

## MOUSE TOY

**Finished Size:** 3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" long (9.5 cm)  
(not including tail)

For the Mouse toy, gauge is not of great importance; it can be a little larger or smaller without changing the overall effect. Work should be firm enough so that the stuffing does not show through the stitches.

Gauge is approximately 4 sc and 4 rows = 1" (2.5 cm)

**\*Size G crochet hook!**

### BODY

With Red, ch 4; join with slip st to form a ring.

**Rnd 1** (Right side): 5 Sc in ring; do **not** join, place marker to mark beginning of rnd (*see Markers, page 36*).

**Rnds 2-8:** 2 Sc in next sc, sc in each sc around: 12 sc.

**Rnds 9-14:** Sc in each sc around.

Stuff Mouse firmly with polyester fiberfill.

**To decrease:** Pull up a loop in each of next 2 sc, YO and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

**Rnd 15:** Decrease around; slip st in next st, finish off leaving a long end for sewing: 6 sts.

Thread yarn needle with end and weave through remaining sts; gather tightly and secure end.

### EMBROIDERY STITCHES FRENCH KNOT

Bring needle up at 1. Wrap yarn around the needle the desired number of times and insert needle at 2, holding end of yarn with non-stitching fingers (*Fig. 9*). Tighten knot; then pull needle through, holding yarn until it must be released.

Fig. 9



### TAIL

With Med Blue, ch 14.

**Row 1:** 2 Sc in second ch from hook and in each of next 4 chs, sc in next ch, slip st in last 7 chs; finish off leaving a long end for sewing.

Sew Tail at closing of Body.

### WHISKERS

Cut 3 strands of Med Blue, each 10" (25.5 cm) long.

Holding all 3 strands together, tie an overhand knot about 2" (5 cm) from one end. Insert the crochet hook all the way through Rnd 2 of the Body, hook strands on long side of the knot and pull through until the knot touches the Body. Tie another overhand knot so that it will rest tightly against the opposite side of the Body. Trim the strands.

Using photo as a guide for placement and Black, work French knots for eyes and satin stitch for nose (*see Embroidery Stitches, page 38*).

