



CROCHET
SKILL LEVEL
EASY

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Amigurumi:
1 ball 9745 Elephant

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook:
2.25 mm [US B-1]

Stitch markers, stuffing, two 6mm safety eyes, yarn needle, sewing needle and white sewing thread for sewing hat to head.

Optional: Knee high stocking and plastic pellets for weighted stuffing, chenille stem for trunk armature.

GAUGE: 24 sts = about 4" [10 cm]; 28 rounds = about 4" [10 cm] in single crochet (sc). **EXACT GAUGE IS NOT CRITICAL TO THIS PROJECT. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**



RED HEART® Amigurumi, Art E885 available in 3.5 oz (100 g) 239 yds (219m) cakes

SHOP KIT



Ellie & Eugene Crochet Elephants

Ellie and Eugene can't wait to make new friends! They love meeting new people and sharing snacks (they really enjoy peanuts, of course!)

Elephant measures about 4" [10 cm] tall, measured in seated position.

Notes

1. Before beginning, separate the different color sections of the yarn as follows: Pop the center color out by pushing gently on the center of the ball so that it comes out intact. Find the point where the color changes and cut the yarn. Repeat this process for the remaining yarn colors by carefully pushing the rings of color out of the larger ring and cutting. Wind each color into a ball to prevent tangling. You may find that one color appears both in the center, and on the outside of the ball, wind together or separately. In the pattern instructions, the light grey or dark grey color is referred to as **A**, the white as **B**, and the pink as **C**.
2. Elephant is made from 10 pieces: Head, body, 2 ears (2 parts each), 2 arms, 2 legs, a tail, and a hat. Unless otherwise indicated, each piece is worked in continuous rnds (spiral) with right side always facing.
3. Pieces are sewn together using yarn scraps, yarn tails or sewing thread.
4. Take care to attach safety eyes before head opening becomes too small. Do not use safety eyes if toy is intended for a child 2 years of age or younger.
5. Yarn color is changed when working Ellie's shirt. 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 stitch. Carry color not in use along the inside of the piece until next needed.

Special Stitches

join with sc = Place a slip knot on hook, insert hook in indicated stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through both loops on hook.

sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches together) = [Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

Special Technique

Adjustable ring = Wrap yarn into a ring, ensuring that the tail falls behind the working yarn. Grip ring and tail between middle finger and thumb. Insert hook through center of ring, yarn over (with working yarn) and draw up a loop. Work stitches of first round in the ring. After the first round of stitches is worked, pull gently on tail to tighten ring.

HEAD

Beginning from top of head with **A**, make an adjustable ring.

Round 1 (right side): Work 6 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous rounds (spiral)—6 sc.

Place a marker in the last sc worked to indicate end of round. Move marker up as each round is completed.

Round 2: 2 sc in each of next 6 sts—12 sc.

Round 3: [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times—18 sc.

Round 4: [Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st] 6 times—24 sc.

Round 5: [Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st] 6 times—30 sc.

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Round 6: [Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st] 6 times—36 sc.

Round 7: [Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st] 6 times—42 sc.

Rounds 8–10: Sc in each st around.

Round 11: [Sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog] 6 times—36 sc.

Rounds 12–14: Sc in each st around.

Round 15: [Sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog] 6 times—30 sc.

Begin stuffing head and continue as work progresses.

Make Opening for Trunk

Round 16: Ch 3, skip next 3 sts (for trunk opening), sc in next 2 sts, [sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts] 6 times, sc in last st—21 sc and 1 ch-3 space (trunk opening).

Eyes: Using photograph as a guide, attach safety eyes between Rounds 14 and 15, about 3 or 4 stitches from edges of trunk opening and about 6–8 stitches apart. Take care that the washer on the back of each safety eye does not overlap into the trunk opening, so that they do not interfere with trunk stitches to be worked later.

Round 17: Working in each ch of the ch-3 and each sc around, [sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog] 6 times—18 sc.

Note: Now you will pause working the head so that the trunk can be made while it is easier to access the trunk from the inside of head, rather than having to stuff the trunk through the tiny opening at the tip of the trunk. The head will be completed after the trunk is made.

Remove loop from hook and place it on a stitch marker or elongate it, so that it does not unravel. Cut yarn, leaving about 1yd/1m tail for completing head. Trunk

Round 1 (right side): With right side facing, join **A** with sc in first skipped sc of trunk opening, sc in next 2 sc, sc in

side of trunk opening, sc in base of each of next 3 ch of trunk opening, sc in side of trunk opening; do not join, work in continuous rounds (spiral)—8 sc.

Place a marker in the last sc worked to indicate end of round. Move marker up as each round is completed.

Rounds 2–7: Sc in each st around.

Round 8: [Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts] twice—6 sc.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Weave tail through stitches of last round and pull to close opening. Secure tail and weave to inside of trunk.

Complete Head

Return dropped loop to hook and pull until loop sits snugly on hook.

Round 18: Sc in each st around.

Working from inside of head, complete stuffing head and stuff trunk inserting chenille stem for armature (if desired).

Round 19: [Sc2tog] 9 times—9 sc. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

BODY

Beginning at bottom of body with **A**, make an adjustable ring.

Round 1 (right side): Work 7 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous rounds (spiral)—7 sc.

Place a marker in the last sc worked to indicate end of round. Move marker up as each round is completed.

Round 2: 2 sc in each of next 7 sts—14 sc.

Round 3: [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 7 times—21 sc.

Round 4: [Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st] 7 times—28 sc.

Round 5: Sc in each st around and change to **B** in last st.

Begin Striped Shirt

Round 6: With **B**, [sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts] 7 times and change to **C** in last st—21 sc. Do not cut **B**. Carry **B** inside piece.

Round 7: With **C**, sc in each st around and change to **B** in last st. Do not cut **C**. Carry **C** inside piece.

Round 8: With **B**, sc in each st around and change to **C** in last st. Do not cut **B**. Carry **B** inside piece.

Round 9: With **C**, [sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts] 3 times and change to **B** in last st—18 sts. Do not cut **C**. Carry **C** inside piece.

Round 10: Repeat Round 8.

Round 11: Repeat Round 7. Cut **C**.

Stuff body with stuffing or with optional knee high filled with plastic pellets.

Round 12 (neck): With **B**, [sc in next st, sc2tog] 6 times—12 sts.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing head to body.

EARS (make 2)

Inner Ears (make 2)

With **C**, ch 7.

Row 1: Working in back bumps only, sc in 2nd ch from hook and remaining each ch across—6 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, turn, skip first st, sc in next 5 sts—5 sc.

Row 3: Ch 1, turn, sc in first 3 sts, sc2tog—4 sc.

Row 4: Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, skip next st, sc in last st—2 sc.

Fasten off. Weave in and trim ends.

Outer Ears (make 2)

With **A**, make same as inner ear through Row 4—2 sc.

Do not fasten off.

Joining Round: Place an inner ear on top of the outer ear with stitches matching; working through both thicknesses, work sc evenly spaced all the way around the outer edge of ear

working 2 sc in each corner; join with slip st in first sc.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing ear to head.

ARMS (make 2)

With **A**, leaving a long beginning tail, make an adjustable ring.

Round 1 (right side): Work 5 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous rounds (spiral)—5 sc.

Place a marker in the last sc worked to indicate end of round. Move marker up as each round is completed.

Rounds 2–5: Sc in each st around.

Stuff arm lightly. Fasten off leaving a long tail. Weave tail through stitches of last round and pull to close opening. Weave in and trim ending tail. Do not cut beginning tail. It can be used later for sewing leg to body.

LEGS (make 2)

With **A**, leaving a long beginning tail, make an adjustable ring.

Round 1 (right side): Work 5 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous rounds (spiral)—5 sc.

Place a marker in the last sc worked to indicate end of round. Move marker up as each round is completed.

Round 2: [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] twice, sc in last st—7 sc.

Round 3: 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts—8 sc.

Rounds 4–6: Sc in each st around.

Stuff leg lightly. Fasten off leaving a long tail. Weave tail through stitches of last round and pull to close opening. Weave in and trim ending tail. Do not cut beginning tail. It can be used later for sewing leg to body.

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TAIL

With **A**, ch 4. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing tail to body. Trim beginning yarn tail to about ¼" [6mm] and fray yarn to form a tiny tassel.

HAT

With **B**, make an adjustable ring.

Crown (Top of Hat)

Round 1 (right side): Work 6 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous rounds (spiral)—6 sc.

Place a marker in the last sc worked to indicate end of round. Move marker up as each round is completed.

Round 2: 2 sc in each of next 6 sts—12 sc.

Round 3: [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times—18 sc.

Round 4: [Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st] 6 times—24 sc.

Round 5: [Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st] 6 times—30 sc.

Round 6 and 7: Sc in each st around. Brim

Round 8 (wrong side): Ch 1, TURN, working in back loops only, sc in each st around; join with slip st in first sc of this round—30 sc.

Round 9: Ch 1, hdc in same st as joining slip st and in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st, [hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st] 5 times; join with slip st in first hdc—36 hdc.

Round 10: Ch 1, slip st in each st around; join with slip st in first st.

Fasten off. Weave in and trim ends.

FINISHING

Referring to photograph as a guide to placement, use yarn tails or yarn scraps to sew the following pieces together.

1. Sew ears to lower portion of each side of head.
2. Sew head to neck opening of body.
3. Sew arms along about 3rd row from top of body and about 8 stitches apart.
4. Sew legs to A-colored lower portion of body, placing them towards the front so that elephant is in a sitting position or place them directly at the bottom of the body for a standing position.
5. Sew tail to back of body in middle of the A-colored lower portion.

Tilt hat to one side of top of head.

With sewing needle and white sewing thread, sew hat to head placing a small amount of stuffing in the crown before completing the sewing.

Weave in and trim any remaining ends.

If chenille stem was used in trunk, bend trunk upwards or into desired position.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, B, and C = Color A, Color B, and Color C; **ch** = chain; **hdc** = half double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.

