

Crochet an entire family of these cute amigurumi hamsters—they don't eat much! All four hamsters are made using the same basic pattern, with a few fun modifications like adding a stripe of color, giving the hamster feet, or brushing the "fur" to make it fluffy. Find the pattern in the Patterns section.





Adorable mushrooms and toadstools are all the rage in the crafty world, and you can create your own ami versions with some simple shaping techniques. Crocheting the top to the base of the mushroom makes a nice corner around the edge of the mushroom cap, and the underside edge stitches (below) remind me of the gills under the cap of a real mushroom! Turn to the Patterns section to make your own.





Amigurumi animals are super cute, but check out this boy and girl ami! I've made the patterns very simple to follow and, more importantly, easy to customize! If you're feeling really creative, crochet these two as you and your special someone. Both patterns are waiting for you in the Patterns section.



Adding hair to your amigurumi is often an intimidating thought—but it needn't be! You have several options when it comes to giving your ami boy and girl hair. Shown here are only two ideas: an eyelash yarn wig (top) and a latch hook-style wig (bottom). Find instructions for both hairstyles in the Patterns section.

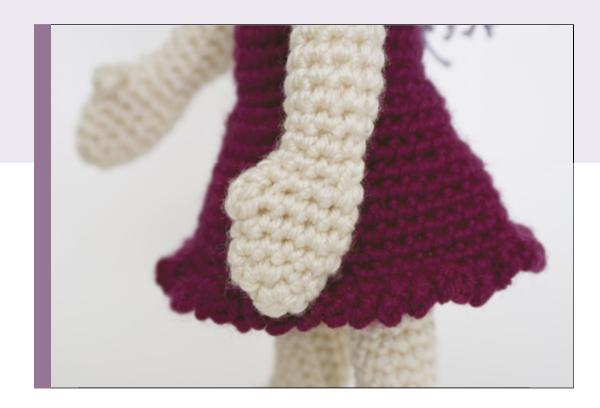




Sometimes the smallest details make a piece just right! Extending the bottom of the shirt and the sleeves over the top of the pants and the wrists (top) creates the illusion that the shirt sits on top of the body instead of being crocheted all in one. Adding separate cuffs to the pant legs (bottom) makes them overlap the shoes. (If you peek up the bottom of a pant leg, you can see the tops of the shoes and the ankles!) Learn more in the Patterns section.



Crocheting delicate ruffles at the edges of the sleeves and also at the bottom edge of the dress gives this ami girl a little something extra special. And for a more realistic hand (bottom), the pattern uses a bobble stitch to add a "thumb"! See the Patterns section for instructions.



Idea Gallery

Look at all you can crochet once you learn a few basic amigurumi stitches, techniques, and tricks! These are pieces I've designed and crocheted—all using the information I share with you in this book. What else can you come up with?







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With the building blocks you learn in this book, you, too, can crochet whatever ami pieces you can imagine! For more ideas—and patterns for many of the amis you see here—visit my website at planetjune.com.





