Crochet Dragon Amigurumi

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A little sage green dragon with a cream belly, tiny wings, pale cream horns and spikes, and sleepy embroidered eyes. One dragon, one shape, in the colors you love best.

Skill level: Intermediate

Finished size: 7 inches (18 cm) tall sitting; 5 inches (13 cm) wide from shoulder to shoulder; 8 inches (20 cm) long from nose to tail tip.

Time to make: 5 to 7 hours.

Materials

- Main yarn: worsted weight (4) cotton blend yarn, sage green, 180 yards (165 m)
- Contrast yarn: worsted weight (4) cotton blend yarn, cream, 50 yards (46 m), for the belly patch
- Horn and spike yarn: worsted weight (4) cotton blend yarn, pale cream, 30 yards (27 m)
- Embroidery floss: dark brown and black, small amounts, for the eyes and nostrils
- Crochet hook: 3.5 mm (US E/4)
- Polyester fiberfill stuffing
- Stitch markers, yarn needle, scissors
- Optional: 9 mm safety eyes, only for children over three years old or for a display piece

Abbreviations (US terms)

ch: chain; sc: single crochet; inc: increase (2 sc in the same stitch); dec: invisible decrease (sc 2 stitches together through the front loops only); sl st: slip stitch; BLO: back loop only; FLO: front loop only; st(s): stitch(es); Rnd(s): round(s); sk: skip; rep: repeat.

UK conversion: UK sc = US dc, UK hdc = US tr, UK dc = US dtr.

Gauge

Work Rounds 1 to 6 of the flat circle and measure across: it should be 2 inches (5 cm) across with a 3.5 mm hook. Exact gauge is less important than keeping your stitches tight, so no stuffing shows through the fabric.

Pattern notes

- Work every piece in continuous spiral rounds unless a section says rows. Do not join at the end of a round. Place a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up as you go.
- Stuff the body and head firmly as you work, so the dragon sits up straight and keeps its shape.
- For a child under three years old, embroider the eyes. Do not use safety eyes for babies and toddlers.
- The number in brackets at the end of each round or row is the total stitch count for that round or row.

Body and Head (sage green, make 1)

Work from the bottom up. The body and the head are one continuous piece.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)

Rnd 2: inc in each st around. (12)

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

Rnd 4: (2 sc, inc) x 6. (24)

Rnd 5: (3 sc, inc) x 6. (30)

Rnd 6: (4 sc, inc) x 6. (36)

Rnd 7: (5 sc, inc) x 6. (42)

Rnd 8: Working in BLO, sc in each st around. (42)

Rnds 9 to 15: sc in each st around. (42)

Rnd 16: (5 sc, dec) x 6. (36)

Rnds 17 to 18: sc in each st around. (36)

Rnd 19: (4 sc, dec) x 6. (30)

Rnds 20 to 21: sc in each st around. (30)

Rnd 22: (3 sc, dec) x 6. (24)

Stuff the lower body firmly with fiberfill now.

Rnd 23: (2 sc, dec) x 6. (18)

Rnd 24 (head begins): (2 sc, inc) x 6. (24)

Rnd 25: (3 sc, inc) x 6. (30)

Rnd 26: (4 sc, inc) x 6. (36)

Rnd 27: (5 sc, inc) x 6. (42)

Rnds 28 to 34: sc in each st around. (42)

Rnd 35: (5 sc, dec) x 6. (36)

Rnd 36: (4 sc, dec) x 6. (30)

Rnd 37: (3 sc, dec) x 6. (24)

Stuff the head firmly now.

Rnd 38: (2 sc, dec) x 6. (18)

Rnd 39: (1 sc, dec) x 6. (12)

Rnd 40: dec x 6. (6)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Thread the tail through the front loops of Rnd 40 and pull tight to close. Weave in the end.

Belly Patch (cream, make 1)

Work in rows. Turn at the end of each row.

Row 1: Ch 7, sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and across. (6, turn)

Row 2: Ch 1, inc, 4 sc, inc. (8, turn)

Row 3: Ch 1, sc across. (8, turn)

Rows 4 to 12: Repeat Row 3. (8, turn)

Row 13: Ch 1, dec, 4 sc, dec. (6, turn)

Row 14: Ch 1, dec, 2 sc, dec. (4, turn)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Arms (sage green, make 2)

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)

Rnd 2: inc in each st around. (12)

Rnds 3 to 6: sc in each st around. (12)

Rnd 7: (2 sc, dec) x 3. (9)

Rnds 8 to 10: sc in each st around. (9)

Lightly stuff the lower half of the arm. Flatten the opening and sc across both sides to close. (4)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Legs and Feet (sage green, make 2)

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)

Rnd 2: inc in each st around. (12)

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

Rnds 4 to 5: sc in each st around. (18)

Rnd 6: 4 sc, dec x 5, 4 sc. (13)

Rnds 7 to 9: sc in each st around. (13)

Stuff the foot firmly. Flatten the opening and sc across both sides to

close. (6)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Using leftover cream yarn, embroider three small toe lines on each foot.

Wings (sage green, make 2)

Work in rows. Turn at the end of each row.

Row 1: Ch 9, sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and across. (8, turn)

Row 2: Ch 1, dec, 4 sc, dec. (6, turn)

Row 3: Ch 1, sc across. (6, turn)

Row 4: Ch 1, dec, 2 sc, dec. (4, turn)

Row 5: Ch 1, sc across. (4, turn)

Edge: Without fastening off, work 1 sc along the raw side edges, then make 3 small points along the outer edge: ch 2, sl st in the first ch, skip 1 st, repeat 3 times.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Horns and Spikes (pale cream)

Large Horn (make 2)

Rnd 1: 4 sc in a magic ring. (4)

Rnd 2: inc in each st around. (8)

Rnds 3 to 4: sc in each st around. (8)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Small Horn and Spike (make 3)

Rnd 1: 4 sc in a magic ring. (4)

Rnd 2: (1 sc, inc) x 2. (6)

Rnd 3: sc in each st around. (6)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Assembly

1. Belly Patch: Center the cream belly patch on the front of the body between Rnds 9 and 21. Whip stitch securely around all the edges.
2. Legs: Attach the flattened tops of the legs to the lower sides of the body at Rnds 8 to 11, angled slightly forward so the dragon sits upright.
3. Arms: Sew the arms to the upper body just below the neck join at Rnds 22 and 23.

4. Wings: Position the wings on the upper back between Rnds 26 and 30, spaced about 4 stitches apart. Sew along the straight edge of each wing.
5. Horns and Spikes: Sew the two large horns to the top of the head at Rnds 33 to 35. Line up the three smaller spikes down the back of the head and upper tail.
6. Face: Using dark brown embroidery floss, stitch sleepy oval eyes between Rnds 28 and 30, spaced 6 stitches apart. Add two small vertical stitches for nostrils on the snout.

Finishing and Care

Weave in any remaining loose ends. Give your dragon a gentle squeeze to spread the stuffing evenly and check that every part is sewn on firmly. Hand wash gently in cool water with mild wool detergent. Do not bleach. Lay flat in the shade to dry. Do not tumble dry.

Happy crocheting!

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