The adorable, fun-loving barking spiders are faithful companions in *Hobgoblin and the Seven Stinkers of Rancidia* by Kyle Sullivan & Derek Sullivan.

**Difficulty:** Intermediate beginner

**Techniques:** Adjustable ring, crochet in the round

**MATERIALS**

- Size 4 MM [US G-6] crochet hook
- Caron Simply Soft, or another worsted weight yarn, 30 yards for each of Colors A and B
- Polyester fiberfill stuffing
- Small amounts of yarn or embroidery thread in black and white
- 8 MM or 9 MM safety eyes
- Yarn needle for weaving in ends and assembly

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BARKING SPIDER CROCHET PATTERN

INSTRUCTIONS

LEGS: MAKE 6
With Color B, make an adjustable ring.
Round 1: 6 sc in adjustable ring (6 sc)
Rounds 2-8: Sc in each sc around (6 sc)
Lightly stuff each leg, if desired.
Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing to the body.

BODY
With Color A, make an adjustable ring.
Round 1: 6 sc in adjustable ring (6 sc)
Round 2: 2 sc in each sc around (12 sc)
Round 3: 2 sc in next sc, 1 sc in next sc; repeat 5 more times (18 sc)
Round 4: 1 sc in next sc, *2 sc in next sc, 1 sc in next 2 sc*; repeat from * 4 more times, 1 sc in last sc (24 sc)
Round 5: 2 sc in next sc, 1 sc in next 3 sc; repeat 5 more times (30 sc)
Round 6: 1 sc in next 2 sc, *2 sc in next sc, 1 sc in next 4 sc*; repeat from * 4 more times, 1 sc in last 2 sc (36 sc)
Rounds 7-11: 1 sc in each sc around (36 sc)
Round 12: 1 sc in next 4 sc, sc2tog; repeat 5 more times (30 sc)
Round 13: 1 sc in next 3 sc, sc2tog; repeat 5 more times (24 sc)

ADJUSTABLE RING
Wrap the yarn around your index and middle fingers and bring up a loop inside the yarn circling your fingers (this is similar to creating a slip knot for a beginning chain, except you don't pull the knot tight). Insert your hook into the loop and ch 1; this secures your ring. Sc around the ring, then pull on the end to tighten.

PATTERN NOTES
In Rounds 4 and 6 of the body, the increase stitches are staggered to help maintain the body's round shape.

Each barking spider has a unique personality! Please feel free to customize yours. Share your creations on your social media with the hashtag #barkingspiders

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Insert eyes between Rounds 5 and 6 with about 4 sc between them.

Add the strands of hair to the top of the head.

Round 14: 1 sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog; repeat 5 more times (18 sc)

Sew the legs onto the body between Rounds 11 and 13. Position three legs on each side of the body.

Round 15: 1 sc in next sc, sc2tog; repeat 5 more times (12 sc)

Stuff the body.

Round 16: sc2tog 6 times (6 sc)

Fasten off and sew closed. Weave the end into the body.

**MOUTH**

With black yarn, ch 7

Round 1: Sc in second chain from hook, sc in next 4 sc, 3 sc in last sc. Working into the other side of the chain, sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in last sc (14 sc)

Round 2: 2sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next 2 sc, 1 sc in next sc, 3 sc in next sc, sc in next 6 sc, 3 sc in last sc (21 sc)

For a smaller mouth, stop after Round 2. For a larger mouth, continue to Round 3.

Round 3: sc in next 10 sc, 3 sc in next sc, sc in next 9 sc, 2 sc in last sc (24 sc)

Fasten off and leave a long tail. Sew to the front of the face approximately two rounds below the eyes.

With white embroidery thread, stitch 1-4 teeth onto the mouth, if desired.

**CREATING THE HAIR**

Cut three or four lengths of black yarn or embroidery thread, approximately 4 inches each. Tie the strands together with a knot at one end. From inside the body, pull each strand through the top of the head. Loop each strand back inside the body and out through the top again to secure them. Trim the hair strands, if desired.

Color A orchid, Color B passion, 9 mm safety eyes.