Spec holder „Grandpa/ Grandma"

The idea for this comes from http://smartapplecreations.blogspot.com, many thanks to Maarja for permission to use her idea for a pattern.

Materials:
- Skin colored wool, e. g. Schachenmayr Catania (263) or Scheepjes Catona (255), perhaps fluffy yarn of choice for the hair
- Some thin black thread to embroider the face
- Crochet hook in suitable size (for me: 2.5 mm)
- Stuffing
- Some heavy weight materials (e. g. cleaned pebble(s))

Bergriffserklärung:

MR = magic ring	inc = increase
sc = single crochet	dec = decrease
ch = chain	
st = stitch	
slst = slip stitch	
(-) x = repeat inside of () for x nr of times	

The specifications of the wool and needle sizes are only examples/references. Please keep in mind that different yarn may result in a bigger or smaller piece. Make sure to adapt your hook size according to your yarn and personal tension. When crocheting Amigurumis you should use a much smaller needle size than indicated on the label or you would use it for other crochet projects so that no holes are made when the piece is stuffed.

Crochet in continuous rounds (spirals), unless otherwise stated.

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Head:

1.   sc 6 in MR (6)
2.   inc x6 (12)
3.   (inc, sc 1) x6 (18)
4.   (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)
5.   sc 1, inc, (sc 3, inc) x5, sc 2 (30)
6.   (sc 4, inc) x6 (36)
7.   sc 2, inc, (sc 5, inc) x5, sc 3 (42)
8.   (sc 6, inc) x6 (48)
9.   sc 3, inc, (sc 7, inc) x5, sc 4 (54)
10. (sc 8, inc) x6 (60)
11. sc 4, inc, (sc 9, inc) x5, sc 5 (66)
12. (sc 10, inc) x6 (72)
13. sc 5, inc, (sc 11, inc) x5, sc 6 (78)
14. (sc 12, inc) x6 (84)
15. sc 6, inc, (sc 13, inc) x5, sc 7 (90)
16. (sc 14, inc) x6 (96)
17. sc 7, inc, (sc 15, inc) x5, sc 8 (102)
18. sc in each st around (102)
19. (sc 16, inc) x6 (108)
20.-37. (18 Rounds) sc in each st around (108)
38. (sc 16, dec) x6 (102)
39. sc 7, dec, (sc 15, dec) x5, sc 8 (96)
40. (sc 14, dec) x6 (90)
41. sc 6, dec, (sc 13, dec) x5, sc 7 (84)
42. (sc 12, dec) x6 (78)
43. sc 5, dec, (sc 11, dec) x5, sc 6 (72)
44. (sc 10, dec) x6 (66)
45. sc 4, dec, (sc 9, dec) x5, sc 5 (60)

Start stuffing.

46. *BLO:* (sc 8, dec) x6 (54)
47. sc 3, dec, (sc 7, dec) x5, sc 4 (48)
48. (sc 6, dec) x6 (42)
49. sc 2, dec, (sc 5, dec) x5, sc 3 (36)

Add more stuffing. Now use the heavy material (especially important when using acrylic wool, as it is much lighter than cotton), it gives him more stability. When stuffing, make sure that the bottom is as flat as possible, which also provides more stability.

50. (sc 4, dec) x6 (30)
51. sc 1, dec, (sc 3, dec) x5, sc 2 (24)
52. (sc 3, dec) x6 (18)

Add more stuffing if necessary.

53. (dec, sc 1) x6 (12)
54. dec x6 (6)

Fasten off, close, weave in loose ends.

For a more secure stance, another round follows in the front (free) loops of round 46, namely in the first stitch of this round rejoin yarn and crochet 1 slip stitch in each of these free loops, join round with one more slip stitch, fasten off, weave in loose ends.

Nose:
1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (inc, sc 1) x6 (18)
4. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)
5. sc 1, inc, (sc 3, inc) x5, sc 2 (30)
6.-8. sc in each st around (30)
9. sc 1, dec, (sc 3, dec) x5, sc 2 (24)
10. (sc 2, dec) x6 (18)
11. (dec, sc 1) x6 (12)
Stuff and shape the nose.
12. dec x6
Close, fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Ear version 1 - seep grandpa (make 2):
1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (inc, sc 1) x6 (18)
4. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)
5. sc 1, inc, (sc 3, inc) x5, sc 2 (30)
6. (sc 4, inc) x6 (36)
7. sc in each st around (36)
8. (sc 4, dec) x6 (30)
9. sc 1, dec, (sc 3, dec) x5, sc 2 (24)
Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing, flatten the ear, don't stuff it.

Ear version 2 - seep grandma (make 2):
1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (inc, sc 1) x6 (18)
4. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)
5. sc 1, inc, (sc 3, inc) x5, sc 2 (30)
6. (sc 4, inc) x6 (36)

Don't cut the yarn, fold the ear flat, neat side outwards, close the edge with a row of single crochet stitches, crocheting through both stitches. As you can see in the photos below, the upper side is slightly folded to give it the typical ear shape while sewing. The best way to do this is to carefully fix the ears with pins.

Finishing:

Pin nose (nearly in the middle of the face) and ears (same level as the nose) to the head and sew on, embroider mouth and eyes. Attach the hair using the fluffy (or other) yarn. Because my yarn for the hair was really fluffy (like fur), I have knitted a rectangle and sewed it to the head.

For granny, I only knotted (latch hooked) two rounds of approx. 70 cm long threads of grey acrylic yarn at the outer edge of the hairline (it's best to mark the line with pins before) and formed them into a bun (e.g. Schachenmayr Bravo or Red Heart Lisa - I needed approx. 75 g / 1,5 ball for this).
Grandma's eyes were made according to the free pattern of MyKrissieDolls (Update: unfortunately no longer available) with the same thread as for the head, the size then fits very well.