Basic Ami Puppy Pattern: German Shepherd   baw 10-21-2009
Puppy is 5" tall (sitting) not including stand-up ears

Materials:
-Worsted weight yarn in German Shepherd colors (medium brown, dark brown, and black)
-Size E crochet hook
-12mm animal eyes
-Size 8 or 12 perle cotton for eyewhites (optional)
-Size 9 steel hook (for eyewhites)
-Six strand black embroidery floss, nose and mouth

Gauge: work tightly so stuffing does not show throught the stitches

Eyewhite, perle cotton and size 9 hook
1. ch7, join to form a ring. 14 sc in ring, join, ch1.
2. (Sc in next st, two sc in next) twice; sc in next st, (sc, hdc) in next st, (dc in next st, two dc in next st) three times; dc in next st, (hdc, sc) in the last stitch. Finish off

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Place the eye post through the center hole of the eyewhite.

Head: use medium brown
1: Ch2, five sc in second ch from hook. 5sc
2: 2sc in each sc around. 10sc
3: (Sc in next st, 2sc in next) around. 15 sc
4: (Sc in next two sts, 2sc in next st) around. 20 sc
5: (Sc in next three sts, 2sc in next st) around. 25 sc
6: (Sc in next four sts, 2sc in next st) around. 30 sc
7: (Sc in next five sts, 2sc in next st) around. 35 sc
8-16: Sc in each st around. After round 14 is complete, attach safety eyes between rounds 13 and 14, seven stitches apart.
17: (Sc in next five sts, sc next two sts tog) around. 30 sc
18: (Sc in next st, sc next two sts tog) around. 20 sc. Stuff the head firmly, but do not let the stuffing show through the stitches.
19: (Sc next two sts tog) around. 10 sc. Finish stuffing the head
20: (Sc next two tog) around. 5 sc. Close opening and leave a long tail to sew the head to the body.

Muzzle: use black
1: Ch2, six sc in second ch from hook. 6sc
2: (Sc in next st, two sc in next st) around. 9sc
3: (Sc in next two sts, two sc in next st) around. 12 sc
4: Sc in each sc around. 12 sc
5: (Sc in next st, two sc in next st) around. 18 sc
6: Sc in next two sts, two sc in next st, ch1, two sc in next st, sc in next two sts, fasten off.

The pointed end of the muzzle of the last round is the top of the muzzle when stitched to the face. Stuff lightly and sew to the head all around the muzzle

Ear: This ear is for the Shepherd, use dark brown
Right Ear:
1: Starting with dark brown, ch2, 3sc in second ch from hook, ch1, turn.
2: Sc in each sc across. ch1, turn. 3 sc At end of this row change to black.
3: Increase one sc this row, ch1, turn. 4sc
4: Sc in each sc across, ch1, turn. 4sc
5: Increase one sc this row, ch1, turn. 5sc
6: Sc in each sc across, ch1, turn. 5sc
7: Increase one sc this row, ch1, turn. 6sc
8: Sc in each sc across, ch1, turn. 6sc
9: Sc in next three sts, sl st in next, ch1, turn.
10: Skip the sl st, sc in next three sts, ch1, turn.
11: Sc in next three sts, sc in side of the nest st, sc in last two sts in row 8, two more sc in the last st.
At the end of this row, sc evenly all around the ear,   working (sc, ch2, sc) at the ear tip (beginning ch2). Join to the first sc at the base of the ear, fasten off and leave a long tail to sew and shape the ear to the head.

Left Ear:

1: Starting with dark brown, ch2, 3sc in second ch from hook, ch1, turn.
2: Sc in each sc across. ch1, turn. 3 sc At end of this row change to black.
3: Increase one sc this row, ch1, turn. 4sc
4: Sc in each sc across, ch1, turn. 4sc
5: Increase one sc this row, ch1, turn. 5sc
6: Sc in each sc across, ch1, turn. 5sc
7: Increase one sc this row, ch1, turn. 6sc
8: Sc in each sc across, ch1, turn. 6sc
9: Sc in each sc across, ch1, turn. 6sc
10: Sc in next three sts, sl st in next st, ch1, turn
11: Skip sl st, sc in last three sc, work two more sc in last st.   At the end of this row, sc evenly all around the ear,   working (sc, ch2, sc) at the ear tip (beginning ch2).   When you get back to the top of the ear work two sc in side of the first sc at the top, sc in each st across, join to the first sc, fasten off and leave a long tail to sew and shape the ear to the head.

Sew the ears to the head between rounds two and eight.

Using dark brown color, take three straight stitches across the top of the eye at an angle to give a wistful 'puppy' look.

Using six strand embroidery floss (seperate the plies then put them back together) satin stitch a triangular nose at the end of the muzzle, then take two loose straight stitches for the mouth.

Body:

1: Ch2, seven sc in second ch from hook. 7 sc
2: Two sc in each sc around. 14 sc
3: (Sc in next st, two sc in next st) around. 21 sc
4: (Sc in next two sc, two sc in next) around. 28 sc
5-8: Sc in each sc around. 28 sc
9: (Sc in next st, sc next two sts tog) three times, in in remaining 19 stitches. 25sc (back of body shaped)
10: Sc in each sc around. 25 sc
11: Sc in next 11 sc, (sc next two sc tog, sc in next) three times; sc in last five sc. 22 sc (front of the body shaped)
12: Sc in each sc around. 22sc
13: (Sc in the next nine sc, sc next two sc tog) around. 20 sc.
14: (Sc in next two sc, sc next two sc tog) around. 15 sc
15: Sc in each sc around. 15 sc. Stuff body firmly
16: (Sc in next st, sc next two sts tog) around. 10 sc. Fasten off. Finish stuffing the body.

Place the head on the neck and sew to the body.

Contrasing belly overlay: With medium brown
1: Ch2, two sc in second ch from hook ch1, turn. 2sc

2: Sc in each sc across, ch1, turn. 2sc
3: Increase one sc this row, ch1, turn. 3sc
4: Sc in each sc acorss, ch1, turn. 3sc
5: Increase one sc this row, ch1,turn. 4sc
6: Increase one sc this row, ch1,turn. 5sc
7: Increase one sc this row, ch1, turn. 6sc
8: Increase one sc this row, ch1, turn. 7sc   At the end of this row,l sc evenly all around the belly
overlay. Join to the first sc of this row and fasten off leaving a long tail to stitch overlay to the front of
the body.

Legs, make two back legs and two front legs.
Back legs
1: Ch2, six sc in second ch from hook. 6sc
2: Two sc in each sc around. 12 sc
3:   Sc in next four sts, (dc in next, sc in next) three times; sc in last two sts.   12 sts
4: Sc in next three sts, (sc next two sts tog) three times, sc in last three sts.. 9 sc
5-9: Sc in each sc around. Stuff the bottom half of the leg not as firmly as you stuff the body and head.
At the end of round 9 take two or three more stitches then flatten the top of the leg and single crochet
the top closed.   Fasten off leaving a long tail to sew legs to body.

Front legs: work the same as for back legs with an additional round (10 rounds instead of nine). Finish
the same as the back leg.

Stitch the legs to the body toward the back of the body between rounds five and eight.

Stitch the legs to the body on either side of the frony between rounds 11 and 14, angling the top of the
leg toward the top of the body.

Tail: with MC
1: Ch2, five sc in second ch from hook. 5 sc
2-8: Sc in each sc around. 5sc
9: Increase one sc this round. 6sc
10-11: Sc in each sc around. 6sc
12: (sc in next st, two sc in next) around. 9sc. Fasten off leaving a long tail.

Cut a small piece of pipecleaner, bend in two and twist together. Insert this into the tail, then sew the
tail to the body between the back legs. Bend the tail to it points up perkily :-)

Your Shepherd pup is done!