Crochet an Amigurumi Pencil
with Vincent Green-Hite of Knot Bad

If you're looking for the perfect gift for a teacher, artist, office worker, or student, you'll surely earn an A+ with this cute and cuddly crocheted pencil. Crochet designer Vincent Green-Hite of Knot Bad teaches you the foundations of making a three dimensional doll, which is a Japanese artform called amigurumi. Learn the the magic ring, how to work in the round, how to increase and decrease stitches to form shapes, how to change yarn colors, and how to properly stuff a crocheted toy. With just a basic single crochet stitch and all the skills you'll practice in this class, you'll have the freedom create a whole world of happy amigurumi characters.

Materials:

- Worsted weight yarn in Pink, Yellow, Tan, Black, and Blue
  (Vincent uses Big Twist Value Worsted Yarn)
- 4mm crochet hook
- Scissors
- Darning needle
- Poly-fil stuffing
- 2 - 12mm safety eyes
- Straight pins
- Stitch markers (optional)

Finished Size:

Height: 6.75"

Width: 5.75"

Abbreviations:

Sl st – slip stitch

Sc – single crochet

Inc – increase

Inv dec – invisible decrease

Rnd - round

BLO – back loop only

** - repeat

Sts - stitches

( ) – number of stitches at the end of the round

FO – finish off

Notes:

This pattern is worked in the round.

This pattern is written in US terms.

MAIN BODY

Begin in Pink.

Rnd 1: 6 single crochet into Magic Ring (6)

Rnd 2: *Inc* around (12)

Rnd 3: *Sc, Inc* around (18)

Rnd 4: *Sc 2, Inc* around (24)

Rnd 5: *Sc 3, Inc* around (30)

Rnd 6: *Sc 4, Inc* around (36)

Rnd 7: *Sc 5, Inc* around (42)

Rnd 8: Sc in BLO (42)

Rnd 9 - 16: Sc around (42)

Switch to Yellow.

Rnd 17 - 27: Sc around (42)

Switch to Beige.

Rnd 28 - 29: Sc around (42)

Begin stuffing your work firmly and insert safety eyes into Round 23 with 9 stitches apart.

Rnd 30: *Sc 5, Inv dec* around (36)

Rnd 31: Sc around (36)

Rnd 32: *Sc 4, Inv dec* around (30)

Rnd 33: Sc around (30)

Rnd 34: *Sc 3, Inv dec* around (24)

Rnd 35: Sc around (24)

Rnd 36: *Sc 2, Inv dec* around (18)

Switch to Black.

Rnd 37: Sc around (18)

Continue stuffing your work firmly.

Rnd 38: *Sc, Inv dec* around (12)

Rnd 39: Sc around (12)

Rnd 40: *Inv dec* around. Into 1st stitch of Rnd 40, slip stitch. (6)

Finish off and close hole shut. Weave in ends.

BLUE WRAP
Begin in Blue.

Ch 4

In third chain from hook, sc. Sc in last ch. (2)

Row 2 - 46: Ch 1, turn. Sc across. (2)

Rnd 47: Ch 1, sc into the first stitch on the side of the wrap. Sc across until corner stitch. Sc x 2 into the corner stitch, sc across, sc x 2 into the following corner stitch. Sc across the entirety of the next side of your work to finish the border. Sl st into final stitch when you reach the next corner.

Finish off and leave tail for sewing.

ASSEMBLY
1. Wrap the blue band around the pencil where the pink and yellow colors meet. Seam together and then use your darning needle to secure into your work. Knot off.

2. Embroider on lashes, smile, and blush.