

the NIFFLER

« The Niffler is a British beast. Fluffy, black and long-snouted, this burrowing creature has a predilection for anything glittery. [...] Though the Niffler is gentle and even affectionate, it can be destructive to belongings and should never be kept in a house. [...] »

Newt Scamander, *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*

Since a real Niffler could wreak havoc, a crocheted one will please the Fantastic Beasts fans without causing any damages!



Materials :

- ◇ Hooks 2 mm (UK 14) – for US take B/1 – and 3,5 mm (UK 9 – US E/4)
- ◇ Navy blue yarn
- ◇ Beige yarn
- ◇ Black embroidery thread
- ◇ 2 safety eyes (8 mm)
- ◇ Tapestry and embroidery needles
- ◇ Wadding

Abbreviations (US/UK):

sc : single crochet	dc : double crochet
hdc : half double crochet	htr : half treble
dc : double crochet	tr : treble
sl st : slip stitch	ch : chain
inc : increase	
dec : decrease	

The Niffler is made with the 3,5 mm hook (UK 9, US E/4) : only the craws are made with the the 2 mm hook (UK 14, US B/1). The work starts with the snout and the eyes, the head, the body, and finally the four members which we will attach to the body. The claws are made before we sew the parts together and we finish with the embroidery of the mouth and the nostrils.

Snout

- With beige yarn, chain 5.
- **Round 1** : 4 **sc/dc**, ch 1, (under the main chain) 4 **sc/dc**, ch 1 (10 stitches).
- **Round 2** : 1 **sc/dc**, 2 **dc/tr** in next 2 stitches, 1 **sc/dc**, inc, 4 **sc/dc**, inc. (14 stitches).
- **Round 3** : 1 **sc/dc**, 2 dec, 9 **sc/dc** (12 stitches).
- **Rounds 4 – 7** : 12 **sc/dc**.
- **Round 8** : 5 **sc/dc**, inc, 5 **sc/dc**, inc. (14 stitches)
- **Rounds 9 and 10** : 14 **sc/dc**.
- **Round 11** : 2 **sc/dc**, 3 inc, 9 **sc/dc** (17 mailles). Stuff lightly.
- Cut the yarn long enough to leave space for sewing.

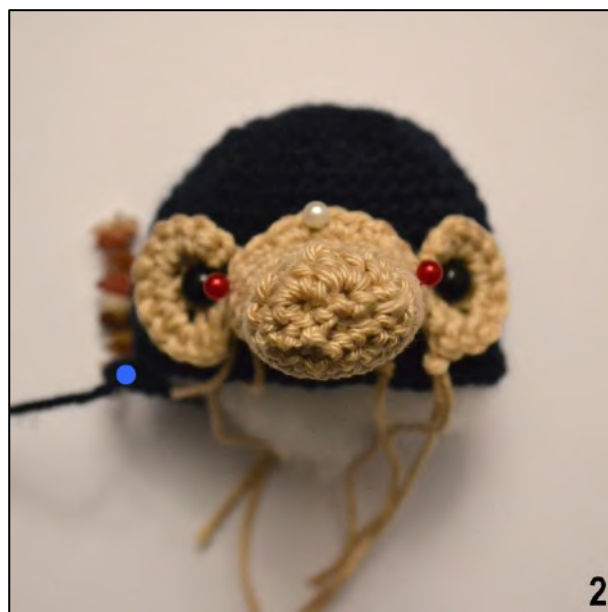
Eye contour (make 2 pieces)

- With beige yarn, make 6 **sc/dc** in a magic circle.
- Turn, ch 1, 2 **sc/dc** in each stitches (12 stitches).
- Cut the yarn long enough to leave space for sewing.

Head and body

- With blue navy yarn, make 8 **sc/dc** in a magic circle.
- **Round 1** : 2 **sc/dc** in each stitches (16 stitches).
- **Round 2** : * 1 **sc/dc**, inc * x 8 (24 stitches).
- **Round 3** : * 2 **sc/dc**, inc * x 8 (32 stitches).
- **Rounds 4 and 5** : 32 **sc/dc**.
- **Round 6** : * 3 **sc/dc**, inc * x 8 (40 stitches).
- **Rounds 7 – 12** : 40 **sc/dc**.
- **Round 13** : * 3 **sc/dc**, dec * x 8 (32 stitches).
- **Round 14** : 32 **sc/dc**.
- **Round 15** : * 3 **sc/dc**, inc * x 8 (40 stitches).

Now we take a break in order to place the safety eyes. Stuff the head in order to pin more easily the different parts. The face should be placed on the first half of the mesh row (photo 1). Place the snout in the center of that half, and pin it to the base of the head (photo 2). Then place the edges of the eyes, in which you should have placed the safety eyes, on both sides of the snout. Take the snout off and make sure the eyes are on the same row, then attach them. We will sew the eyes and the snout on later.



Go back to the body

- **Rounds 16 - 21** : 40 **sc/dc**.
- **Round 22** : * 4 **sc/dc**, inc * x 4, 20 **sc/dc** (44 stitches).
- **Rounds 23 – 27** : 44 **sc/dc**.

Here you can easily sew the snout and the edges of the eyes (photo 3) – or you can do it once the body is done (photo 4).

- Round 28 : * 4 **sc/dc**, dec * x 4, 20 **sc/dc** (40 stitches).
- Rounds 29 – 31 : 40 **sc/dc**.
- Round 32 : * 3 **sc/dc**, dec * x 8 (32 stitches).
- Round 33 : * 2 **sc/dc**, dec * x 8 (24 stitches).
- Round 34 : * 1 **sc/dc**, dec * x 8 (16 stitches). Stuff the body.
- Round 35 : 8 dec (8 stitches).
- Round 36 : 4 dec (4 stitches).
- Cut the yarn.

Arms (make 2 pieces)

- With beige yarn, make 6 **sc/dc** in a magic circle.
- Round 1 : 2 **sc/dc** in each stitches (12 stitches).
- Rounds 2 – 4 : 12 **sc/dc**.
- Round 5 : * 2 **sc/dc**, dec * x 3 (9 stitches).
- Take navy blue yarn.
- Rounds 6 – 9 : 9 **sc/dc**.
- Round 10 : * 2 **sc/dc**, inc * x 3 (12 stitches).
- Rounds 11 and 12 : 12 **sc/dc**.
- Rounds 13 and 14 : 2 sl st, 2 **sc/dc**, 4 **hdc/htr**, 2 **sc/dc**, 2 sl st.
- Cut the yarn long enough to leave space for sewing.

Legs (make 2 pieces)

- With beige yarn, ch 7.
- Round 1 : 6 **sc/dc**, ch 1, (under the main chain) 6 **sc/dc**, ch 1 (14 stitches).
- Round 2 : 6 **sc/dc**, inc, 6 **sc/dc**, inc (16 stitches).
- Round 3 : 5 **sc/dc**, 4 **dc/tr**, 7 **sc/dc**.
- Round 4 : 4 **sc/dc**, * **dc/tr** dec * x 3, 6 **sc/dc** (13 stitches).
- Round 5 : 3 **sc/dc**, * **dc/tr** dec * x 3, 4 **sc/dc** (10 stitches).
- Take the navy blue yarn.
- Rounds 6 et 7 : 10 **sc/dc**.
- Round 8 : * 4 **sc/dc**, inc * x 2 (12 stitches).
- Round 9 : * 2 **sc/dc**, inc * x 4 (16 stitches).
- Rounds 10 and 11 : 16 **sc/dc**.
- Round 12 : * 3 **sc/dc**, inc * x 4 (20 stitches).
- Rounds 13 – 15 : 20 **sc/dc**.
- Round 16 : * 3 **sc/dc**, dec * x 4 (16 stitches).
- Round 17 : * 2 **sc/dc**, dec * x 4 (12 stitches). Stuff the leg.
- Round 18 : * 1 **sc/dc**, dec * x 4 (8 stitches).

- **Round 19** : 4 dec (4 stitches).
- Cut the yarn long enough to leave space for sewing.

Pouch

- With navy blue yarn, ch 4.
- **Row 1** : 5 **dc/tr** in the fourth stitch from the hook, turn.
- **Row 2** : ch 3 (= 1 **dc/tr**), 1 **dc/tr** in the same stitch, 2 **dc/tr** in each next stitches (10 stitches). Turn.
- **Row 3** : ch 3, * 2 **dc/tr** in the next stitch, 1 **dc/tr** * x 4, 2 **dc/tr** in the next stitch (15 stitches). Turn.
- **Row 4** : ch 3, * 2 **dc/tr** in the next stitch, 2 **dc/tr** * x 4, 2 **dc/tr** in the next stitch, 1 **dc/tr** (20 stitches). Turn.
- On the straight side of the semicircle, make 16 **sc/dc** (2 **sc/dc** per row). Turn and make 16 **sc/dc** again.
- Cut the yarn long enough to leave space for sewing.

Tail

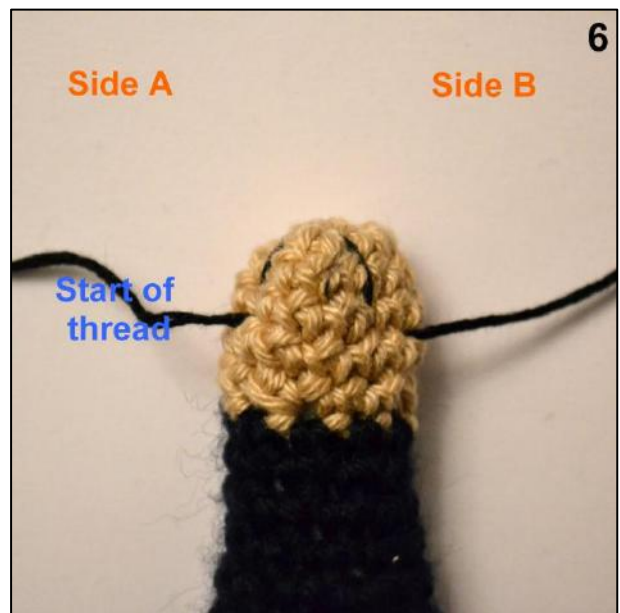
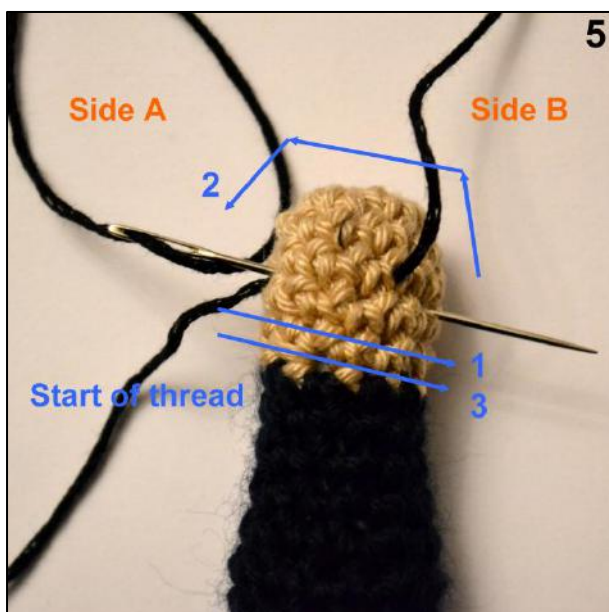
- With navy blue yarn, 6 **sc/dc** in a magic circle.
- **Rounds 1 and 2** : 6 **sc/dc**.
- **Round 3** : 2 **sc/dc**, 2 inc, 2 **sc/dc** (8 stitches).
- **Round 4** : 8 **sc/dc**.
- **Round 5** : 3 **sc/dc**, 2 inc, 3 **sc/dc** (10 stitches).
- **Round 6** : 10 **sc/dc**.
- **Round 7** : 4 **sc/dc**, 2 inc, 4 **sc/dc** (12 stitches).
- **Round 8** : 12 **sc/dc**.
- Cut the yarn long enough to leave space for sewing. Stuff lightly.

Claws

The claws and the fingers will be knitted with black embroidery threads and a 2 mm hook. The pictures below will help you place them down correctly: the curve of the arms created by the halves flangs must be facing downward; for the legs, you have to work on the top part of the foot. You should always use a thread of at least 30 cm.



Demarcation of the four fingers (hands and feet)



- **Photo 5** : Run the yarn in the middle of the hand on **side A**, on the right, to get a ratio of $\frac{1}{4}$ on the right and $\frac{3}{4}$ on the left. Pull the yarn out on **side B**, leaving about 4 cm of yarn on the entry level. Then run the needle through the entry point on **side A** and pull it out of **side B**, in the center of the hand.
- **Photo 6** : Pull the yarn to make the first dividing line of the finger.
- Run the needle through the center of the hand on **side A**, and pull it out through **side B** to the left, to get a ratio of $\frac{1}{4}$ on the right and $\frac{3}{4}$ on the left. Pull the yarn. Then run the needle through **side A**, at the same level as the last exit point, and pull it out of **side B** in the same place. Pull the yarn.

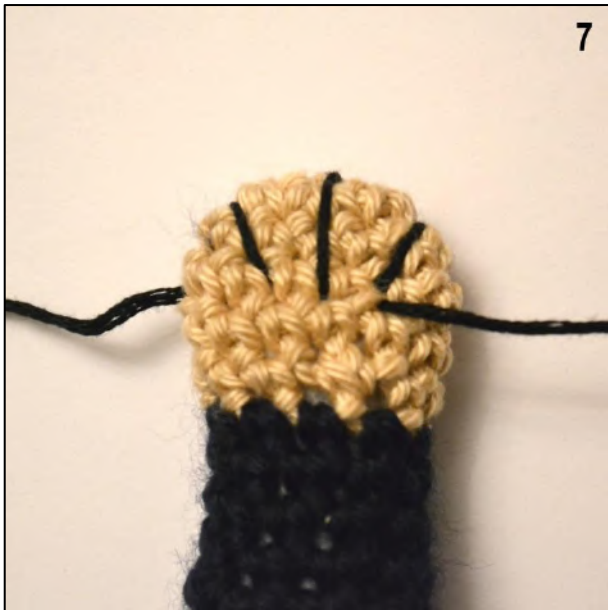
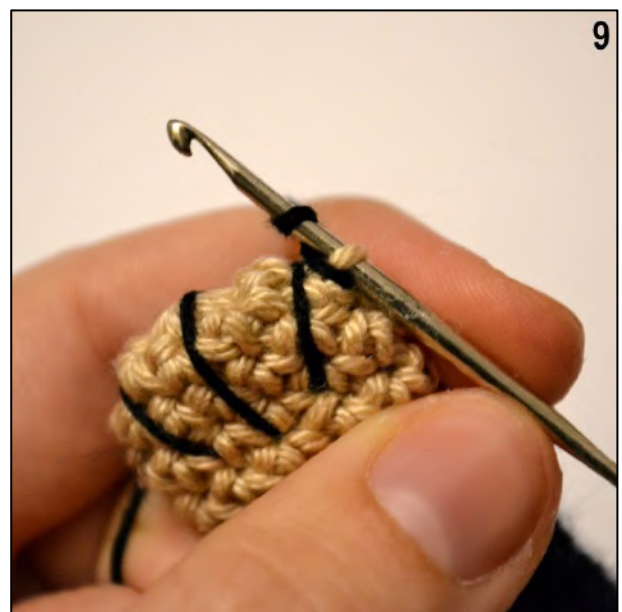
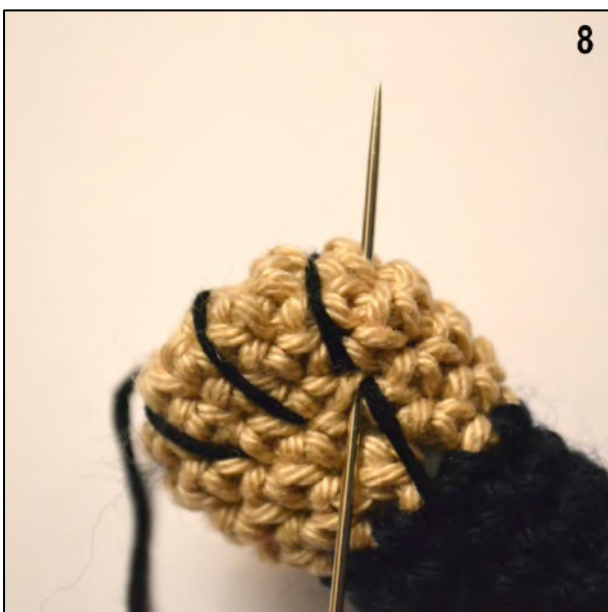


Photo 7 : You now have three black lines forming four fingers. We will use the same thread, without cutting it, to make four claws, one for each fingers: this is why your thread has to be long enough.

Claws

- **Photo 8 :** While running the needle through the entry point, pull it out in the middle of the first finger. Pull the yarn out of the needle and take your 2 mm hook.
- **Photo 9 :** Hook through a beige thread near the exit point of the black one. Wrap the black yarn around the needle and knit a first split stitch.
- **Photo 10 :** Knit two more split stitches.
- **Photo 11 :** Hook through beige yarn at the bottom of the split stitches and knit a drop stitch. Then run the thread through the needle, insert it into the base of the claw and pull it out through the second finger.
- Repeat the steps from photos 9 to 11 to make the last 3 claws.



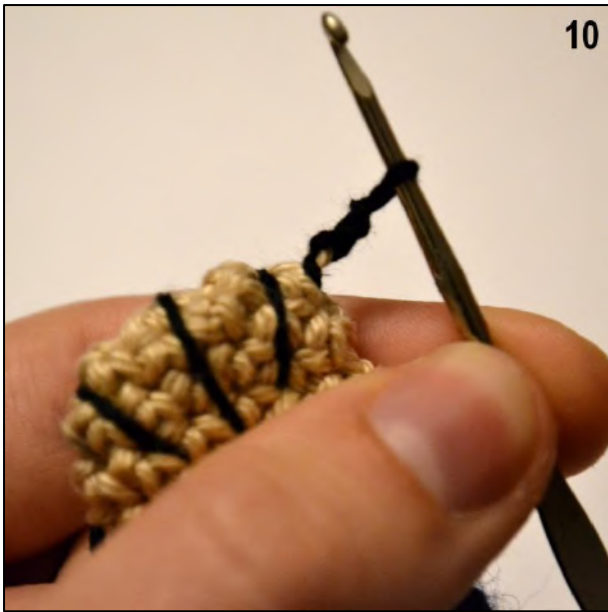


Photo 12 : Once you have knitted four claws, insert the needle into the base of the fourth claw and pull it out through the starting point. Knot the start and the end of the thread together in order to secure your work and stuff the knot inside the arm.

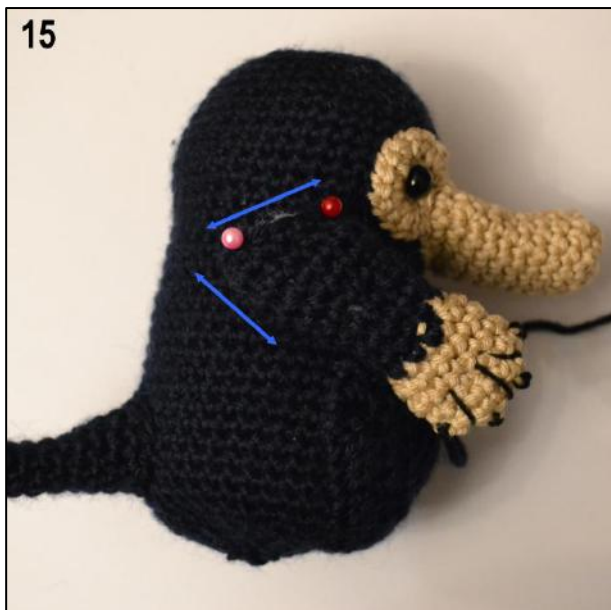
Repeat the process to knit the claws for both hands and feet.

Assembly



The Niffleur assembly starts with the sewing of the pouch (photo 13), then the tail (photo 14). Once these two elements are in place, sew the arms on (photo 15), then the legs (photo 16): the blue arrows will help you see what surface to sew to the body - but you can sew on larger lengths if you want the limbs to be closer to the body.





Mouth and Nostrils

- Cut a long black embroidery thread.
- **Photo 17** : Insert the needle into the navy blue part at the base of the right eye: tie a knot and stuff the tip of the thread into the body. Run the needle in the same place and pull it out from the bottom of the snout. Knit straight stitches for the mouth.
- **Photo 18** : Knit the nostrils when you get to the front of the snout, then keep on knitting the mouth.
- Once the mouth is done, insert the needle into the navy blue part at the base of the left eye: tie a knot and stuff the yarn into the body.



Your Niffler is finished !

Don't forget: a happy Niffler is a Niffler who has a pouch filled with shiny things!



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