CROCHET ELF: SMALL CHRISTMAS ELF AMIGURUMI

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Printable pattern, adapted in my own words from the free Kristi Tullus design listed in sources.txt, with the ears adapted from the Little Crochet Farm elf design listed in sources.txt. US crochet terms.

SKILL LEVEL

Intermediate. The stitches are simple, but the doll has several small pieces to sew together.

MATERIALS

- DK / light worsted weight cotton yarn, for example DROPS Muskat (50 g = 100 m / 109 yd). About 17 g of beige yarn and 28 to 32 g of red or green yarn.
- A small amount of sport weight or finer yarn for the pom-pom.
- A small amount of fingering weight cotton yarn for the shoe laces.
- White cotton embroidery floss.
- Crochet hook: 2.75 mm (US size C), or a size matching your yarn.
- Polyester fiberfill stuffing.
- 8 mm safety eyes.
- Yarn needle, scissors, sewing pins, and a stitch marker.

GAUGE

The source gives no gauge figure, so no gauge figure is given here and none has been invented. The source advises picking a hook at least a size smaller than suggested on the yarn label and working tightly enough that the stuffing does not show through the fabric.

FINISHED SIZE

19 cm (7.5 inches) from head to toe, and 25.5 cm (10 inches) including the hat, when worked in DK weight cotton yarn with a 2.75 mm hook.

ABBREVIATIONS

mr: magic ring

ch: chain

sc: single crochet

sl st: slip stitch

dc: double crochet

inc: increase, work 2 single crochet in the same stitch

dbl-inc: double increase, work 3 single crochet in the same stitch

dec: decrease, work 2 stitches together using the invisible decrease method

BLO: back loop only

st: stitch

PATTERN NOTES

- Work in a continuous spiral. Do not join rounds or turn your work, unless the pattern says otherwise.
- Use a stitch marker to mark the start of a round. Move the marker up after each round.
- Work all stitches into both loops, unless the pattern says otherwise.
- The number in square brackets at the end of a round is the stitch count after that round.
- Stuff firmly as you go, adding a little fiberfill after every few rounds.

HEAD

With beige yarn.

Round 1: magic ring, work 6 single crochet into the ring. [6]

Round 2: increase in each stitch around. [12]

Round 3: (1 single crochet, increase) 6 times. [18]

Round 4: (increase, 2 single crochet) 6 times. [24]

Round 5: (3 single crochet, increase) 6 times. [30]

Round 6: 1 single crochet, increase, (4 single crochet, increase) 5 times, 3 single crochet. [36]

Rounds 7 to 13: 1 single crochet in each stitch. [36]

Round 14: 1 single crochet, decrease, (4 single crochet, decrease) 5 times, 3 single crochet. [30]

Attach the safety eyes between rounds 11 and 12, leaving 7 stitches between them.

Start stuffing the head.

Round 15: (3 single crochet, decrease) 6 times. [24]

Round 16: (decrease, 2 single crochet) 6 times. [18]

Round 17: (1 single crochet, decrease) 6 times. [12]

Slip stitch in the next stitch. Cut the yarn, leaving a long tail for sewing, and fasten off. Finish stuffing the head.

HAT

With red or green yarn.

Round 1: magic ring, work 6 single crochet into the ring. [6]

Round 2: (1 single crochet, increase) 3 times. [9]

Round 3: 1 single crochet in each stitch. [9]

Make a small yarn pom-pom and sew it to the tip of the hat.

Round 4: (increase, 2 single crochet) 3 times. [12]

Round 5: 1 single crochet in each stitch. [12]

Round 6: (3 single crochet, increase) 3 times. [15]

Round 7: 1 single crochet in each stitch. [15]

Round 8: 1 single crochet, increase, (4 single crochet, increase) 2 times, 3 single crochet. [18]

Round 9: 1 single crochet in each stitch. [18]

Round 10: (5 single crochet, increase) 3 times. [21]

Round 11: 1 single crochet in each stitch. [21]

For a hat with the tip folded down, work 8 more rounds of single crochet (rounds 12 to 19). For a straight hat, skip ahead to round 12 below.

Round 12 (20): 2 single crochet, increase, (6 single crochet, increase) 2 times, 4 single crochet. [24]

Round 13 (21): (7 single crochet, increase) 3 times. [27]

Round 14 (22): (increase, 2 single crochet) 9 times. [36]

Round 15 (23): 1 single crochet in each stitch. [36]

Round 16 (24): (5 single crochet, increase) 6 times. [42]

Rounds 17 to 21 (25 to 29): 1 single crochet in each stitch. [42]

Round 22 (30): (decrease, 19 single crochet) 2 times. [40]

Slip stitch in the next stitch. Cut the yarn, leaving a long tail for sewing, and fasten off.

If you are making a straight hat, stuff the tip of the hat lightly.

Sew the hat to the head with back stitch, just above the last round of the head.

If you made the folded tip version, fold the tip down and make a small stitch through it to hold it in place.

BODY

With red or green yarn.

Round 1: magic ring, work 6 single crochet into the ring. [6]

Round 2: increase in each stitch around. [12]

Round 3: (1 single crochet, increase) 6 times. [18]

Round 4: (increase, 2 single crochet) 6 times. [24]

Rounds 5 to 8: 1 single crochet in each stitch. [24]

Round 9: (6 single crochet, decrease) 3 times. [21]

Round 10: 1 single crochet in each stitch. [21]

Round 11: 2 single crochet, decrease, (5 single crochet, decrease) 2 times, 3 single crochet. [18]

Start stuffing the body. Keep adding a little fiberfill after every few rounds, stuffing the body firmly.

Round 12: 1 single crochet in each stitch. [18]

Round 13: (4 single crochet, decrease) 3 times. [15]

Round 14: 1 single crochet in each stitch. [15]

Round 15: 1 single crochet, decrease, 3 single crochet, decrease, 3 single crochet, change to beige yarn, decrease, 2 single crochet. [12]

Round 16: 1 single crochet in each stitch. [12]

Slip stitch in the next stitch. Cut the yarn and fasten off. Finish stuffing the body.

Turn the body so the end of the round sits at the center of the back, then sew the head to the body. Add a little more stuffing before you close the seam.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

With beige yarn.

Round 1: magic ring, work 6 single crochet into the ring. [6]

Round 2: (increase, 1 single crochet) 3 times. [9]

Round 3: 1 single crochet in each stitch. [9]

Round 4: (1 single crochet, decrease) 3 times. [6]

Stuff the hands firmly. Do not stuff the arms.

Rounds 5 to 6: 1 single crochet in each stitch. [6]

Change to red or green yarn.

Rounds 7 to 12: 1 single crochet in each stitch. [6]

Round 13: 4 single crochet, then flatten the arm and work single crochet through both layers to close it.

Cut the yarn, leaving a long tail for sewing, and fasten off. Sew the arms to the sides of the body, one row below the head.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

With red or green yarn. The first round is worked around a base chain.

Round 1: chain 5, work 2 single crochet in the second chain from the hook, 2 single crochet, 4 single crochet in the first chain. Turn and work along the other side of the chain: 2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in the last chain. [12]

Continue working in a spiral.

Round 2: increase, 3 single crochet, double increase, 2 single crochet, double increase, 3 single crochet, increase. [18]

Work round 3 in back loops only.

Rounds 3 to 4: 1 single crochet in each stitch. [18]

Round 5: 5 single crochet, decrease 5 times, 3 single crochet. [13]

Start stuffing the leg. Keep adding a little fiberfill after every few rounds, stuffing the feet firmly and the legs lightly.

Round 6: 2 single crochet, decrease, (1 single crochet, decrease) 3 times. [9]

Rounds 7 to 8: 1 single crochet in each stitch. [9]

Work 1 single crochet in each of the next 2 stitches. Count the last single crochet as the end of the round from now on.

Change to beige yarn.

Round 9: 3 single crochet, decrease, 4 single crochet. [8]

Round 10: 1 single crochet in each stitch. [8]

Round 11: 3 single crochet, decrease, 3 single crochet. [7]

Rounds 12 to 17: 1 single crochet in each stitch. [7]

Round 18: (1 single crochet, decrease) 2 times, 1 single crochet. [5]

Slip stitch in the next stitch. Cut the yarn, leaving a long tail for sewing, and fasten off. Finish stuffing the legs.

Add laces to the boots with the fingering weight cotton yarn.

Sew the legs to the body over round 4 of the body, leaving 5 to 6 stitches between the two legs.

EARS (MAKE 2)

With beige yarn, chain 4, then work 1 slip stitch, 1 single crochet, and 1 double crochet along the chain.

Sew the ears to the sides of the head, about 5 stitches away from the eyes.

ASSEMBLY AND FINISHING

- Sew the head to the body, the arms to the sides of the body, the legs to the bottom of the body, the hat to the head, and the ears to the sides of the head, as described above.
- Embroider a small snowflake on the front of the body with white cotton embroidery floss.
- Weave in all yarn tails neatly and trim them close.
- Check the finished elf: the head should sit straight, the hat should sit level, the arms and legs should be sewn on firmly, and the elf should sit upright on a flat surface.

Source credit: adapted from Kristi Tullus, Free Crochet Pattern: Small Christmas Elves, with the ears adapted from Little Crochet Farm, Elf Christmas ornament free amigurumi pattern. See sources.txt for the full links.

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