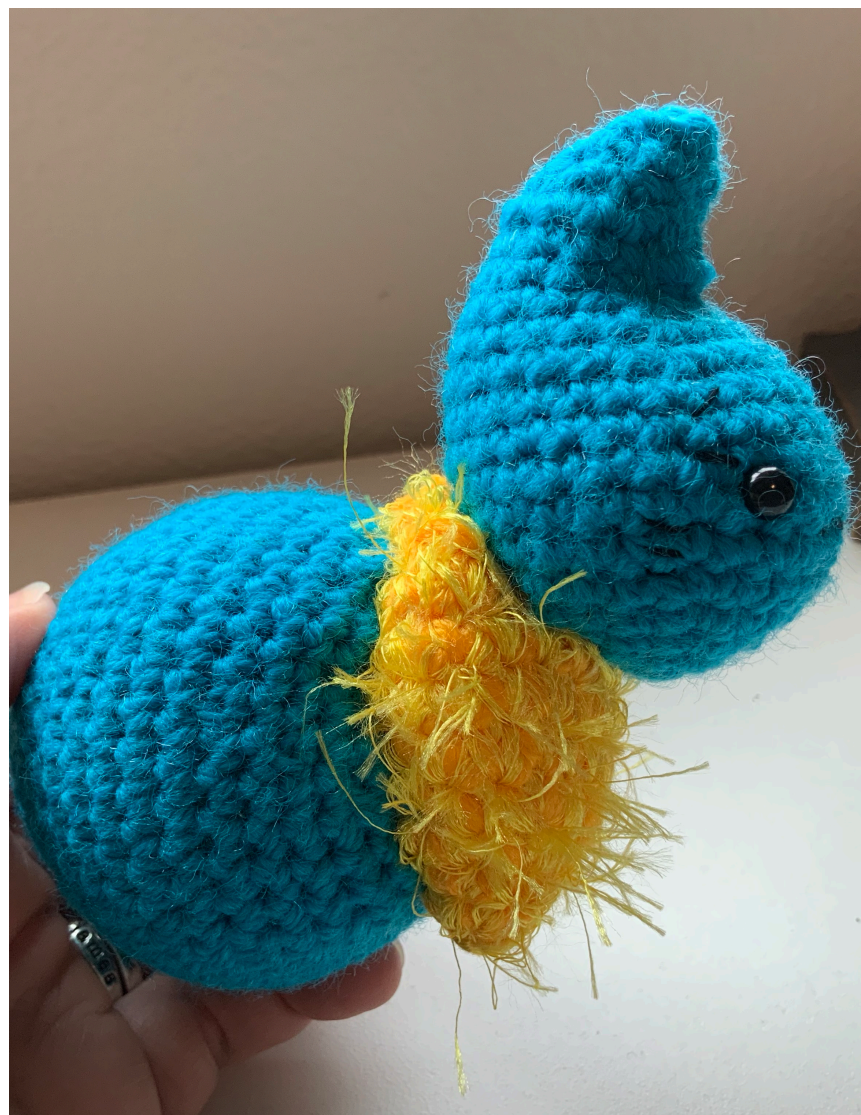
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Embroider cheek marks + eyebrows using 3 strands of embroidery thread.



C

Use same tail as from closing the top of the Head, to take a few tuck stitches around R14-15 so that the pointed head curves forward like a crescent moon. Leave tail. See Figure D.



D

Use the same tail from the head to attach the head to the Chest Piece, and then the Chest Piece to the Body making sure that the pointed end of the body is toward the end as that is Whimsy's spinneret. FO, weave in end.



E

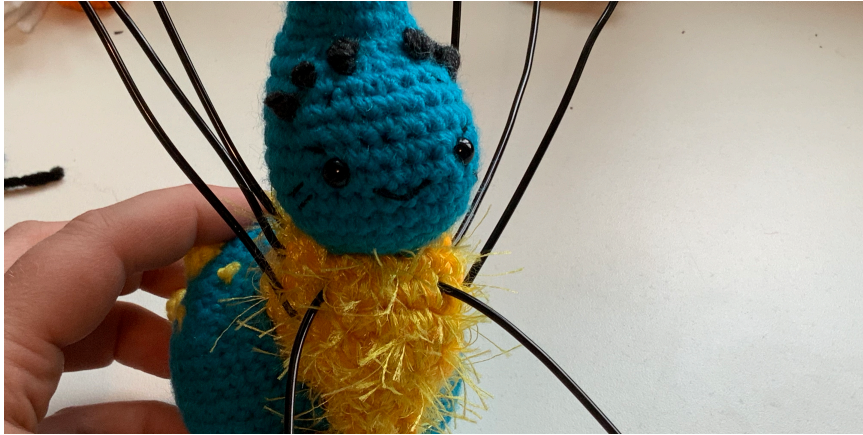
Whipstitch the Back Spots down in the pattern shown to the left. The 3 large spots down the center. The 4 medium spots with two on either side. Using a long strand of yellow yarn, make 6 French knots for the smallest yellow circles (3 on either side). FO, weave in end.

Now's the time to get out your jewelry wire and black yarn.



F

Create internal wiring. I used 4 cut pieces of jewelry wire that were strung through the chest piece to make 8 spider legs.



G

Bend three of the four wires up in the back. Leave the frontmost wire forward for her arm-like legs.



H

Make sure to loop the bottom of the wire so that the ends aren't sharp and also so the hands will have a bit more of something to wrap around without the wire poking through the stitches.



I

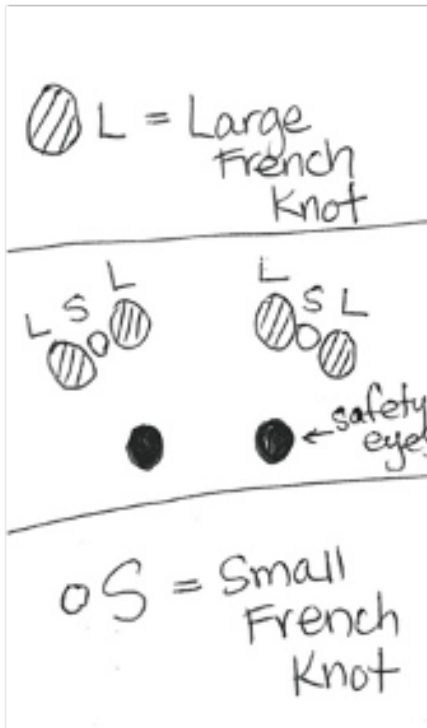
With color E, make a slipknot on your hook. Chain around wire the length of the leg from chest piece entry all the way to the wrist. FO, leave tail.

With a yarn needle, stitch the top of the chain to the chest around the wire that's sticking through the chest piece. FO, weave in tail.



J

With a yarn needle on the end of the thread left at the opposite side of the chain, go through the hand to bring the hand up and around the end of the leg. There is no need to fasten, this is just to help you get the hand to the right place around the chained yarn of the leg. Now thread the yarn needle on the hand and whipstitch the hand around the chain making sure none of the wire is showing. Repeat for each of the Legs and Hands.



K

With color F, you will want to make 6 French knots for Whimsy's upper eyes. Generally in doing a French knot, you wrap the yarn around your needle only about 2-3 times, however, for the larger knots I would wrap the yarn 4-5 times. You want the pattern as shown above.

L

The eyes should look like this when finished.

M

Whimsy is now complete. Time to make her best friend, Flit!

Flit Pattern

Seed Head (with H):

- R1: 4sc in m.r. – 4
R2: (sc, inc) around – 6
R3: sc around – 6
R4-5: invdec, 2inc, invdec – 6

Using black yarn embroider eyes (See Figure N1-3).

Do the same for the cheek lines with a strand of white yarn (See Figure O-P).

- R6: invdec around – 3

FO, leave tail to sew head to body.

Skirt (with G):

Make a pompom with white yarn (See Figures Q1-8).

Assembling Flit



N1

Using E, embroider face making a straight stitch per eye. You'll do this by first tying a knot at the end of a strand of yarn, thread the other end through your yarn needle. Bring the needle up through the threads of a single stitch, where the eye should go.



N2

Make vertical lines on either side of the face.



N3

FO, tuck in end.



O

Do the same with a strand of G, making two cheek, horizontal lines on either side of the face.

FO, tuck in end.



P

Using Seed Head tail, close hole in the FLO and take a few tucking stitches where the invdec of R4-5 are (just as we did in Whimsy's upper head area to give her a crescent moon shaped head). Leave tail for sewing Seed Head to Skirt.



Q1

Make a pompom with G. Hold the end of the yarn with your thumb.



Q2

Wrap the yarn around your other four fingers over and over until you get the amount of fluff you are going to want for your wisp (Approx. 20 times). Cut the yarn.



Q3

Cut a small length of G, and go between your middle and ring finger.



Q4

Bring the two ends up and tie them tightly up and over the wrapped yarn. It should almost look like a bow.



Q5

Now you will cut the looped yarn on either side to separate the strands. Because of how tightly they are tied in the center, the threads shouldn't come undone. You may need to trim these down later once you've attached your Seed Head to the body.



Q6

Fold the threads on either side toward each other.



Q7

Bring all threads down to point downward.



Q8

Skirt is now complete.

Putting The Wisp Together



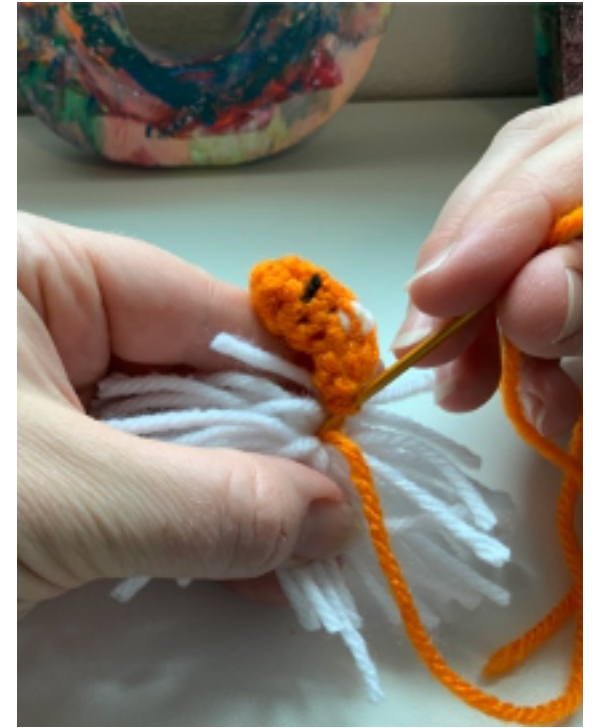
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Using the tail from the Seed Head piece, go in through the center knot of the Body and back up through the bottom of the head, a few times until the head feels secured.



S1

Bring the thread to the underneath side of the Body and tie a knot to the white piece of yarn that you used to hold the pompom together.



S2

The orange will be hidden inside the wisps body.



S3
FO.



P
Finally, trim any of the white that you'd like to get the shape you want.

Flit is now complete! Time to put him on Whimsy's shoulder like they do when they go on adventures together.



Main images courtesy of Practical Publishing, from Whimsy & Flit's time in the UK, featured in Crochet Now magazine!

I hope you've enjoyed crocheting Whimsy and Flit with me! If you'd like to go on an adventure with her, all you have to do is look into the pages of Wishweaver.



About

Julianne Hildebrand Winter (pen name, J.H. Winter) is an author/illustrator based out of the Pacific Northwest. She is a member of SCBWI, writing fantasy books for children, from picture books all the way to illustrated chapter books and middle grade.

Set for release in September 2020, comes J.H. Winter's debut chapter book series, *Tales of Whimsy*, about an orb spider named Whimsy who, in her first adventure, goes in search of answers as to what happened to the Wishweaver. *Wishweaver* is heavily-illustrated and will see art adorning nearly every spread!

When Julianne isn't writing or illustrating, she is crafting up original crocheted amigurumi (plush toys) and C2C graphgans to share as free patterns on her blog, [Ink & Stitches](http://www.jhwinter.com). She currently teaches how to crochet amigurumi through her many how-to videos on her [Ink & Stitches YouTube Channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...), and enjoys any opportunity to help others learn the craft.

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