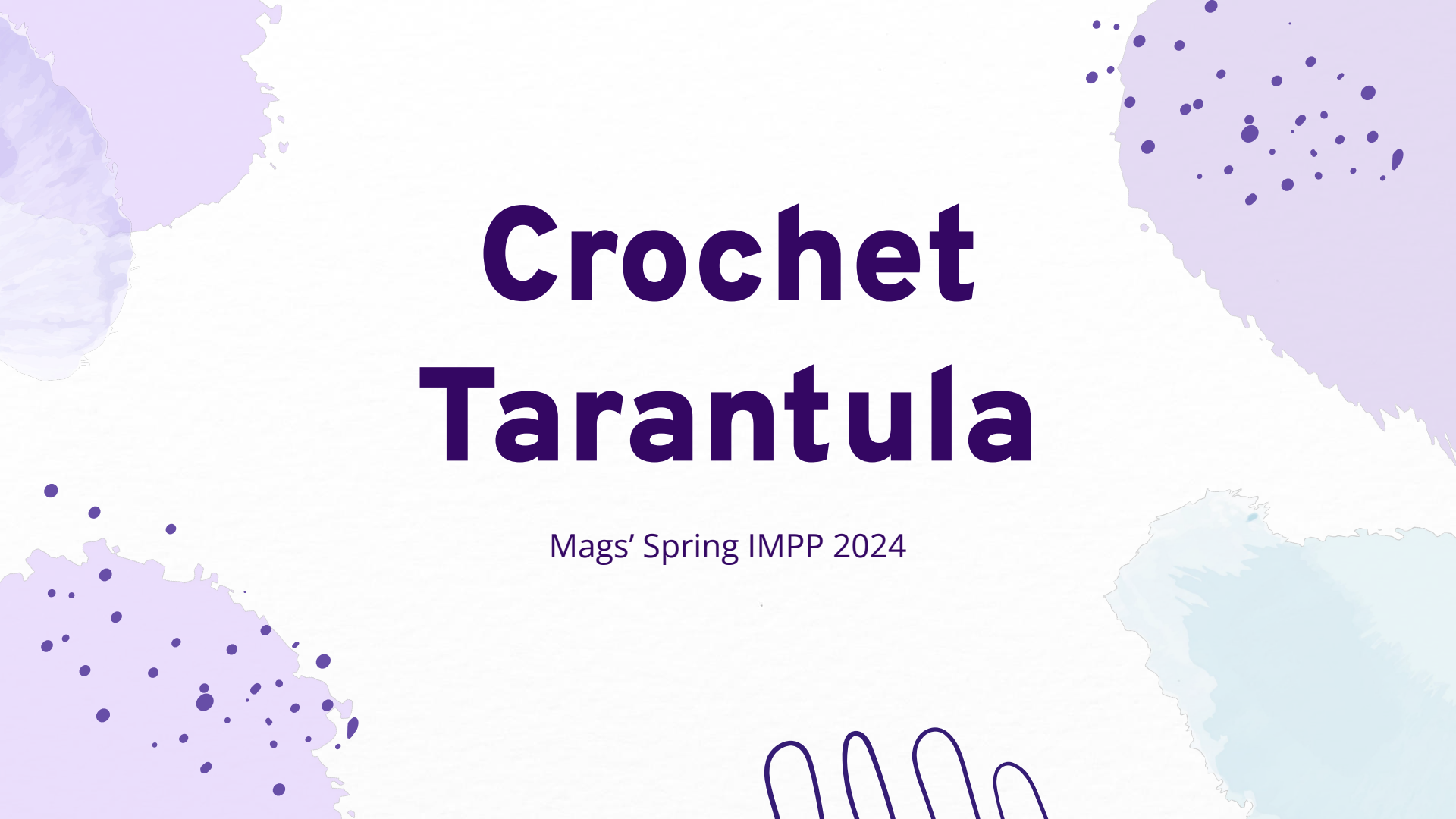




Crochet Tarantula

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My project

My impp project is crocheting a large red knee tarantula. I chose this project because it involved a lot of black yarn, which is notoriously difficult to crochet with, and I wanted to learn how to work with it more easily. I also wanted to get faster at crocheting, so I chose a large project with alot of similar stitches so I could practise. These skills will hopefully make me a better crochet teacher.



Parts of the Tarantula

- Abdomen - In Progress
- 8 Legs - In Progress
- Mouth - Not yet started
- Head - Not yet started



The challenges

The main challenge I faced was the black, very fibrous yarn I chose. My hook repeatedly became tangled in the yarn, and it was quite difficult to count my stitches and rows. If I were to do this project again, I would spend more time researching the yarn before I bought it, and I would have chosen a smoother, lighter colored yarn.



What I learned

1. Anyone can learn to crochet! When I first started to crochet I did not think I would get very far, but it has now become one of my favorite hobbies, and comes easily. I have taught two semesters of a crochet creativity that was offered to Ms. Emily's and Ms. Jill's classes, and every kid who took my class created a crocheted product. To some kids it came more easily than others, but they all made at least one creation.
2. When you are beginning to crochet, you should use beginner yarn. Beginner yarn is more smooth, and not as fibrous than regular yarn, so it is easier to crochet with because your hook cannot get stuck in the loose threads.
3. Make sure the pattern you are using is a beginner pattern, with straight rows instead of rounds. If you choose a difficult pattern to start with, it will be very frustrating.
4. Black yarn is SUPER hard to crochet with. You can barely see your stitches, which makes row counting impossible, and it's hard to catch mistakes because the stitches blend in so well.

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