CROCHET PATTERN

Elsa, the Dragon (Hungarian Horntail)

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Difficulty level - experienced. The toy is approx. 35*25 cm. Pay attention that your toy can be smaller or bigger depending on the materials you use and your manner to crochet.

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Preface

Recently more and more forest creatures have been leaving their habitat. Today I am going to introduce a very rare creature - Hungarian Horntail. This is a very friendly creature called Elsa. An absolutely harmless and confiding creature. They used to be friends with forest fairies, but nowadays we know almost nothing about fairies. They might be living somewhere in taiga - we don't know. Unlike their giant fellows, they never used to steal princesses or invade villages. That is the reason they still live in the forest up to now.





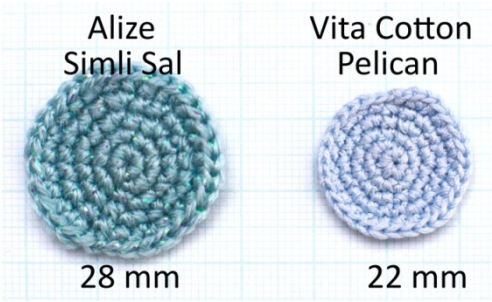
YOU WILL NEED

These materials are necessary:

- Any smooth yarn not too stretchy of the main color. It would be great if the yarn contains glossy strands. I used Alize SAL SIM (5% metallic, 95% acrylic; 460 m/100 g). I like working with this yarn. It does not creak. Lurex is weaved evenly with the main thread. You can also use Pehorka Mertsayustshaya (96% acrylic, 4% metallic; 430 m/100 g); YarnArt Gold (92% acrylic, 8% metallic; 400 m/100 g); Magic ROMANCE (4% Lurex, 96% acrylic; 400 m/100 g); Nako Lame Fine (96% acrylic, 4% Lurex; 440 m/100 g); Koster by Moscow Yarn Company (93% acrylic, 7% metallic; 394 m/100 g). You need about half a skein.



- to make the wings you will need embroidery thread or Iris yarn. You can also use any cotton yarn or just two A4 pieces of felt. I used Vita Pelican yarn (100% mercerized cotton, 330 m/50 g). You will need about half a skein. You can also use this yarn to make horns.



- 1.5 mm cooper wire - approx. 3 m. *You can buy this wire in a craft shop, but I suggest buying it in an electronic goods store. There you can buy a 3*1.5 cord. Before buying the cord, make sure that the wire inside it is whole and does not consist of several thin wires. With a paper knife, remove the insulation.*
- Stuffing polyester.
- White fabric plaster or insulation tape.
- Toy eyes or beads or semi beads to make eyes. You will need two items. The size of the eyes is 6 mm (depends on the size of your toy).

Sewing threads to join the parts together.

Optional materials:

- Beads to make veins on the wings and to make horns. I used Czech beads No 11 (approx. 10 g) and Japanese beads Toho No 15 (approx. 10 g).
- Beads to make nails. I used Czech beads Rizo. You can also make the nails with polymeric clay.
- Transparent glue (if you want to glue the eyes on instead of sewing them on).
- Dry pastel paints of the following colors: the same color as your dragon but a bit darker - to tint the upper part of the dragon; white to tint the belly; dark-grey or black to tint the eyes.
- Black ballpoint pen to tint the eyes.

TOOLS:

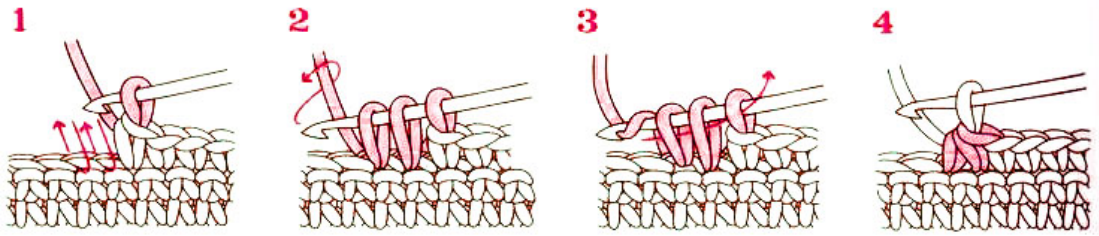


- 1.25 mm crochet hook (the size of the hook depends on the yarn you use). 1.00 mm crochet hook to make the wings.
- Wire cutter.
- Scissors
- Hard synthetic paint brush to tint the toy. I recommend using a fan looking brush.

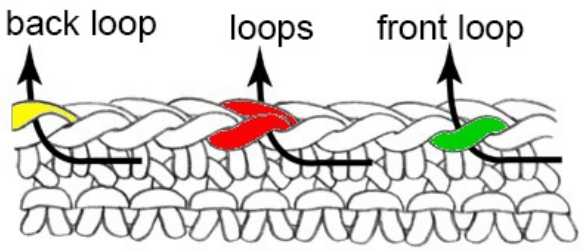


ABBREVIATIONS:

ch - chain
dec - decrease: 2 sts tog
Attention! In order to get thick even fabric without holes make decreases as it is shown in pictures below (and do not just skip on stitch!). If it is not stating the other.

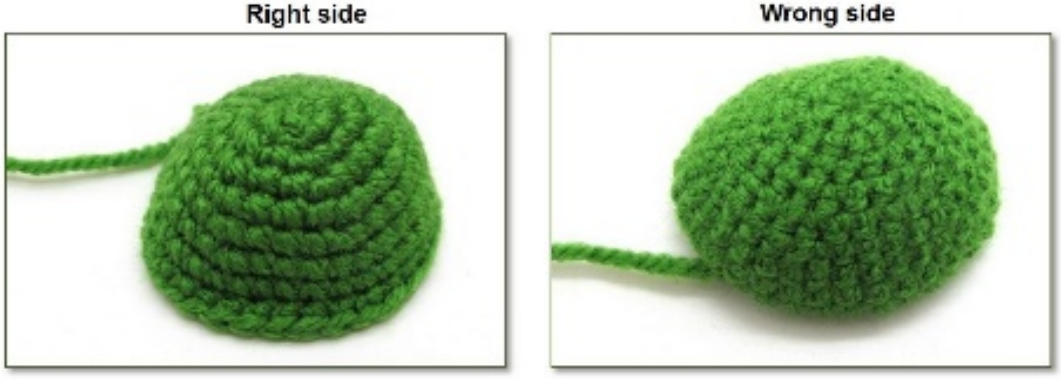


shift st - shift stitch – an additional sc in next st and only after that change the position of the marker
FO – Fasten off and weave in the end
ss - slip stitch
sc - single crochet
sc blo - single crochet through back loop only
sc flo - single crochet through front loop only



incr - increase: 2 sc in one st
Incr-dec - Attention! In order to avoid holes between the rays when joining them together you have to do the following: draw up one more loop through the same place where you have just made a sc as you are going to make another sc but do not crochet it. As a result, you have two sts on the hook. Then draw up another loop through the st in the previous rnd of the other ray (the one you are going to join the first ray to). As a result, you have 3 sts on the hook. Now you have to make a sc through the all 3 sts. It looks like you have made increase and decrease at the same time and in the end, you have made only one sc.
hdc - half double crochet
Dec-hdc - 2 hdc together
Attention! Use a waste yarn as a marker. Do not remove the marker till the end of work.
Attention! In order to avoid injuries, it is necessary to wrap the wire ends with plaster and bend the wire into a ring. Be careful when working with wire.

Attention! The toy is made with RS facing you.



Legs

Feet Make four (the front and hint legs have the same feet).

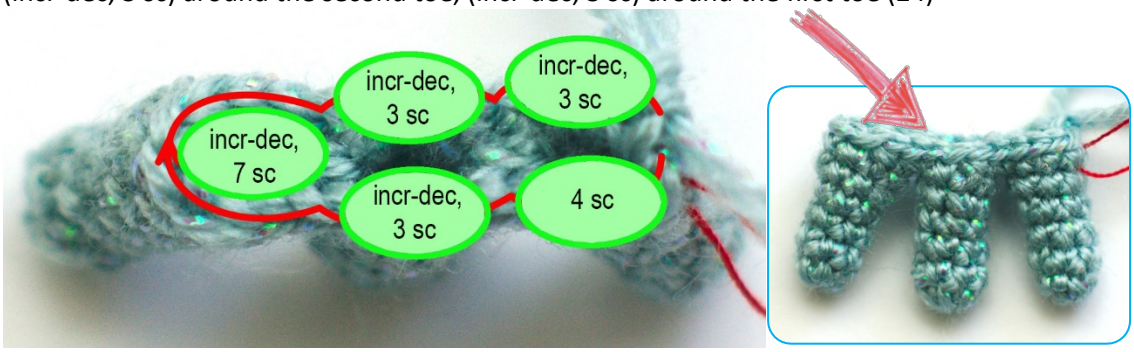
Work in continuous spiral.

Start with toes. Make three toes. After having made two toes, fasten off. Do not cut off the yarn after finishing the last toe.

1) make a MR, 6 sc into the ring (6)
2-4) sc in each st around (6)
5) (2 sc, 2 sc in next st) * 2 (8)
6) sc in each st around (8)

Continue working from the last toe. Join the toes together according the following instructions:

7) 4 sc around the first toe, (incr-dec, 3 sc) around the second toe, (incr-dec, 7 sc) around the third toe, (incr-dec, 3 sc) around the second toe, (incr-dec, 3 sc) around the first toe (24)



8) (sc, 2 sc tog, sc) * 6 (18)
9) 2 sc tog, ch 5, skip 5 sts, (2 sc tog) * 2, 5 sc, 2 sc tog (14)

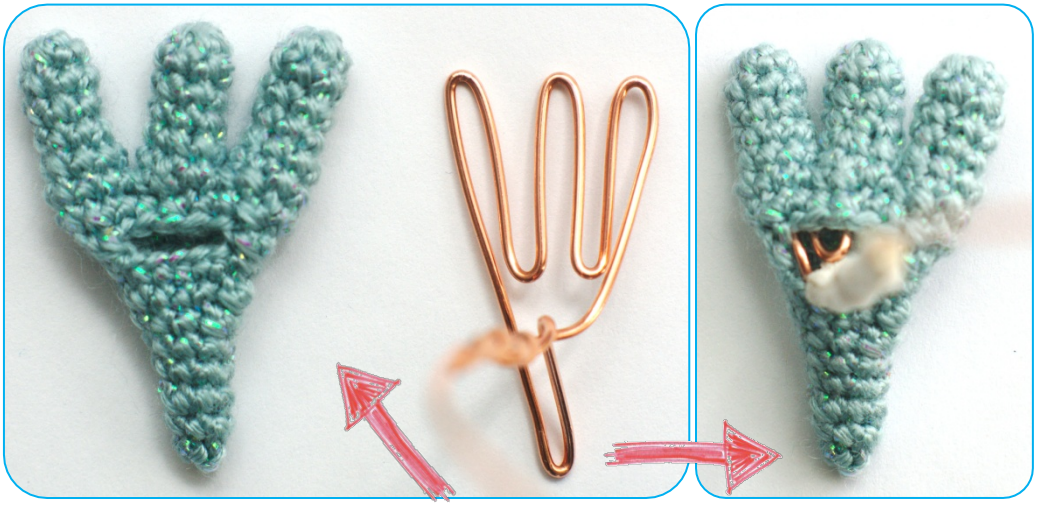


10) sc, 5 sc inserting the hook under the back loops of the 5-ch, 8 sc (14)



Marker goes along the side of the foot.

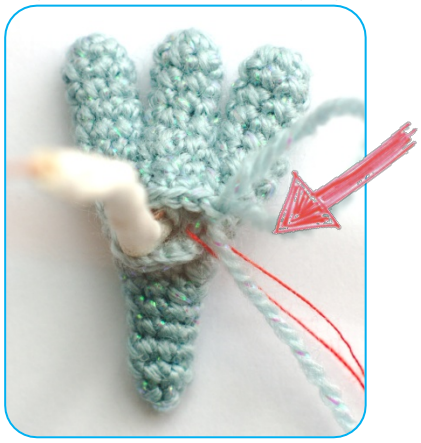
11) 2 sc tog, 3 sc, (2 sc tog) * 2, 3 sc, 2 sc tog (10)
12) (3 sc, 2 sc tog) * 2 (8)
13-14) sc in each st around (8)
15) (sc, 2 sc tog, sc) * 2 (6)
16) sc in each st around (6). Fasten off. Thread the end into a tapestry needle, bring it through the sts and pull up to close the hole. Fasten off.



Cut a piece of wire 70 cm long. It is better to cut a piece of wire longer than you need than to add more wire. Make a wire frame to fit into the foot, the other end of the wire comes out of the foot approx. 5 cm. Twist the ends together and wrap them with plaster. Insert the wire frame into the foot and stuff the foot with polyester. Do not stuff the toes.

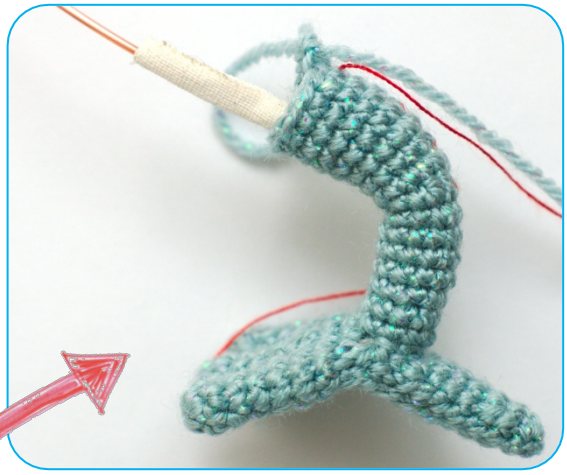
Continue working around the hole.

1-2) sc in each st around (10)



The feet are ready.

Hint legs

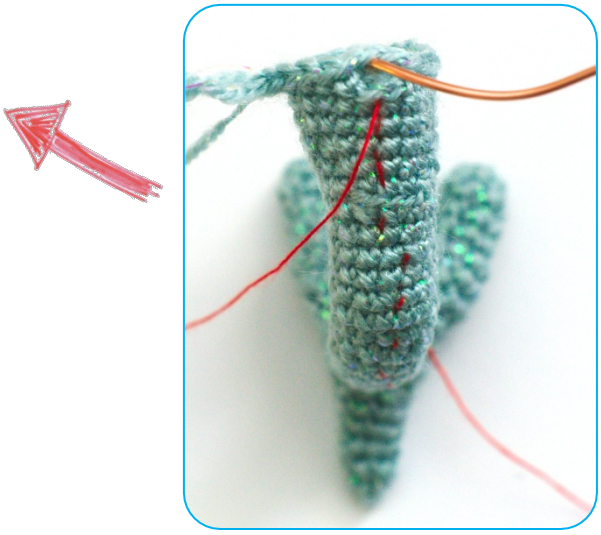


Place the marker in the center of the leg and track its position when necessary.

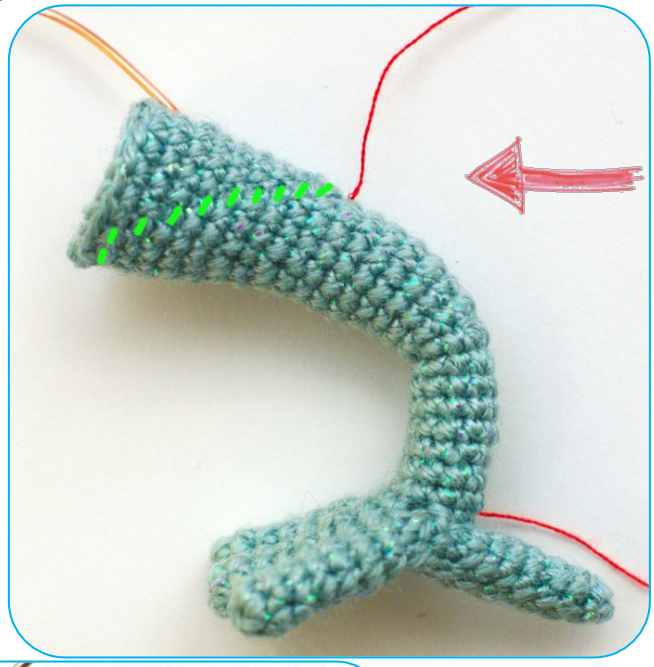
3) 9 sc, 2 sc in next st (11)
4-8) sc in each st around (11)
9) 2 hdc, 2 sc, 3 ss, 2 sc, 2 hdc (11)
10) 2 sc in next st, 9 sc, 2 sc in next st (13)
11-13) sc in each st around (13)
14) 12 sc, 2 sc in next st (14)
15) sc in each st around (14)
16) 13 sc, 2 sc in next st (15)

Stuff the leg with polyester up to Rnd 9. Bend the leg along the place with 3 ss, stuff with polyester. Align the marker. Do not move the marker in Rnds 17-26!

17) 2 sc in next st, 12 sc, 2 sc blo (16)
18) 2 sc blo, 4 sc, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc, 2 sc in next st, 3 sc, sc blo, 2 sc (18)
19) 2 sc, sc blo, 11 sc, sc blo, 3 sc (18)
20) 3 sc, sc blo, 3 sc, (2 sc in next st, 2 sc) * 2, sc blo, 4 sc (20)
21) 4 sc, sc blo, 9 sc, sc blo, 5 sc (20)



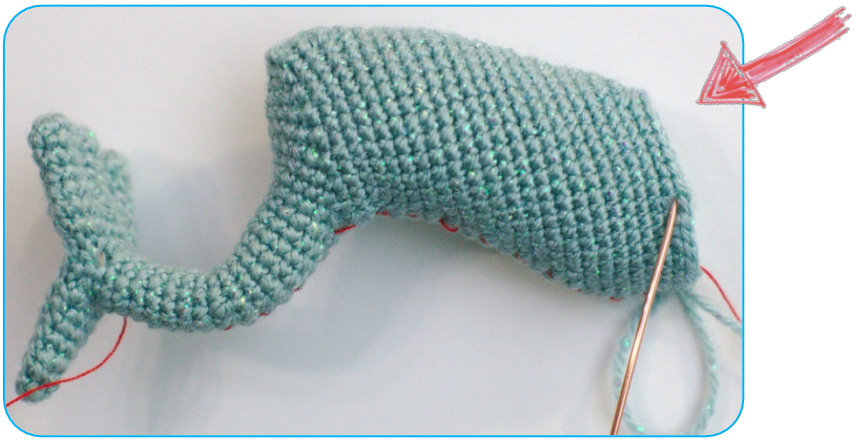
22) 5 sc, sc blo, 7 sc, sc blo, 5 sc, ch 1, skip 1 st (20 including ch 1). Insert the wire under ch 1.
23) ch 1 (skip 1 st), 5 sc, sc blo, 5 sc, sc blo, 6 sc, sc in ch-1 (20 including ch 1)
24) sc in ch-1, 6 sc, sc blo, 3 sc, sc blo, 8 sc (20)
25) 8 sc, 3 sc blo, sc (20) Fasten off. The rnd is not complete. This is how the leg looks like. The sts which remain undone are marked with green.



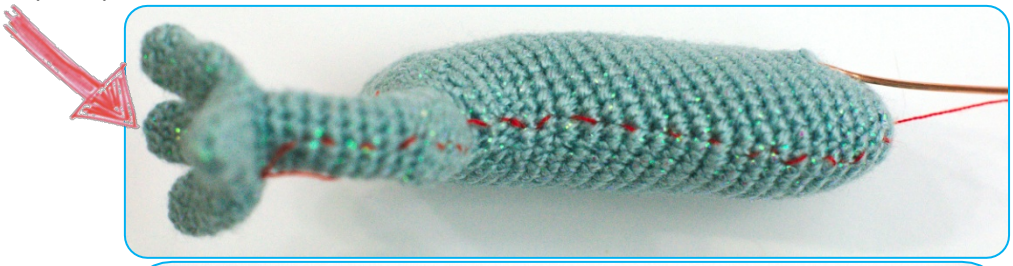


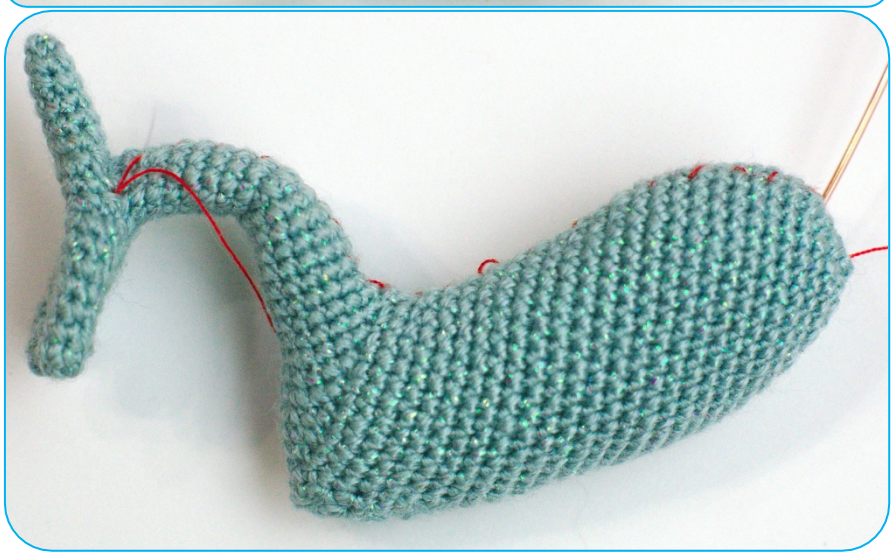
Come back to the beginning of Rnd 18 and place the marker here. Start working from the marker.
26) 2 sc flo of Rnd 18, 2 sc in next st flo of Rnd 19, 2 sc in next st flo of Rnd 20, 2 sc in next st flo of Rnd 21, 2 sc in next st flo of Rnd 22, 2 sc in next st flo of Rnd 23, 2 sc in next st flo of Rnd 24, (2 sc tog, sc) flo of Rnd 25, 2 sc in next st flo of Rnd 24, 2 sc in next st flo of Rnd 23, 2 sc in next st flo of Rnd 22, 2 sc in next st flo of Rnd 21, 2 sc in next st flo of Rnd 20, 2 sc in next st flo of Rnd 19, 2 sc in next st flo of Rnd 18, 2 sc flo of Rnd 17 (32). Continue working around the new contour.
27) 14 sc, 4 hdc, 12 sc, 2 ss (32)
28) 2 ss, 11 sc, hdc, (2 hdc tog) * 2, hdc, 11 sc, 2 ss (30)

29) 2 ss, 11 sc, 4 hdc, 13 sc (30)
30) sc in each st around (30). Align the marker. Track the position of the marker when necessary.
31-32) 2 sc in next st, 12 sc, (2 sc tog) * 2, 12 sc, 2 sc in next st (30)
33) 2 sc in next st, 28 sc, 2 sc in next st (32)
34) 2 sc in next st, 30 sc, 2 sc in next st (34)
35-36) 2 sc in next st, 14 sc, (2 sc tog) * 2, 14 sc, 2 sc in net st (34)
37) 2 sc in next st, 32 sc, 2 sc in next st (36)
38) 2 sc in next st, 15 sc, (2 sc tog) * 2, 15 sc, 2 sc in next st (36)
39-44) 2 sc in next st, 16 sc, 2 sc tog, 17 sc (36)
45) 17 sc, 2 sc tog, 17 sc (35)
46) 17 sc, 2 sc tog, 16 sc (34)
47) 15 sc, (2 sc tog) * 2, 15 sc (32) Align the marker. Stuff the leg with polyester.
48 - left leg) 14 sc, (2 sc tog) * 2, 6 sc, ch 1 (skip 1 st), sc in next st, 6 sc (30). Take the wire out under the ch-1.
48 - right leg) 7 sc, ch 1 (skip 1 st), sc in next st, 5 sc, (2 sc tog) * 2, 14 sc (30). Take the wire out under the ch-1.



49) 2 sc tog, 11 sc, (2 sc tog) * 2, 11 sc, 2 sc tog (26)
50) 2 sc tog, 7 sc, (2 sc tog) * 4, 7 sc (20)
51) 2 sc tog, 4 sc, (2 sc tog) * 4, 4 sc, 2 sc tog (14). Stuff the leg with polyester up to the end.
52) 2 sc tog, sc, (2 sc tog) * 4, sc, 2 sc tog (8). Thread the end into a tapestry needle, bring it through the sts and pull up to close the hole. Fasten off.





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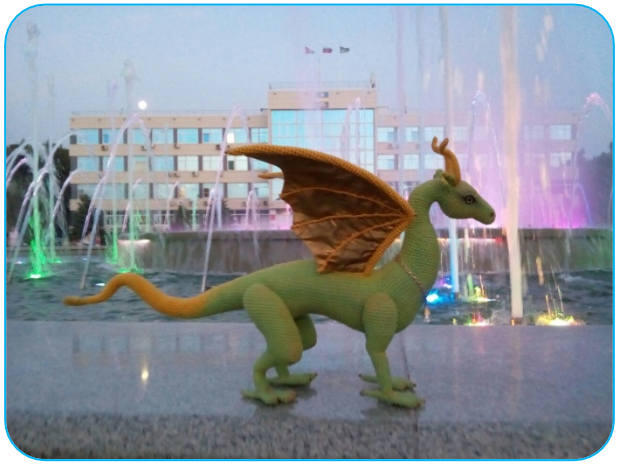
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Results of the pattern testing

I am very grateful for my helpers who checked the pattern, used different yarns and made wonderful toys.

Elein by **Svetlana Tabunshchikova (Светлана74).**




The dragon is 50 cm long and 25 cm tall, the wings are 41 cm.
The green yarn - Alize Puffy Season (300 m/100 g) - 1 skein, Alize Forever (2 strands together) to make the tail and 1 strand to make wings and horns. If use only Alize Puffy Season, you will need 1.5 skein. Clover crochet hook 2.00 mm and 1.25 mm to make the horns.

Horns: Ch 12. Make 1-2 decreases every 3-4 rnd.
Make decrease after each 15 sts, then after 10 sts and till the end.

Nola by **Julia Voitenko (Клякс@)**.





Made with Pehorka Mertsayustshaya 519 (430 m/100 g) and Rosa by Kirov Yarn Company to make the wings. The toy is 40 cm long and 20 cm tall. Horns and nails are made with polymeric clay.

Dragon by **Tatiana Chertova (Dominica)**.

Legs: acrylic yarn with metallic strands of beige color (500 m/100 g) + Iskra by Moscow Yarn Company (40% wool, 40% acrylic, 20% metallic, 1316 m/100 g) + acrylic yarn of beige color (1300 m/100 g).

Body: Acrylic yarn with metallic strands of beige color (500 m/100 g) + Iskra by Moscow Yarn Company (40% wool, 40% acrylic, 20% metallic, 1316 m/100 g)

Wings: Vdokhnovenie by Troitsk Yarn (50% metallic, 50% acrylic; 230 m/50 g)

Crochet hooks: To make the body: Clover 2.25 mm hook, to make wings Clover 2.00 mm hook.

Nails: Cone beads.

Horns: Cold welding

The nails and horns are covered with acrylic polisher, adorned with glitters.

The toy is 15 cm tall at whither, 24 cm to the end of the head, 42 cm from the beginning of the back to the end of the tail. The wing is 20 cm at the top and 10.5 cm at the base.

Acrylic markers to tint the wings and Decola acrylic paints to tint the body. 10 ml of Decola paints are dissolved in 1/3 glass of water.





Fire dragon by **Liudmila Bogdanets (CatalinaArt)**.





Finished size. Approx. 53 cm long and 16 cm tall + 3 cm horns. The wings are 19 cm.
Body Koster by Moscow Yarn Company (93% acrylic, 7% metallic; 394 m/100 g) - 1 skein, Tulip crochet hook 1.1 mm. Wings, horns: Pehorka Lacy (100% acrylic, 280 m/50 g) orange (189), Tulip crochet hook 0.9 mm. A4 sheet of felt, 4 mm sequins, Czech beads No 12 to adorn the wings. 12 super-duo beads to make nails.

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