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Crochet and Sewing Pattern

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Skill level: Experienced

Mary the Elephant

About this pattern

The toy is crocheted in continuous spirals without joining the rounds. You will need a stitch marker to keep track of where the beginning of each round starts. Move the marker up to the first stitch of the next round after finishing the previous one.
If you don't have a stitch marker you can always use a scrap of contrasting yarn instead. You can see it in my photos.

I use USA terminology for my pattern (don't worry if you use UK terms, all the differences are explained in the pattern).

Finished size

Approx. 40 cm (15.7 inches) tall using the materials stated in the pattern.

Happy crocheting!

Materials and tools

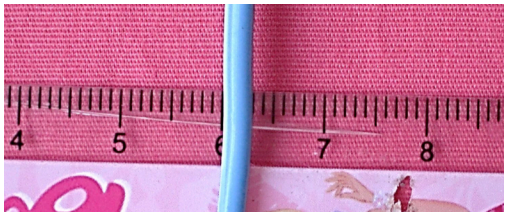
✓ Yarn:
- **main** color yarn – I used slightly less than 100 g of "Andre Classic" by Alpina (60% acrylic, 35% rayon, and 5% spandex, 530m/100g).
- **brown** color yarn for the shoes - I used small amount of "Jeans" by YarnArt (55% cotton, 45% acrylic, 160m/50g).
- **beige** fluffy yarn for the fringe – I used "Swan's down" by Nazar (100% polyamide, 100g/170m).

Tip: *You can buy this yarn here https://www.etsy.com/de/shop/LittleOwlsHutRUSSIAN*

Tip: *See GAUGE SECTION to check if you have chosen the correct yarn.*

I recommend that you use stretchy chenille type of yarn rather than smooth yarn. My yarn stretches a lot when stuffing. So if you use another type of yarn with the same gauge test, your toy might end up much smaller than the size stated in the pattern.

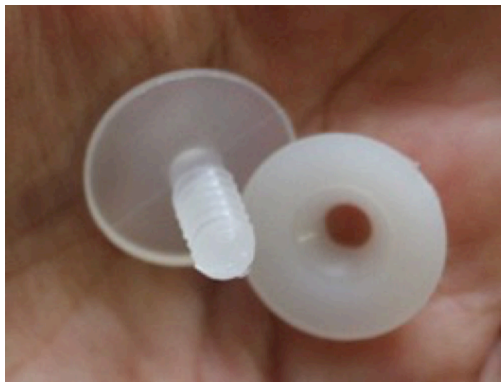
✓ Matching steel crochet hooks. I used 1.25 mm for the main yarn and 1.5 mm for the shoes.
✓ Single core copper PVC electrical wire 3 mm in diameter for the neck – I used approximately 40 cm (15.8 inches).



- ✓ Any stuffing.
- ✓ Sewing thread of matching colors for sewing small pieces.
- ✓ Sewing needle and tapestry needle for needle sculpting.
- ✓ Fabric tape 1-1.5 cm wide to work up the wire (the one you use to cover wounds).
- ✓ Wooden stick for stuffing hard-to-get places.

Tip: *If you don't have special sticks for stuffing, it is very convenient to stuff hard-to-get-to places using wooden sticks, toothpicks (if opening is very small), or brushes of different thickness with wooden handles.*

- ✓ Two glass or plastic ready-made eyes – I used 15 mm in diameter.
- ✓ Any material for tinting.
- ✓ Four plastic joints – I used 2 cm (0.8 inches) in diameter (you can use cotter pin joints, nut-and-bolt joints or thread joints instead). Also safety eyes can be used instead of plastic joints.



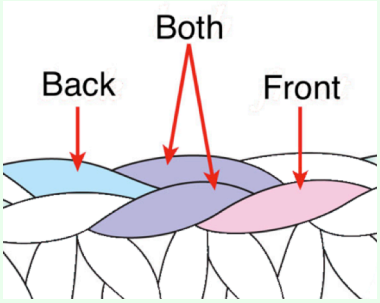
- ✓ Two buttons for the shoes (I used 1 cm (0.4 inches) in diameter).
- ✓ Decorative button or any other decoration for the dress.
- ✓ Big button to make the flower for the hair – I used 2.5 cm (1 inch) in diameter).

TO MAKE CLOTHING:

- ✓ A piece of cotton polka-dot fabric – I used 30 cm x 50 cm (11.8 inches x 19.7 inches).
- ✓ A piece of soft netting – I used 200 cm x 4 cm (78.7 inches x 1.6 inches).
- ✓ A piece of white knit fabric for the pants – I used 20 cm x 50 cm (7.9 inches x 19.7 inches).
- ✓ Knitted lace – I used approximately 100 cm (39.4 inches).
- ✓ White bias tape or ribbon – I used approximately 40 cm (15.7 inches).
- ✓ White velvet ribbon for the belt – I used approximately 30 cm (11.8 inches) – you can use bias tape instead.
- ✓ Elastic lace for the legs of the pants – I used approximately 40 cm (15.7 inches).
- ✓ Round elastic for the headband – I used approximately 50 cm (19.7 inches).
- ✓ Velcro tape – I used a piece 15 cm x 1 cm (5.9 inches x 0.39 inches).
- ✓ Elastic for the waistband of the pants.

Tip (make it right)

If there are no special notes, the toy is crocheted under both parts of the loop. In some rows, there are special notes: 'into the front loop only' or 'into the back loop only'. In that case, you need to follow these instructions.



Tip (make it right)

When making toys the right side looks like this:



And the backside looks like this:



Abbreviations

CROCHET
ch = chain
st = stitch
sl st = slip stitch
sc = single crochet
inc = increasing (2 sc in 1 st)
double inc = 3 sc in one st
dec = decreasing (2 sc together)
double dec = sc3tog = single crochet 3 sts together
dc = double crochet
Rnd = round

If there is a record in the brackets in the pattern, multiplied by some number, for example (3 sc, 1 inc) x 3, it means you need to repeat this action 3 times, that is 3 sc, 1 inc, 3 sc, 1 inc, 3 sc, 1 inc.

TIP (yarn)

If you use different yarn, the toy will be bigger or smaller and you will need more or less yarn and wire than stated in the pattern (i.e. thicker yarn will produce a larger toy and you may require more yarn).

Tip (gauge)

When making toys, you should use a much smaller hook than recommended for the yarn you choose.
Make sure you crochet tight enough; otherwise, the stuffing will show through the holes.

USA/UK terminology comparison chart.

Abbreviations USA	Abbreviations UK
ch - chain	ch - chain
sc - single crochet	dc - double crochet
hdc - half double crochet	htr - half treble
dc - double crochet	tr - treble
tr - treble (triple crochet)	dtr - double treble
dtr - double treble	tr tr - triple treble
sl st - slip stitch	sl - slip stitch

Other differences in crochet terminology used:

Terminology USA	Terminology UK
fasten off	cast off
skip	miss
gauge	tension
yarn over (yo)	yarn over hook (yoh)

Skill levels

BEGINNER — Projects for first-time crocheters using basic stitches. Minimal shaping.

EASY — Projects using yarn with basic stitches, repetitive stitch patterns, simple color changes, and simple shaping and finishing.

INTERMEDIATE — Projects using a variety of techniques, such as basic lace patterns or color patterns, mid-level shaping and finishing.

EXPERIENCED — Projects with intricate stitch patterns, techniques and dimension, such as non-repeating patterns, multi-color techniques, fine threads, small hooks, detailed shaping and refined finishing.

GAUGE (VERY IMPORTANT)

Crochet three swatches using your yarns and matching crochet hooks first to make sure that you have chosen the right yarn (use smaller hook than suggested on the yarn label) to make the toy 40 cm (15.7 inches) tall. Crochet tightly.

Instructions for all swatches:

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring

Rnd 2: 6 inc = 12 sts

Rnd 3: (1 sc, 1 inc) x 6 = 18 sts

Rnd 4: (2 sc, 1 inc) x 6 = 24 sts

Rnd 5: (3 sc, 1 inc) x 6 = 30 sts

Rnd 6: (4 sc, 1 inc) x 6 = 36 sts

Rnd 7: (5 sc, 1 inc) x 6 = 42 sts

Compare your swatches. They should be as in the picture.



#1 – yarn for the shoes

#2 – yarn for the hair

#3 – main yarn

If not, take bigger or smaller hooks than you used before (depending on the result) and work other swatches. If it does not help – choose different yarn and make other swatches.

Tip (shift stitches)

If you crochet with the gauge mentioned in the GAUGE section, you don't have to make any other additional shift stitches than mentioned in the pattern. I recommend that you use chenille type of yarn rather than smooth yarn.

TIP (extra markers)

You can use extra markers for center front and back of the piece to make sure shaping and body parts are correctly aligned and you have not gone off course.

The picture below shows dark round marker and white extra marker to mark the center of the body.



NEED HELP WINTH THE PATTERN?

You are welcome to ask questions in our Ravelry group where this pattern was tested. Ladies who made this toy would be happy to help.

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Note: *All parts of the toy are crocheted using main color yarn and matching crochet hook.*

Trunk (make 1)

Rnd 1. 6 sc in magic ring

Rnd 2. 6 inc = 12 sts

Rnds 3-7. 1 sc in each st around = 12 sts

Rnd 8. 2 sc, 1 double inc, 5 sc, 1 double inc, 3 sc = 16 sts

Rnd 9. 1 sc in each st around = 16 sts

Rnd 10. 3 sc, 1 double inc, 7 sc, 1 double inc, 4 sc = 20 sts

Rnd 11. 1 sc in each st around = 20 sts

Rnd 12. 4 sc, 1 double inc, 9 sc, 1 double inc, 5 sc = 24 sts

Rnd 13. 1 sc in each st around = 24 sts

Rnd 14. 5 sc, 1 double inc, 11 sc, 1 double inc, 6 sc = 28 sts

Rnd 15. 1 sc in each st around = 28 sts

Rnd 16. 6 sc, 1 double inc, 13 sc, 1 double inc, 7 sc = 32 sts

Rnd 17. 1 sc in each st around = 32 sts

Rnd 18. 7 sc, 1 double inc, 15 sc, 1 double inc, 8 sc = 36 sts

Rnd 19. 1 sc in each st around = 36 sts

Rnd 20. 8 sc, 1 double inc, 17 sc, 1 double inc, 9 sc = 40 sts

Rnd 21. 1 sc in each st around = 40 sts

Rnd 22. 12 sc

End with a sl st leaving the remaining sts unworked.

Fasten off.



Mark 13th st and 28th st.

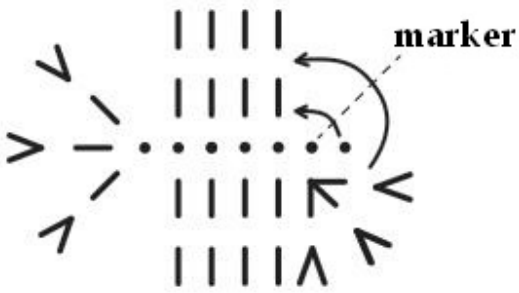
Press tip of trunk up inside the end of the trunk to form a small cup shape. Secure with a small stitch or two if you feel it is necessary.



Legs

Please note that the legs are made differently in Rnd 44.

Scheme 1



Rnd 1. Ch 7

Work from 3rd st from the hook (the 1st st is not counted in the stitch count – see scheme 1)

Rnd 2. (4 sc, 1 double inc) x 2 = 14 sts

Rnd 3. (4 sc, 3 inc) x 2 = 20 sts

Rnd 4. 4 sc, (1 inc, 1 sc) x 2, 1 inc, 5 sc, (1 inc, 1 sc) x 3 = 26 sts

Rnd 5. 5 sc, (1 inc, 2 sc) x 2, 1 inc, 6 sc, (1 inc, 2 sc) x 2, 1 inc, 1 sc = 32 sts

Rnd 6. 5 sc, (1 inc, 2 sc) x 3, 1 inc, 6 sc, (1 inc, 2 sc) x 3, 1 inc, 1 sc = 40 sts

Rnd 7. 5 sc, (1 inc, 3 sc) x 3, 1 inc, 7 sc, (1 inc, 3 sc) x 3, 1 inc, 2 sc = 48 sts

Rnds 8-13. 1 sc in each st around = 48 sts

The decreases of the next Rnd shape the top of the foot.

Rnd 14. 31 sc, (1 dec, 3 sc) x 3, 1 dec = 44 sts

Rnd 15. 30 sc, (1 dec, 2 sc) x 3, 1 dec = 40 sts

Rnd 16. 30 sc, 5 dec = 35 sts

Rnd 17. (1 dec, 3 sc) x 7 = 28 sts

Rnd 18. 1 dec, 4 sc, 1 dec, (3 sc, 1 dec) x 2, 4 sc, (1 dec, 1 sc) x 2 = 22 sts

Rnd 19. 16 sc, 3 dec = 19 sts

Rnd 20. 2 dec, 15 sc = 17 sts

Rnd 21. 1 sc in each st around = 17 sts

Rnd 22. 8 sc, 1 inc, 8 sc = 18 sts

Rnd 23. (1 inc, 8 sc) x 2 = 20 sts

The increases of the next three rounds should sit at the center front and center back of the leg.

Rnd 24. 1 sc, 1 inc, 9 sc, 1 inc, 8 sc = 22 sts

Rnd 25. 1 sc, 1 inc, 10 sc, 1 inc, 9 sc = 24 sts

Stuff the foot slightly.

Rnd 26. 2 sc, 1 inc, 11 sc, 1 inc, 9 sc = 26 sts

Rnd 27. 3 sc, 1 inc, 22 sc = 27 sts

Rnd 28. 4 sc, 1 inc, 12 sc, 1 inc, 9 sc = 29 sts

Rnd 29. 5 sc, 1 inc, 23 sc = 30 sts

Rnd 30. 20 sc, 1 inc, 9 sc = 31 sts

Rnd 31. 1 sc in each st around = 31 sts

Rnd 32. 22 sc, 1 inc, 8 sc = 32 sts

Rnd 33. 1 sc in each st around = 32 sts

Rnd 34. 23 sc, 1 inc, 8 sc = 33 sts

Rnd 35. 24 sc, 1 inc, 8 sc = 34 sts

Rnd 36. 25 sc, 1 inc, 8 sc = 35 sts

Rnd 37. 26 sc, 1 inc, 8 sc = 36 sts

Rnd 38. 5 sc, 4 dec, 13 sc, 1 inc, 9 sc = 33 sts

Rnds 39-42. 6 sc, 1 dec, 15 sc, 1 inc, 9 sc = 33 sts

Rnd 43. 5 sc, 1 dec, 15 sc, 1 inc, 10 sc = 33 sts

Ensure that the opening created in the next Rnd is at the exact center of the inner part of the thigh.

Rnd 44 for the right leg:

5 sc, 1 dec, 15 sc, 1 inc, 7 sc, ch 2, skip 2, 1 sc = 33 sts

You have created an opening to insert the joint.

Rnd 44 for the left leg:

5 sc, 1 dec, 5 sc, ch 2, skip 2, 8 sc, 1 inc, 10 sc = 33 sts

You have created an opening to insert the joint. Make sure you work 2 sc over ch-2 space in the next round.

The remaining rounds are the same for both legs.

Rnd 45. 5 sc, 1 dec, 26 sc = 32 sts

Rnd 46. 5 sc, 1 dec, (6 sc, 1 dec) x 3, 1 sc = 28 sts

Rnd 47. (2 sc, 1 dec) x 7 = 21 sts

Rnd 48. 1 sc in each st around = 21 sts

Stuff the leg but not too firmly. Insert a plastic joint into the opening.



Rnd 49. (1 sc, 1 dec) x 7 = 14 sts

Rnd 50. 1 sc in each st around = 14 sts

Rnd 51. 7 dec = 7 sts

Adjust stuffing if needed.



Rnd 52. 3 dec, 1 sc = 4 sts

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Close the remaining opening using front loops of the sts. Hide ends.



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