Amigurumi Techniques: Stuffing 101 with Vincent Green-Hite

Chapter 1 - Amigurumi Techniques: Stuffing 101
How to stuff a crocheted object
- What makes a stuffed animal? The stuffing. Hi, I'm Vincent of Knot Bad. I'm a crochet designer and I love making Amigurumi which are crochet dolls. In this class, I'll give you a few of my favorite tips on how to evenly stuff your work. You'll be an expert like me in no time. I'm making some good headway with my rocket ship, now it's time to add some stuffing. Our first instinct when stuffing is to use all of our Poly-Fil at once and just cram it all in there. It's really easy to get it kind of lumpy and not an even stuff, so to remedy that we are going to use our patience and we're going to use just small, little bite size amounts of Poly-Fil, and we're going to stuff slowly when doing so. When stuffing, you wanna make sure that you get all the edges being sure to not only stuff in the middle we wanna have an even filling on all the sides of our doll. You don't want to keep it too overstuffed, that way your crochet hook doesn't get all wrapped up in the Poly-Fil. As you continue crocheting keep stuffing for the best result, using small, bite size pieces of Poly-Fil rather than one large chunk, just like how I'm doing here. Making sure that in the back, in the front and on the sides are all evenly stuffed. While I'm working, I do like to use my thumb to kind of push down to see if it stays dented or if it fluffs back up. This is a good indication to see if you need to add more stuffing. As I face forward, I do see right here that it is a little flat so using my thumb, I do want to go back and put some more Poly-Fil in that corner. It's looking a little bit more evenly shaped. And while you work, make sure you are taking out your tail and not pushing it down with the Poly-Fil keeping that out of the way. Here is an example of my finished rocket ship, all stuffed to completion. As you can see I've done my best to keep it evenly stuffed. When creating Amigurumi, stuffing your work is a vital part of the process. Remember that patience is key.

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