



CROCHET  
SKILL LEVEL  
EASY

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## What you will need:

**RED HEART® Amigurumi:**  
1 ball 9872 Llama

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

Stitch marker, stuffing, two 6 mm safety eyes, craft glue, yarn needle, regular sized drinking straw (for leg armatures), black embroidery floss and embroidery needle (for nose embroidery).

**Optional:** Pins, knee high stocking and plastic pellets for weighted stuffing.

**GAUGE:** 32 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.



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# Larry & Linda Crochet Llama

Llamas are curious by nature and these pals are no exception to the rule! They love to explore new places and meet new people whenever they can.

**Llama measures about 5" [12.5 cm] tall and 4" [10 cm] wide (at widest).**

## 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 separate 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 white color is referred to as **A**, the pink as **B**, the blue as **C**, and the yellow as **D**.
2. Llama is made from 8 pieces: Body, head/neck, 4 legs, and 2 ears. In addition, a blanket and halter are worked separately and placed on llama.
3. Most pieces and sections are worked in continuous rounds (spiral) with right side always facing.
4. Pieces are sewn together using yarn tails or yarn scraps.
5. Llama fleece is added to the body and head/neck after the pieces are complete. The fleece is made by working (slip st, ch 5, slip st) in free loops on the surface of the piece. To access the small parts of the llama, it is advisable to complete the fleece before sewing head/neck to body. Almost all of the fleece color yarn is needed to make each llama. Accordingly, work all other parts of the llama before working the fleece. If needed, fleece rounds can be adjusted to use less yarn by skipping parts of llama that would be covered by the blanket.

6. Yarn color is changed to form blanket stripes. When changing color, leave long beginning and ending tails for fringe. 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. Fasten off old color. Proceed with new color.
7. Do not use safety eyes if toy is intended for a child 2 years of age or younger.

## Special Stitch

**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.

## BODY

With **A** or **B**, 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.

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## Begin Fleece Rounds

### Notes

1. Stitches in every other round of this section are worked in back loops only. This leaves free loops on the surface of the body.
2. Fleece is worked later and attached to the free loops.

**Round 2:** Working in back loops only, work 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:** Working in back loops only, [sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st] 6 times—24 sc.

**Round 5:** Sc in each st around.  
Make Neck Opening

**Round 6:** Working in back loops only, sc in next 18 sts, ch 6, skip last 6 sts (for neck opening)—18 sc and 1 ch-6 space.

**Round 7:** Sc in next 18 sts, sc in next 6 ch—24 sc.

**Round 8:** Working in back loops only, sc in each st around.

**Round 9:** Sc in each st around.

**Round 10:** Repeat Round 8.

**Round 11:** [Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog] 6 times—18 sc.

**Round 12:** Working in back loops only, [sc in next st, sc2tog] 6 times—12 sc.

**Round 13:** [Sc2tog] 6 times—6 sc.

**Tail:** Ch 6, sc in 2nd ch from hook and next 4 ch.

Fasten off leaving a long yarn tail.

Thread tail through stitches of Round 13 and pull to close opening and anchor tail. Weave in and trim tail.

Stuff body with fiberfill, or insert pellet filled knee high, through neck opening.

## HEAD/NECK

With same yarn color as used for body, 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:** Work 2 sc in each of next 6 sts—12 sc.

**Rounds 3 and 4:** Sc in each st around.

**Round 5:** Work 2 sc in each of next 12 sts—24 sc.

**Rounds 6-8:** Sc in each st around.

Begin Fleece Rounds

**Round 9:** Working in back loops only, sc in next 18 sts, ch 6, skip last 6 sts (for neck opening)—18 sc and 1 ch-6 space.

**Round 10:** Sc in next 18 sts, sc in next 6 ch—24 sc.

**Round 11:** Working in back loops only, sc in each st around.

**Round 12:** [Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog] 6 times—18 sc.

Attach safety eyes between Rounds 7 and 8, about 10 or 11 stitches apart.

Place both eyes an equal distance from the edges of neck opening just made so they will sit correctly when neck is added.

Begin stuffing head and continue stuffing as work progresses. Do not use weighted stuffing in head.

**Round 13:** Working in back loops only, [sc2tog] 9 times—9 sc.

Fasten off. Weave in and trim ends.

## Neck

Join yarn with slip stitch in any st of neck opening. In the next round, stitches are worked into each stitch (including the chains of the ch-6) around the neck opening.

**Round 1:** Ch 1, sc in same st as joining, in each st around, and in left and right side edges of opening—14 sc.

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

**Round 2:** Working in back loops only, sc in each st around

**Round 3:** Sc in each st around.

**Round 4:** Repeat Round 2.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing neck to neck opening of body.

## LEGS (make 4)

With same yarn color as used for body, 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.

**Rounds 2-6:** Sc in each st around.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing leg to body. If needed, thread beginning yarn tail through stitches at beginning of piece and pull to close opening.

Weave in and trim beginning tail only.

Insert drinking straw into leg and cut to size.

## EARS (make 2)

With same yarn color as used for body, ch 12.

**Row 1:** Working in back bumps only, sc in each bump across.

Fasten off leaving a long tail. Fold the strip in half. With the tail, sew together the edges that make up the opposite side of the foundation chain. Do not trim the tail. It can be used later to sew ear to head.

## FLEECE

Finish stuffing the head and neck firmly.

**Fleece Round:** Join matching yarn with slip st in any free loop of head Round 9, ch 5, slip st in same st, slip st in next st, \*(slip st, ch 5, slip st) in next st, slip st in next st; repeat from \* around. Fasten off and weave in ends.

Repeat Fleece Round around Rounds 11 and 13 of head, Rounds 2 and 4 of neck, and Rounds 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12 of body.

## BLANKET

With **C**, leaving a long beginning tail for fringe, ch 15.

**Row 1:** With **C**, Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across and change to **D** in last st—14 sc.

**Row 2:** With **D**, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across and change to **B** in last st.

**Row 3:** With **B**, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across and change to **A** in last st.

**Row 4:** With **A**, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across and change to **B** in last st.

**Row 5:** With **B**, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across and change to **D** in last st.

**Row 6:** With **D**, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across and change to **C** in last st.

**Row 7:** With **C**, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Fasten off **C**, leaving a long tail for fringe.

Hold all fringes along one side of blanket together and tie an overhand knot about ½" [1.5 cm] from edge of blanket. Trim ends even, about ½" [1.5 cm] from knot. Repeat on other side of blanket.

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## FINISHING

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

1. Sew head/neck to body neck opening, positioning the head facing forwards relative to the chest (or position to the side, if desired). Take care to sew all the way around the neck opening using a secure whipstitch.
2. Sew ears to top of head between the first and second fleece rounds on head, about 2 or 3 stitches apart.
3. Sew legs to bottom portion of body, between fleece rounds. Position back legs about ½" [1.5 cm] from front legs. Place back legs very close together (so they touch), place the front legs very close together. To check for balance, pin or baste legs in place first then sew securely in place.

With embroidery needle and 2 strands of black embroidery floss, embroider a "Y" shape for nose. Embroider the "Y" beginning in tip of muzzle and about 3 rows high. Weave the floss back through head and knot securely then bury yarn in head, trimming excess as needed.

### Halter

**Noseband:** With **C**, ch 14; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring. Note: This part of the halter is placed around the llama's muzzle.

**Head Strap:** Ch 21. Note: This part of the halter forms the strap that fits around the llama's head.

Try halter on for size and adjust as needed. Join the end of the head strap with a slip st in the opposite side of the noseband circle.

Fasten off, knotting the yarn end securely. Place halter on llama.

### Tassels (make 3 - 1 each with B, C, D)

1. Cut 2 lengths of **C**, about 3" [7.5 cm] long for ties.
2. Cut 3 strands of tassel color yarn, about 2" [5 cm] long.
3. Hold the 3 strands together and fold in half.
4. Thread one of the 3" [7.5 cm] ties through the fold then tie into a knot for top of tassel.
5. Tie remaining 3" [7.5 cm] tie around the top of the tassel, about ⅛" [3 mm] below top of tassel, for tassel neck. Trim ends even. Place a small dot of glue on knot to secure.

Repeat this process to make all 3 tassels. Using photograph as a guide to placement and using yarn tails or yarn scraps, tie two of the tassels to the halter, where noseband and head strap meet. Tie third tassel to one of the llama's ears.

Place blanket on back of llama and tack in place using same yarn color as used for body.

Weave in and trim any remaining ends.

### ABBREVIATIONS

**A, B, C, and D** = Color A, Color B, Color C, and Color D; **ch** = chain; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **( )** = work directions in parentheses into same st; **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; \* = repeat whatever follows the \* as indicated.



Front



Back