Basic Ami Puppy Pattern: Labrador   baw 10-16-2009
Puppy is 5" tall (sitting)

Materials:
-Worsted weight yarn in Labrador colors (biege, brown, or 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:
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:
1: Ch2, six sc in second ch from hook. 6sc
2: 2sc in each sc around. 12sc
3: (Sc in next three sts 2sc in next) around. 15 sc
4: Sc in each sc around. Fasten off leaving a long tail to sew to the face.

Position the muzzle between the eyes, low down on the head, and stuff the muzzle lightly. Sew to the head all around the muzzle

Ear: This ear is for the labrador pup, use Main Color
1: ch2, 3sc in second ch from hook, ch1, turn.
2: Increase one sc this row, ch1, turn. 4sc
3: Increase one sc this row, ch1, turn. 5sc
4: Increase one sc this row, ch1, turn. 6sc
5: Increase two sc this row, ch1, turn. 8sc
6: Increase two sc this row, ch1, turn. 10 sc
7-8: Sc in each sc across, ch1, turn. 10 sc
9: Decrease two sc this row, ch1, turn. 8sc
10: Decrease two sc this row, ch1, turn. 6sc At the end of this row, sc evenly all around the ear, working (sc, ch1, sc) at the ear tip (beginning ch2).   When you get back to the top of the ear, join to the first sc, ch1, sc (skip next sc, sc in next sc) three times. Slip stitch in the next st, fasten off and leave a long tail to sew and shape the ear to the head

Sew the ears to the head angled across round five of the head.

Using main 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.

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 Labrador pup is done!