REFLECTING LIZARD

Design: Lankava Oy, Silja Palviainen
Finished size: 5 x 9,5 cm
Yarn: Thin reflective yarn using double strands appr. 7 g.
Hook: nr 1,75 or according to personal gauge
Other supplies: 0,7 mm galvanised metal thread, plastic foam, 2 small beads, brooch needle

Instructions: Begin by crocheting the lizard's body with sc:s. Start with the head. Make a magic loop (= twist yarn around finger, take hook through loop, pick up yarn and pull through loop, pick up yarn on hook, pull through loop on hook), 5 sc into loop, close with slst. Tighten the ring by pulling at the tail of the yarn. Continue without closing the rows with slst.
Rows 1-2: ch 1, repeat *1 sc, 2 sc to same sc*. Mark the first st of row.
Row 3: Repeat *2 sc to same sc, 2 sc*.
Rows 4-7: Crochet without additions.
Row 8: Repeat *2 sc, dec 2 sc tog*.
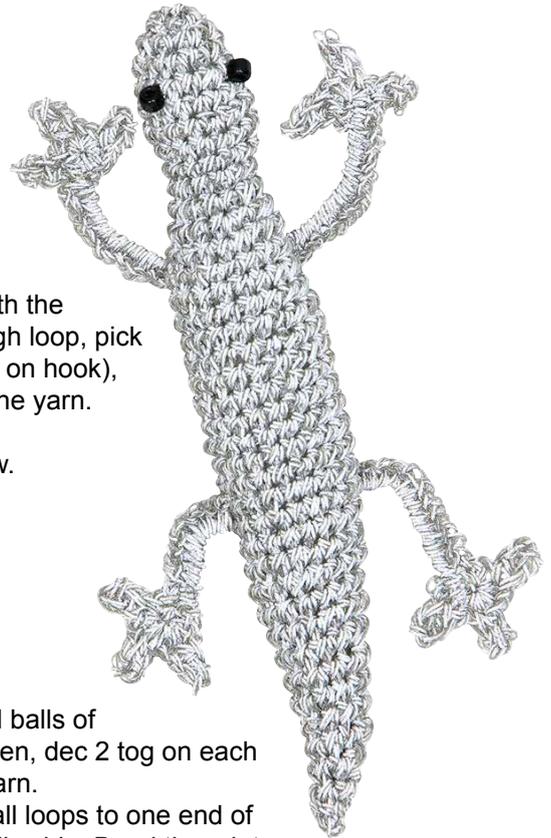**Rows 9-10:** 1 sc to each sc.
Row 11: as row 3.
Row 12: as row 9.
Row 13: Repeat *3 sc, 2 sc to same sc*.
Row 14-26: Crochet 13 rows without additions, fill the body with small balls of plastic foam and pack them tight with the help of the crochet hook. Then, dec 2 tog on each row, changing the placing of the dec on each row. Cut and finish off yarn.
Limbs: Take two pieces of metal thread, appr. 7-8 cm long. Bend small loops to one end of the threads, threading them in through the sides of the body to the belly side. Bend them into shape. Make loops to the other ends as well. First, cover left back leg and right front leg with reflective yarn. Fasten the yarn to the side of the body, crochet sc:s until the loop and make 3 toes: *2 sc into loop, ch 3, 1 sc to ch*, repeat 2 more times, 2 sc to loop. Cover the remaining limbs from toes towards the body. Leave plenty of yarn to the body end of limbs and sew them tightly to the body. Finish off yarns. Sew on beads for eyes and fasten a brooch needle to the belly of the lizard.