Cottage Garden Jacket

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The Cottage Garden Jacket is the perfect addition to add an extra touch of love and character to the Cottage Garden Bunny. In fact, they were made for each other!

The jacket design is made up of basic stitches and techniques. The small details are then added with wooden buttons for the button holes down the front and a hand embroidered backstitch along the bottom, to add a small pop of fun color. And don't forget the pockets! Every good gardener needs a place to store a few seeds, supplies, and pickings.

The Yarn

Like the Cottage Garden Crochet Bunny, the Jacket is made using Lion Brand Vanna's Choice Yarn. This yarn is a soft, acrylic (or mostly acrylic), worsted (size 4 – medium) weight yarn that comes in a wide variety of colors making it perfect for an extensive variety of projects from amigurumi, to garments, to home decor and more.

When using acrylic yarns it is one of my favorites to work with. I especially love the look of the heather options like Barley, Grey Marble, and Oatmeal for amigurumi animals, but all the colors are beautiful to work with. They truly all compliment each other really well, so it's a fun yarn to work with when making animals with clothing.

The yarn is both machine washable and dryable, but on that note, I do not recommend machine washing amigurumi. Instead spot clean and air dry them if cleaning is necessary.

The gauge on the label recommends:

Crochet Gauge (4" x 4")	12 sc x 15 r on J-10 (6mm)
Knit Gauge (4" x 4")	16 sts x 22 r on #9 (5.5 mm)

However, when making amigurumi a smaller hook than the label recommends is used. I recommend going no larger than a size E (3.5mm) hook when using worsted weight yarn to help make a more solid fabric. You don't want your stuffing showing through!

>Design Note: The jacket for the Cottage Garden Bunny calls for a size F/5 (3.75 mm) hook. Because it won't be stuffed such a small hook is not necessary. I've also provided a gauge measurement with the pattern to make sure that everything will fit the bunny as it's designed to.

Depending on the choice of color, the yarn makeup and yardage varies a little. The solids (100% acrylic) have a bit more yarn in each skein at 170 yards/ 3.5 oz while the prints, mists, and heathers (acrylic with rayon or other depending on the color) have 145 yards/ 3 oz and twists (100% acrylic) have 121 oz / 2.5 oz. Knowing the amount of yarn in a skein is good to be aware of when purchasing the yarn for a project. While there's no worry about dye lot because this yarn has no dye lot, it's never fun to run out of yarn mid project.

The Pattern

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Difficulty

Advanced Beginner

Materials

- <u>Crochet Hook</u>, Size F/5 (3.75 mm)
- <u>Stitch Marker(s)</u>
- <u>Scissors</u>
- <u>Tapestry Needle</u>
- <u>Pins</u>
- 2 – 5/8 inch wooden buttons
- <u>Hand Sewing needle</u>
- <u>Thread to attach the buttons</u>
- Lion Brand Vanna's Choice (worsted 4-Medium, 100% acrylic, 170 yds/156 m, 3.5 oz/100 g): Color (A) <u>Olive</u>, used approx. 160 yds/ 146 m, Color (B) <u>Mustard</u>, used approx. 1.5 yds/ 1.4 m

- **OR** Lion Brand Vanna's Choice (worsted 4-Medium, 100% acrylic, 170 yds/156 m, 3.5 oz/100 g): Color (A) <u>Colonial Blue</u>, used approx. 160 yds/ 146 m, Color (B) <u>Silver Blue</u>, used approx. 1.5 yds/ 1.4 m

Gauge

Using hook size F/5 (3.75 mm) in single crochet 19sts and 21 rows = 4 inches unblocked

Design Notes

- Pattern is written using US crochet terminology.
- At the end of each round the number of stitches for completion is noted in parentheses.
- Further design notes will be provided throughout the pattern to help aid in construction.

Abbreviations/Stitches Used

- **ch** – Chain
- **Rnd(s)** – Round(s)
- **Row(s)** – Row(s)
- **sc** – Single crochet
- **sc2tog** – Single crochet 2 stitches together (use the invisible decrease when working in the Rnd and a regular decrease when working in Rows)
- **sl st** – Slip stitch
- **st(s)** – Stitch(s)
- **[ ]** – Work instructions between brackets as many times as directed
- Hand Embroidery: Backstitch

Let's Make a Jacket for Our Bunny!

Body of the Jacket

Using Color (A)

Ch 44

Turn and Ch1 at the end of each row.

- **Row 1:** Working in the back bar of the ch: Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook, sc in the next 8sts, 2sc in the next st, [sc in the next 11sts, 2sc in the next st] 2 times, sc in the next 9sts (46sts)
- **Row 2:** Sc in the next 10sts, 2sc in the next st, [sc in the next 12sts, 2sc in the next st] 2 times, sc in the next 9sts (49sts)
- **Row 3:** Sc in the next 11sts, 2sc in the next st, [sc in the next 13sts, 2sc in the next st] 2 times, sc in the next 9sts (52sts)
- **Row 4:** Sc in the next 6sts, ch13, skip 13sts, sc in the next 14sts, ch13, skip 13sts, sc in the next 6sts (52sts)
- **Row 5:** Sc in the next 6sts, 13sc in the ch13 space, sc in the next 14sts, 13sc in the ch13 space, sc in the next 6sts (52sts)
- **Row 6:** Sc in each st across (52sts)
- **Row 7:** Sc in the next 19sts, 2sc in the next st, sc in the next 12sts, 2sc in the next st, sc in the next 19sts (54sts)
- **Row 8:** [Sc in the next 6sts, 2sc in the next st] 3 times, sc in the next 12sts, [2sc in the next st, sc in the next 6sts] 3 times (60sts)

- **Row 9:** [Sc in the next 7sts, 2sc in the next st] 3 times, sc in the next 12sts, [2sc in the next st, sc in the next 7sts] 3 times (66sts)
- **Row 10:** [Sc in the next 3sts, 2sc in the next st] 7 times, sc in the next 10sts, [2sc in the next st, sc in the next 3sts] 7 times (80sts)
- **Rows 11-23:** Sc in each st across (80sts for 13 Rows)
- Weave in the starting tail.

Do not turn or Ch1 unless indicated from here on. The next several rows will create a border around the edge of the jacket panel.

Single crochet made around the entire jacket panel.

- **Row 24:** Ch 1 (counts as a st here and throughout), sc 23sts along the front edge of the jacket panel on the edge of the rows, ch 1 to round the corner, sc in the next 43sts across the top of the jacket panel, ch 1 to round the corner, sc 23sts along the other front edge of the jacket panel on the edge of the rows, ch 1 to round the corner, sc in the next 80sts across the bottom of the jacket panel (173sts)
- **Row 25:** Ch1 (counts as a st here and throughout), sc in the ch 1 space, sc in the next 23sts, sc in the ch 1 space, ch 1 to round the corner, sc in the next 43sts, sc in the ch 1 space, ch 1 to round the corner, sc in the next 11sts, ch3 , skip 2sts, sc in the next 5sts, ch 3, skip 2sts, sc in the next 3sts, sc in the ch 1 space, ch 1, sl st in the next st, leave the remaining sts unworked, fasten off. Weave in the end. (94sts + 2 ch3 spaces)

Sleeves

Using Color (A)

Repeat pattern for both arm hole spaces.

Rnd 1: With the right side of the jacket body facing out join with a standing sc on the far right underside of the arm hole (mark this as the starting st) and sc around with 12 more sts along the bottom, 1 sc in the side of the hole, 13sts along the top and 1 sc in the other side (28sts)

Round 1 completed.

- **Rnds 2-21:** Sc in each st around (28sts for 20Rnds)
- **Rnd 22:** Sl st in each st around (28sts)
- Fasten off using an invisible finish. Weave in the ends.

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Collar

Using Color (A)

Ch 1 and turn at the end of each row.

Row 1 attached into the right hand corner with a standing single crochet.

- **Row 1:** With the back, right side of the jacket body facing, attach into the top right hand corner with a standing sc and sc in each st across (45sts)
- **Row 2-7:** sc in each st across (45sts for 5 Rows)
- **Row 8:** Sl st in each st across (45sts)
- Fasten off and weave in ends

Pockets

Make 2

Using Color (A)

Turn and ch 1 at the end of each Row.

- Ch 11
- **Row 1:** Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each st across (10sts)
- **Rows 2-8:** Sc in each st across (10sts for 7 Rows)
- Weave in the starting tail.
- **Row 9:** Ch 1, do not turn, sc 8sts along the edge of the rectangle, ch1, sc in the next 10sts along the bottom, ch 1, sc in the next 8sts, ch 1, sl st across the top in the next 10sts (40sts)
- Sl st to the Ch 1 space, fasten off and leave a long tail for attaching the pockets to the jacket panel.

Assembly

- Line the buttons up with the button holes and stitch in place just inside the jacket's edge.
- Position the pockets on both sides. On the side with the buttons place the pocket about a stitch away from the buttons and 3 rows up from the bottom. Stitch along the sides and the bottom, leaving the top unstitched. Place the other pocket in the same location on the other side of the jacket and stitch in place.
- Using approximately 54 inches of Color (B): Embroider a Backstitch all along the bottom of the jacket between Rows 1 and 2 (counting from the bottom of the jacket).

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