Tiny Valentine's Moo Crochet Pattern

Materials:

- Yarn: Approximately 30 yards of DK Weight (3) yarn in 3 different colors (1 main color and 2 secondary colors)
(I used Bernat Softee Baby)
- Crochet Hook: Size 4.0mm (G/6)
- Yarn or Tapestry Needle

Abbreviations:

- CH: Chain
- SC: Single Crochet
- HDC: Half Double Crochet
- DC: Double Crochet
- TRC: Triple Crochet
- SC2tog: Single crochet the next two sts together (single crochet decrease)
- SC3tog: Single crochet the next three sts together (3 stitch single crochet decrease)
- **: Repeat the section in between the two stars as specified

Gauge:

10 sts and 12 rows = 2 inches (5 centimeters) in Single Crochet
It is important to check your gauge!

Finished Measurements:

Finished cow measures approx. 4.5 inches (11.5cm) in both length and height.

The body of this adorable little Moo is created by stitching together a series of crochet hearts....which makes it the perfect gift to say "I love you."

Heart Pattern (Finished heart measures approx. 1.25"x1" (3cmx2.5cm)

Create a magic circle with 3 SC stitches in the center (leave an approx. 7 inch (17.75cm) tail

Round 1: (1 SC, 4 DC) into first stitch, (DC, HDC, TRC, HDC, DC) into second stitch, (4 DC, 1 SC) into third stitch. Cut yarn leaving an approx. 7 inch (17.75cm) tail, and secure.

Using a yarn or tapestry needle, pull the yarn tail through the magic circle ring, wrap it around the back, and pull it back through the front of the ring again (this helps to accentuate the top of the heart).

Secure yarn and weave in this end. Leave the starting yarn tail.

You now have one completed heart.

Make a total of 15 hearts (5 in each color)

To Create Body

Line 12 of the hearts up (4 of each color) into 4 columns and 3 rows as pictured below. Try to achieve the best fit by turning the hearts to different angles where needed:

Then, using your yarn or tapestry needle and your starting yarn tails, stitch the hearts together as tightly as possible. If you stitch through the back loop of your SC stitches only, your seams will be invisible. Don't worry if your hearts don't line up perfectly or aren't even around the edges. Reference below photo:

When all 12 hearts have been sewn together, fold this piece width-wise into a tube shape and, with the wrong side out, stitch the two ends together.
Reference photo below:

Now, stitch one of your remaining hearts to one end of the tube as shown below (don't worry if your heart loses shape):

Turn your project right side out, stuff the body using either fiber fill or scraps of yarn, and stitch one of the two remaining hearts onto the open end of the tube.
The body is now complete.

Head Pattern (Worked from the back towards the nose)

Create a magic circle with 5 SC stitches in the center using your main color
Work in continuous rounds
Round 1: SC twice into each stitch around (10 total sts)
Round 2: SC twice into each stitch around (20 total sts)
Round 3: *SC once into first stitch, SC twice into second stitch* Repeat around (30 total sts)

Rounds 4-8: SC once into each stitch around
Round 9: *SC2tog, SC4* Repeat around (25 total sts)
Round 10: SC once into each stitch around
Round 11: *SC2tog, SC3* Repeat around (20 total sts)
Drop and cut your main color, and pick up a secondary color
Round 12: SC once into each stitch around
Round 13: *SC2tog, SC2* Repeat around (15 total sts)
Round 14: SC once into each stitch around
Round 15: *SC2tog, SC* Repeat around (10 total sts)
Using either fiber fill or scraps of yarn, stuff the head
Round 16: *SC2tog* Repeat around (5 total sts)
Continue to SC2tog until the hole at the tip of the nose is closed.
Cut yarn and secure and weave in ends.
Using your yarn or tapestry needle, stitch the wider part of the head onto the top front of the body.

Stitch your remaining heart to the front side of the head as an eye patch.
Stitch two small matching buttons on (one on top of eye patch) for the eyes.

Stitch 2 Xs onto the center front of the nose as nostrils.

Horn Pattern

Create a magic circle with 4 SC stitches in the center using one of your secondary colors
Work in continuous rounds
Rounds 1-3: SC once into each stitch around
Cut yarn and secure end. Using yarn or tapestry needle and yarn tail, cinch up the tip of horn.
Make 2
Stitch horns to center top of head.

Ear Pattern

Chain 6 using your main color
Row 1: SC once into second chain from hook and each chain across, CH1, Turn Work (5 total sts)
Rows 2 & 3: SC once into each stitch across, CH1, Turn Work
Row 4: SC2tog, SC1, SC2tog, CH1, Turn Work (3 total sts)
Row 5: SC3tog
Cut yarn and secure and weave in ends.
Make 2
Fold the base of the ear in half, and stitch ears to the outside top of the head just outside the horns.

Leg Pattern

Create a magic circle with 6 SC stitches in the center using one of your secondary colors
Work in continuous rounds
Round 1: *SC once into first stitch, SC twice into second stitch* Repeat around (9 total sts)
Rounds 2-4: SC once into each stitch around
Drop and cut your secondary color and pick up your main color
Rounds 5-9: SC once into each stitch around
Make 4
Stuff the legs and stitch onto the outside bottom of the body.

Using your main color, create a small, 1 inch (2.5cm) braid to act as the tail and secure to the back of the body.

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