



CROCHET  
SKILL LEVEL  
EASY

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## What you will need:

**RED HEART® Amigurumi:**  
1 ball 9682 Dinosaur

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

Stitch marker, stuffing, two 6 mm safety eyes, yarn needle, black embroidery floss and embroidery needle (for mouth 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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# Stellan & Stanley Crochet Dinosaur

These two friends have known each other since the Jurassic era and still make time to hang out! They love catching up over a delicious salad (they are vegetarians, after all).

Dinosaur measures about 4¼" [11 cm] tall and 4" [10 cm] wide (at widest).

## Notes

- 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 lime color is referred to as **A**, the orange as **B**, the yellow as **C**, and the blue as **D**.
- Dinosaur is made from 8 pieces: Body, tail, head, 4 legs, and spikes. In addition, spots are worked separately for the spotted dinosaur.
- Dinosaur is designed in two versions: spotted and striped. The stripe pattern of the striped dinosaur is worked in joined rounds. All other pieces and sections are worked in continuous rnds (spiral) with right side always facing.
- Pieces are sewn together using yarn tails or yarn scraps.
- For stripe pattern, yarn color is changed when working the slip stitch at the end of a round as follows: Insert hook in indicated sc, drop but do not cut the old color, yarn over with new color and draw through the stitch and the loop on hook (slip stitch completed and yarn color changed). Carry color not in use along the inside of the piece until next needed.
- 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.

## SPOTTED DINOSAUR BODY

Beginning at bottom of body 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:** 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:** [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:** [Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st] 6 times—36 sc.

Make Opening for Tail

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**Round 7:** 2 sc in next st, ch 8, skip next 8 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts] twice, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts] twice—34 sts and 1 ch-8 space.

**Round 8:** Sc in each st and ch around—42 sc.

**Rounds 9–11:** Sc in each st around.

**Round 12:** [Sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog] 6 times—36 sc.

**Round 13:** Sc in each st around.

**Round 14:** [Sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog] 6 times—30 sc.

**Round 15:** Sc in each st around.

Begin stuffing piece with fiberfill or place optional knee high, filled with plastic pellets, into piece. Continue stuffing piece as work progresses.

**Round 16:** [Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog] 6 times—24 sc.

**Round 17:** Sc in each st around.

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

**Round 19:** Sc in each st around.

**Round 20:** [Sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog] twice—16 sc.

**Round 21:** [Sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog] twice—14 sc.

**Rounds 22 and 23:** Sc in each st around. Finish stuffing piece.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing head to neck. If needed, thread beginning yarn tail through stitches at bottom of piece and pull to close opening. Secure and weave in beginning tail only.

## STRIPED DINOSAUR BODY

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

**Rounds 1–8:** Work same as Rounds 1–8 of spotted dinosaur body—42 sc.

Begin Striped Section  
Remove end of round marker.

**Reposition End of Round:** Sc in next 4 sts. slip stitch in next sc and change yarn color to **C** (as you work the slip stitch). Note: The yarn color changes are made at the end of rounds. Repositioning the end of round to the center of the back/tail will allow the color changes to be hidden beneath the back spikes that are added later.

**Round 9:** With **C**, ch 1, sc in same st as slip st and in each st around; join with slip st in first sc—42 sc.

**Note:** Work first sc of all following stripe rounds in same stitch as joining slip stitch.

**Round 10:** With **C**, ch 1, sc in each st around; join with slip st in first sc and change to **B**.

**Round 11:** With **B**, ch 1, sc in each st around; join with slip st in first sc.

**Round 12:** With **B**, ch 1, [sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog] 6 times; join with slip st in first sc and change to **C**—36 sc.

**Round 13:** With **C**, ch 1, sc in each st around; join with slip st in first sc.

**Round 14:** With **C**, [sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog] 6 times; join with slip st in first sc and change to **B**—30 sc.

**Round 15:** With **B**, ch 1, sc in each st around; join with slip st in first sc. Begin stuffing piece with fiberfill or place optional knee high, filled with plastic pellets, into piece. Continue stuffing piece as work progresses.

**Round 16:** With **B**, [sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog] 6 times; join with slip st in first sc and change to **C**—24 sc.

**Round 17:** With **C**, ch 1, sc in each st around; join with slip st in first sc.

**Round 18:** With **C**, [sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog] 6 times; join with slip st in first sc and change to **B**—18 sc.

Cut **C**. Work remaining rounds with **B** only.

**Round 19:** Sc in each st around; do not join, work in continuous rounds (spiral). Place a marker in the last sc worked to indicate end of round. Move marker up as each round is completed.

**Round 20:** [Sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog] twice—16 sc.

**Round 21:** [Sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog] twice—14 sc.

**Rounds 22 and 23:** Sc in each st around. Finish stuffing piece.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing head to neck. If needed, thread beginning yarn tail through stitches at bottom of piece and pull to close opening. Secure and weave in beginning tail only.

## TAIL

**Note:** If making spotted dinosaur, use yarn color **A**. If making striped dinosaur, use yarn color **B**.

Join yarn with slip stitch in any st of the tail opening. In the next round, stitches are worked into each stitch (including the chains of the ch-8) around the tail opening.

**Round 1:** Ch 1, sc in same st as joining and in next 15 sts—16 sc.

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

**Rounds 2 and 3:** Sc in each st around

**Round 4:** [Sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog]

twice—14 sc.

**Round 5:** [Sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog] twice—12 sc.

**Round 6:** [Sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog] twice—10 sc.

**Round 7:** [Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog] twice—8 sc.

**Round 8:** [Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog] twice—6 sc.

Fasten off leaving a long tail. Thread tail through stitches of last round and pull to close opening. Weave in and trim ends.

## HEAD

**Note:** If making spotted dinosaur, use yarn color **A**. If making striped dinosaur, use yarn color **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.

**Round 2:** 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.

**Rounds 4–7:** Sc in each st around.

**Round 8:** [Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st] 6 times—24 sc.

**Round 9:** [Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st] 6 times—30 sc.

**Rounds 10 and 11:** Sc in each st around.

**Round 12:** [Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog] 6 times—24 sc.

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

**Round 13:** [Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog] 6 times—18 sc.

**Round 14:** [Sc in next st, sc2tog] 6 times—12 sc.

**Round 15:** [Sc in next st, sc2tog] 4 times—8 sc.

Fasten off leaving a long tail. Thread ending tail through stitches of last round and pull to close opening. If needed, thread beginning yarn tail through stitches at beginning of piece and pull to close opening. Weave in and trim tails.

## LEGS (make 4 for each dinosaur)

**Note:** If making spotted dinosaur, use yarn color **A**. If making striped dinosaur, use yarn color **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.

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

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

## SPOTS (make 3 for spotted dinosaur)

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

**Round 1:** Work 12 sc in ring; join with slip st in first sc.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing spot 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.

## SPIKES

**Note:** If making spotted dinosaur, use yarn color **D**. If making striped dinosaur, use yarn color **C**.

Leaving a long beginning tail for sewing spikes to body, ch 36.

**Row 1:** Working in back bumps only, slip st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across—35 slip sts.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, turn, skip first st, (3 hdc, slip st) in next st, slip st in next st, [skip next st, (slip st, 3 hdc, slip st) in next st, slip st in next st] 10 times, skip next st, slip st in last st.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing spikes to body.

## FINISHING

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

1. Sew head to body, positioning face slightly to the side.
2. Sew legs to bottom-most portion of body. Position the back two legs directly in front of the tail and the front legs directly in front of the back legs.

**Note:** To get proper balance and make the dinosaur sit upright, it may be helpful to pin legs before sewing in place.

3. Sew spikes along back of body, beginning at top of head. Place the first spike about level with the middle of the eyes and follow the contour of the back of head, neck, back, and tail. End by sewing last slip st of spikes about even with tip of tail.
 

**Note:** It may be helpful to pin spikes to body before sewing in place.
4. Sew spots to spotted dinosaur body. Position spots randomly.

With embroidery needle and 2 strands of black embroidery floss, embroider a running stitch smile on face of dinosaur, about 3 rows below last round of muzzle end of head. Weave the floss back through head and knot securely then bury yarn in head, trimming excess as needed.

Weave in and trim any remaining ends.

## ABBREVIATIONS

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

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