



CROCHET
SKILL LEVEL
EASY

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Amigurumi:
1 ball 9627 Cactus

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

Stuffing, yarn needle.

GAUGE: 18 sts = about 3"
[7.5 cm] in double crochet
(dc). **EXACT GAUGE IS NOT
CRITICAL TO THIS PROJECT.**
Use any size hook to obtain
the gauge.



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Agave & Aloe Crochet Cactus

Don't let their prickles keep you from making new friends with these cacti! They're always careful when saying hello and love to chat with new people.

Each cactus measures about 4½" [11.5 cm] tall.

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 light green color is referred to as **A**, the green as **B**, the black as **C**, and the pink as **D**.
2. Each cactus is made from 5 pieces: Body, 2 arms, and 2 legs.
3. Clothing is made separately and placed on completed cactus.
4. There is enough yarn in the single ball of yarn to make two cactus of either gender.
5. Pieces are sewn together using yarn scraps, yarn tails or sewing thread.
6. 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.

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.

sc3tog (single crochet 3 stitches together) = [Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] 3 times, yarn over and draw through all 4 loops on hook.

BODY

Notes

1. Body is worked from side to side in rows.
2. All body stitches are worked into the back loops only to form ridges.
3. When body rows are complete, stitches are worked along one side edge, decreasing to gather the edge for top of cactus.

With **A** or **B**, ch 22.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—21 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, turn, working in back loops only, sc in first 7 sts, hdc in next 7 sts, dc in next 6 sts, sc in last st. Continue to work in back loops only throughout body.

Row 3: Ch 3 (does not count as a st), turn, sc in first sc, dc in next 6 dc, hdc in next 7 hdc, sc in last 7 sc.

Rows 4-17: Repeat Rows 2 and 3 for 7 more times.

Row 18: Ch 1, turn, sc in first 7 sts, hdc in next 7 sts, dc in next 6 sts, sc in last st.

Gather Top of Head: Do not turn; working in ends of rows along side edge, [sc2tog over ends of next rows] 9 times—9 sts.

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail. Weave tail through the 9 decreases (sc2tog) and pull to gather top of head.

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Thread remainder of tail onto yarn needle and sew edges of first and last row together. Stuff body then sew lower edges together for bottom of cactus.

Facial features: Using photograph as a guide, with **C** embroider French knot eyes and couched st mouth.

ARMS (make 2 for each cactus)

Notes

1. Arms worked from side to side in rows.
2. All arm stitches are worked into the back loops only to form ridges.

With same yarn color as used for body, ch 10.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across—9 sc.

Rows 2–9: Ch 1, turn, working in back loops only, sc in each st across.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Weave tail through ends of rows along one side edge and pull to gather for hand end of arm. Thread remainder of tail onto yarn needle and sew edges of first and last row together. Stuff arm.

Bend arm in middle and sew a few stitches to maintain the bend and make hand end point upwards.

LEGS (make 2 for each cactus)

Beginning at bottom of foot, with **C**, ch 13.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across—12 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, turn, sc in first 3 sts, [sc2tog] 3 times, sc in last 3 sts—9 sc.

Row 3: Ch 1, turn, sc in first 3 sts, sc3tog, sc in last 3 sts—7 sc.

Rows 4–7: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Fold piece in half and sew side and lower edges together. Stuff piece.

OVERALLS (make for boy cactus)

Notes

1. Overalls are worked side to side, beginning at one side, worked all the way across the front then across the back.
2. At the center of the front and back, stitches are left unworked to separate the legs and form the crotch.

With **A**, ch 11.

Row 1 (right side): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across—10 sc.

Rows 2–10: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Row 11 (crotch): Ch 1, turn, sc in first 7 sts; leave remaining sts unworked—7 sc.

Row 12: Ch 4, turn, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 2 ch, sc in next 7 sc—10 sc.

Rows 13–30: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Row 31: Repeat Row 11.

Rows 32–40: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Do not fasten off.

Waistband

Row 1: Do not turn, working in ends of rows along long side edge (waist edge), work sc evenly spaced along edge and change to **C** in last st. Leave a long yarn tail when fastening off **A**, for sewing.

Rows 2 and 3: With **C**, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing.

Sew beginning and ending edges together for one side seam. Sew inseam and crotch seam.

Strap (make 2)

With **A**, ch 15.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across—14 sc.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Sew ends of each strap to front and back, in front of waistband, about 1" [2.5 cm] from side edges. With **C**, embroider a French knot button on front at end of each strap.

DRESS (make for girl cactus)

Notes

1. Dress is made from 3 pieces: Front, back, and tie.
2. Side edges of front and back skirt are sewn together.
3. Tie is worked and attached to top of front edge. Ends of tie are crossed at back of dress and sewn to top of back edge.

Front

With **D**, ch 13.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across—12 sc.

Rows 2–7: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Row 8 (begin skirt): Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), turn, dc in first st, 2 dc in each remaining st across—24 dc.

Rows 9 and 10: Ch 3, turn, dc in each st across.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Back

With **D**, ch 13.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across—12 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Row 3 (begin skirt): Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), turn, dc in first st, 2 dc in each remaining st across—24 dc.

Rows 4 and 5: Ch 3, turn, dc in each st across.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Hold front and back together with side edges of skirt sections matching. Sew side edges of skirt sections together.

Tie

With **D**, ch 40, slip st in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across (first strap made), do not turn or fasten off. To attach tie to dress, hold dress with front facing. Working along opposite side of front foundation ch, sc in each ch across; ch 40, slip st in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across. Fasten off and weave in ends. Cross straps at back of dress and thread each end through a space between stitches at top of back, about 2 stitches from center back. Tie the ends into a bow.

FLOWER (make for girl cactus)

With **D**, ch 4.

Round 1: Work 11 dc in the 4th ch from hook (3 skipped ch count as dc); join with slip st in top of beg ch—12 dc.

Round 2: Ch 2 (does not count as a st), 3 hdc in next st, [slip st in next st, 3 hdc in next st] 5 times, slip st in same st as joining slip st.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

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FINISHING

Referring to photograph as a guide to placement, sew the following pieces together.

1. Sew arms to side of cactus.
2. Sew legs to underside of cactus.
3. For girl cactus, sew flower to top of side of head.

Dress the cactus in the dress or overalls.

Weave in and trim any remaining ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

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

