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Standing Mini Giraffe

A little giraffe, made one stitch at a time.

PROJECT
Amigurumi

TERMS
US crochet

FORMAT
Written PDF

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Before you begin

Make your giraffe 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: 6”

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

• A: Chestnut - 1 ball

• B: Butterscotch - 1 ball

• C: Custard - 1 ball

• D: Black- 1 ball

• E: 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 and single crochet stitch.

• 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. To change yarn color, work last stitch of old color to last yarn over. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete the stitch. Work over the strand of old color as you work each row.

GIRAFFE

Leg 1

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 sc.

Rnds 3-4: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 5: *Sc in next 2 sts, inv-dec; rep from * around - 12 sc. Fasten off, join B.

Rnds 6-11: Sc in each st around. Fasten off.

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Pattern instructions

Leg 2

Rep same as Leg 1, do not fasten off.

Body

Rnd 1: Continue with Leg 2, sc next st, sc in any st of Leg 1, sc in each st around, sc in each rem sts of Leg 2; do not join, work in continuous rnds - 24 sc.

Rnd 2: *Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around - 30 sc.

Rnds 3-10: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 11: *Sc in next 3 sts, inv-dec; rep from * around - 24 sc.

Rnd 12: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 13: *Sc in next 2 sts, inv-dec; rep from * around - 18 sc.

Rnd 14: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 15: *Sc in next st, inv-dec; rep from * around - 12 sc.

Rnds 16-18: Sc in each st around.

Head

Rnd 19: 2 sc in each st around - 24 sc.

Rnd 20: *Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around - 30 sc.

Rnds 21-28: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 29: *Sc in next 3 sts, inv-dec; rep from * around - 24 sc.

Rnd 30: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 31: *Sc in next 2 sts, inv-dec; rep from * around - 18 sc.

Rnd 32: *Sc in next st, inv-dec; rep from * around - 12 sc.

Rnd 33: Inv-dec 6 times - 6 sc. Fasten off.

Arms (make 2)

With A, create a Magic Ring.

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

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Pattern instructions

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

Rnd 3: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 4: *Sc in next 2 sts, inv-dec; rep from * around - 9 sc. Fasten off, join B.

Rnds 5-9: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 10: *Sc in next st, inv-dec; rep from * around - 6 sc.

Rnds 11-12: Sc in each st around. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. Stuff end of Arm only.

Eyes (make 2)

With D, create a Magic ring.

Rnd 1: 3 sc in ring, join with sl st to first st - 3 sc. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. Thread tapestry needle with E and add a embroidery running stitch on Eye for detail.

Ears (make 2)

With B, create a Magic ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 3 (counts as dc), 7 dc in ring, join with sl st to beg ch-3 - 8 dc.

Rnd 2: Ch 2 (not a st), dc2tog 4 times, join with sl st to first st - 4 dc.

Rnd 3: Ch 1, sc2tog 2 times, join with sl st to first st - 2 sc. Fasten off. Fold Ear on half and stitch together Rnd 1.

Horns (make 2)

With B, ch 4.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hk and in next 2 chs, turn - 3 sc.

Rows 2-3: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. Thread tapestry needle with long tail and sew the long edge of Row 1 and 3 together. Thread tapestry needle with A and stitch over one end multiple times to form a rounded edge. Fasten off.

Nose

With C, ch 4.

Rnd 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hk, sc in next ch, 3 sc in last ch, working on opposite side of ch, sc in next ch, 2 sc in last ch, join with sl st to first st - 8 sc.

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Pattern instructions

Rnd 2: Ch 2, 2 sc in first st, sc in next st, (2 sc in next st, sc in next st) 3 times, join with sl st to first st - 12 sc.

Rnd 3: Sc in each st around. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. Stuff lightly.

FINISHING

Using photo as a guide, sew on Ears, Horns, Nose, Ears and Arms. Stitch on eyebrows and nostrils with D. Thread tapestry needle with A and stitch spots on Body.

Tail

Cut 3 -8" lengths of B. Holding strands together as one, fold in half, pull center of lengthds through st in lower back center of Body, pull end of lengths through center lp and pull tight. Braid for 1". Knot and trim. Weave in ends.

Abbreviations

beg: begin(ning) ; ch: chain ; dc: double crochet ; dc2tog: double crochet the next 2 sts together (1 st dec) dec'd decreased ; hk: hook ; lp(s): loop(s) ; rem: remaining ; rep: repeat ; rnd(s): round(s) ; sc: single crochet ; sc2tog: single crochet the next 2 sts together (1 st dec'd) ; sl st: slip stitch ; st(s): stitch(es) ; yo: yarn over



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