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Standing Mini Zebra

A little zebra, made one stitch at a time.

PROJECT
Amigurumi

TERMS
US crochet

FORMAT
Written PDF

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Before you begin

Make your zebra 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” (not including Mane)

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

• A: Black - 1 ball

• B: 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. When changing colors, work the last stitch of the old color to the last yarn over. Yarn over with the new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete the stitch. Join the rounds at a color change with a slip stitch to the first stitch of the round.

ZEBRA

Body

With A, create a Magic Ring.

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

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.

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Rnd 4: *Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around - 24 sc. Fasten off, join B.

Rnd 5: Ch 1, *sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around - 30 sc.

Rnd 6: Sc in each st around, join. Fasten off, join A.

Rnd 7: Ch 1, *sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around - 36 sc.

Rnd 8: Sc in each st around, join. Fasten off, join B.

Rnd 9: Ch 1, sc in each st around.

Rnd 10: Sc in each st around, join. Fasten off, join A.

Rnds 11-12: Rep Rnds 9-10. Fasten off, join B.

Rnds 13-14: Rep Rnds 9-10. Fasten off, join A.

Rnds 15-16: Rep Rnds 9-10. Fasten off, join B.

Rnd 17: Ch 1, *Sc in next 4 sts, inv-dec; rep from * around - 30 sc.

Rnd 18: Sc in each st around, join.Fasten off, join A.

Rnd 19: Ch 1, *sc in next 3 sts, inv-dec; rep from * around - 24 sc.

Rnd 20: Sc in each st around, join. Fasten off, join B.

Rnds 21-22: Rep Rnds 9-10. Fasten off, join A.

Rnd 23: Ch 1, *sc in next 2 sts, inv-dec; rep from * around, join - 18 sc.

Rnd 24: Ch 1, *sc in next st, inv-dec; rep from * around, join - 12 sc. Fasten off. Stuff body firmly.

Head

With A, create a Magic Ring.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous rnd - 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. Fasten off, join B.

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Pattern instructions

Rnd 7: *Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around - 24 sc.

Rnds 8-9: Sc in each st around. Fasten off, join A.

Rnds 10-11: Sc in each st around. Fasten off, join B.

Rnds 12-13: Sc in each st around.

Fasten off, join A.

Rnds 14-15: Sc in each st around. Fasten off, join B.

Rnds 16-17: Sc in each st around. Fasten off, join A.

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

Rnd 19: *Sc in next st, inv-dec; rep from * around - 12 sc.

Rnd 20: (Inv-dec) 6 times - 6 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Thread tail onto tapestry needle and sew opening at back of head to close.

Arms (make 2)

With A, ch 2.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in 2nd ch from hk.

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, join - 9 sc. Fasten off, join B.

Rnd 5: Ch 1, sc in each st around; do not join, work in continuous rnds.

Rnd 6: Sc in each st around, join. Fasten off, join A.

Rnds 7-8: Sc in each st around, join. Fasten off, join B.

Rnds 9-10: Rep Rnds 5-6. Fasten off, join A.

Rnd 11: Ch 1, *sc in next st, inv-dec; rep from * around, join - 6 sc.

Rnd 12: Ch 1, sc in each st around.

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Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing. Stuff end of Arm only, leaving remaining unstuffed. Sew arms to sides of body.

Legs (make 2)

With A, create a Magic Ring.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in 2nd ch from hk; 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 4-5: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 6: *Sc in next st, inv-dec; rep from * around - 12 sc. Fasten off, join B.

Rnds 7-8: Ch 1, sc in each st around, join. Fasten off, join A.

Rnds 9: Ch 1, sc in each st around, join.

Rnd 10: Ch 1, sc in each st around.

Rnd 11: *Sc in next st, inv-dec; rep from * around - 8 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing. Stuff foot firmly, leaving remaining leg unstuffed. Sew Legs to sides of body

Ears (make 2)

With B, ch 5.

Rnd 1: Sl st in 2nd ch from hk, sc in next ch, dc in next ch, (dc, ch 1, dc) in last ch, working on opposite side of ch, dc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in next st, join. Fasten off leaving a long yarn tail for sewing. Sew to head, using photo for reference.

Mane

Cut 60 - 4” lengths of A. Fold each length individually in half, using posts as stitches on center of Head, pull center of lengths through st, pull end of the lengths through center lp and pull tight. Rep evenly down center of Head to neck. Trim evenly.

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Tail

Cut 2 - 3” lengths of A and 1 - 3” length of B. Holding lengths together as one, pull one end and around post of stitch on lower back of Body. Braid for 1 1/2”. Knot. Trim.



FINISHING

Using photo as a guide, sew on Ears, Arms and Legs Thread A in tapestry needle and stitch on eyes. Use B to stitch an extra detail on eyes. Weave in ends.

Abbreviations

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

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