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Seated Mini Hippo

A little hippo, made one stitch at a time.

PROJECT
Amigurumi

TERMS
US crochet

FORMAT
Written PDF

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Before you begin

Make your hippo with the written instructions and original construction pictures in this pattern.

Read through the materials, stitch terms and finishing steps before you begin. Keep the yarn colours and hook size together so you can follow each section in order.

Small parts need care. For an item intended for a young child, use securely embroidered features and leave off detachable accessories.

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Materials

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Height: 5”

Fine cotton and acrylic yarn(50% Acrylic, 50% Cotton; 1.75oz/50g, 158yds/145m)

• A: Dove - 1 ball

• B: Black - 1 ball

• C: White - 1 ball Hook: US Size B-1 (2.25 mm) or size needed to obtain gauge Notions: Tapestry needle, removable stitch markers, stuffing



Original pattern reference

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Pattern instructions

GAUGE

24 sts x 24 rnds = 4” (before stuffing) Save time, check your gauge. Skills/techniques used in this pattern: Chain, single and double crochet • stitches.

• Magic ring.

• Invisible single crochet decrease.

• Seaming.

STITCH GUIDE

Magic Ring: Wrap yarn around your left middle finger twice, leaving a 6” tail. Insert hk under both strands and pull up a lp. Ch 1 and beg working directly into center of ring. This ring can be tightened later by pulling on the yarn tail. Inv-dec (invisible single crochet decrease): Insert hk in front lp only of each of next 2 sts, yo and draw through both sts, yo and draw through 2 lps on hk (1 st dec’d).

PATTERN NOTES

Join with slip stitch to first stitch unless otherwise indicated. When working in continuous rounds, place a marker in first stitch to indicate beginning of the round. Move marker up as each round begins.

HIPPO

Body

With A, create a Magic Ring.

Rnd 1: 8 sc in ring, do not join, work in continuous rnds - 8 sc.

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around - 16.

Rnd 3: *Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around - 24 sc.

Rnd 4: *Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around - 32 sc.

Rnd 5: *Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around - 40 sc.

Rnd 6: *Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around - 48 sc.

Rnds 7-15: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 15: (Sc in next 2 sts, inv-dec) 8 times, sc in next 16 sts - 40 sc.

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Rnd 16: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 17: (Sc in next 3 sts, inv-dec) 8 times - 32 sc.

Rnd 18: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 19: *Sc in next 2 sts, inv-dec; rep from * around - 24 sc.

Rnds 20-21: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 22: *Sc in next 2 sts, inv-dec; rep from * around - 18 sc. Stuff Body firmly.

Rnd 23: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 24: *Sc in next st, inv-dec; rep from * around - 12 sc.

Rnd 25: Sc in each st around.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Head

With A, ch 7.

Rnd 1: 2 sc in 2nd ch from hk, sc in next 4 sts, 3 sc in last ch, working on opposite side of ch, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in last ch; do not join, work in continuous rnds - 15 sc.

Rnd 2: 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next 3 sts, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in last st - 20 sc.

Rnd 3: *Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around - 24 sc.

Rnds 4-5: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 6: *Sc in next 2 sts, inv-dec; rep from * around - 18 sc.

Rnd 7: *Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around - 27 sc.

Rnd 8: *Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around - 36 sc.

Rnd 9: *Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around - 45 sc.

Rnds 10-14: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 15: *Sc in next 13 sts, inv-dec; rep from * around - 42 sc.

Rnd 16: *Sc in next 5 sts, inv-dec; rep from * around - 36 sc.

Rnd 17: *Sc in next 4 sts, inv-dec; rep from * around - 30 sc.

Rnd 18: *Sc in next 3 sts, inv-dec; rep from * around - 24 sc.

Rnd 19: *Sc in next 2 sts, inv-dec; rep from * around - 18 sc. Stuff Head firmly.

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Rnd 20: *Sc in next st, inv-dec; rep from * around - 12 sc. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. Thread tapestry needle with long tail and close Rnd

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Arms (make 2)

With A, create a Magic Ring.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous rnds - 6 sc.

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around - 12 sc.

Rnds 3-5: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 6: *Sc in next 2 sts, inv-dec; rep from * around - 9 sc.

Rnds 7-12: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 13: *Sc in next st, inv-dec; rep from * around - 6 sc. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. Stuff end of Arm only.

Legs (make 2)

With A, create a Magic Ring.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous rnds - 6 sc.

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around - 12 sc.

Rnd 3: *Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around - 18 sc.

Rnds 4-6: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 7: *Sc in next st, inv-dec; rep from * around - 12 sc.

Rnds 8-13: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 14: *Sc in next 2 sts, inv-dec; rep from * around - 8 sc.

Rnd 15: Sc in each st around.

Eyes (make 2)

With B, create a Magic Ring.

Rnd 1: 3 sc in ring, join. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. Split a length of C and thread needle with 2 plies. Use a running stitch to add detail to Eye.

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Ears (make 2)

With A, create a Magic Ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 3 (counts as dc), 11 dc in ring, join with sl st to beg ch-3 - 12 dc. Fold the Ear in half and sl st 2 sts through both sides, pinching one side to a point. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Using photo as a guide, sew on Eyes, Ears, Arms and Legs. Stitch on Eyebrows with B.

Tail

Cut 3 - 8" lengths of A. Holding lengths together as one, fold in half, pull center of lengths through st, pull end of strips through center lp and pull tight. Braid for 1". Knot and trim. Weave in ends.

Abbreviations

beg: begin(ning) ; ch: chain ; dc: double crochet dec'd decreased ; hk: hook ; lp(s): loop(s) ; rep: repeat ; rnd(s): round(s) ; sc: single crochet ; sl st: slip stitch ; st(s): stitch(es) ; yo: yarn over



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