CROCHET FROG: A BEAUTIFUL 13 INCH AMIGURUMI FRIEND

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FINISHED SIZE

About 13 inches (33 cm) tall from the eyes to the feet, using worsted-weight (#4) yarn and a 3.5 mm hook. Sizes are approximate and will vary a little with your yarn and tension.

SKILL LEVEL

Advanced Beginner. You need a magic ring, single crochet, half double crochet, increases, decreases, chain stitches and slip stitches, and you need to join two legs into the body as you work and change colors every two rounds in the body. The source pattern states no skill level; this rating comes from the techniques the pattern uses.

TIME

The source pattern gives no exact time. The designer says Marshall works up quickly, and the rounds are simple single crochet, so this is a fast make for a 13 inch toy.

MATERIALS

- Worsted-weight (#4) yarn, I Love This Yarn in Mid Green, 100 g: legs, head, arms and the green band of the body
- Worsted-weight (#4) yarn, I Love This Yarn in Soft Blue, 50 g: body stripes and arm tops
- Worsted-weight (#4) yarn, white, a small amount: eye rings
- Worsted-weight (#4) yarn, red, a small amount: cheeks
- Worsted-weight (#4) yarn, black, a small amount: eye centers and smile
- 3.5 mm crochet hook
- Polyester stuffing
- Yarn needle (tapestry needle)
- Stitch markers
- Scissors

ABBREVIATIONS (US terms)

MR: magic ring. ch: chain. sc: single crochet. hdc: half double crochet. inc: increase (2 sc in the same stitch). dec: invisible decrease (single crochet 2 stitches together). sl st: slip stitch. st(s): stitch(es). Rnd: round.

NOTES

Work in continuous rounds. Do not join rounds and do not turn, unless the pattern says so. Place a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up as you finish the round. The number in brackets at the end of each round is the stitch count you should have, so count your stitches at the end of every increase and decrease round. This pattern uses US crochet terms throughout. If you are used to UK terms, remember that a US single crochet is a UK double crochet, so do not convert the stitches in this pattern. Use invisible decreases for a cleaner finish. The source pattern gives no gauge. For a toy, gauge is not critical, but your stitches should be tight enough that no stuffing shows through; if you can see stuffing, try a smaller hook. Carry the stripe yarn up the inside of the body instead of fastening off at every color change, so you have fewer ends to weave in. For the eyes, use an invisible join at the color changes, because the change sits at the front of the eye: finish the last stitch of the old color by pulling through with the new color, and work a slip stitch instead of a single crochet for the first stitch in the new color. Stuff slowly as you go, firm but not stretched.

LEGS (make 2)

Work with green and the 3.5 mm hook. Work Leg 1 first, fasten off, and set it aside. Work Leg 2 the same way but do NOT fasten off after Rnd 24: the body starts from Leg 2.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in MR (6)

Rnd 2: inc in each st around (12)

Rnd 3: [sc, inc] x 6 (18)

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

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

Rnd 6-8: sc in each st around (30), 3 rounds

Rnd 9: [3 sc, dec] x 6 (24)

Rnd 10: [2 sc, dec] x 6 (18)

Rnd 11-24: sc in each st around (18), 14 rounds

Fasten off Leg 1. After Rnd 24 of Leg 2, do NOT fasten off: the body starts from Leg 2. Stuff both legs lightly now, and keep adding a little stuffing every few rounds of the body so the legs stay full.

BODY

The body starts from Leg 2. Continue with green and the 3.5 mm hook.

Rnd 25: Ch 3, attach to Leg 1 with a sc in its first stitch, sc in the remaining 17 sts of Leg 1, sc in each of the 3 ch, sc in each of the 18 sts of Leg 2, sc in each of the 3 ch on the other side (42). Note: 18 stitches on Leg 1 plus 3 chain stitches plus 18 stitches on Leg 2 plus 3 chain stitches makes 42.

Rnd 26: sc in each st around (42). Change to soft blue.

Rnd 27-28: soft blue, sc in each st around (42), 2 rounds. Change to white.

Rnd 29-30: white, sc in each st around (42), 2 rounds. Change to soft blue.

Rnd 31-32: soft blue, sc in each st around (42), 2 rounds. Change to white.

Rnd 33-34: white, sc in each st around (42), 2 rounds. Change to soft blue.

Rnd 35-36: soft blue, sc in each st around (42), 2 rounds. Change to white.

Rnd 37-38: white, sc in each st around (42), 2 rounds. Change to soft blue.

Rnd 39-40: soft blue, sc in each st around (42), 2 rounds. Change to white.

Rnd 41: white, sc in each st around (42).

Rnd 42: white, [5 sc, dec] x 6 (36). Change to soft blue.

Rnd 43: soft blue, [4 sc, dec] x 6 (30).

Rnd 44: soft blue, sc in each st around (30). Change to green.

Rnd 45: green, [3 sc, dec] x 6 (24).

Rnd 46-47: green, sc in each st around (24), 2 rounds.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing the head on. Stuff the body firmly as you go.

HEAD

Work with green and the 3.5 mm hook.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in MR (6)

Rnd 2: inc in each st around (12)

Rnd 3: [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: [6 sc, inc] x 6 (48)

Rnd 9: [7 sc, inc] x 6 (54)

Rnd 10-18: sc in each st around (54), 9 rounds

Rnd 19: [7 sc, dec] x 6 (48)

Rnd 20: [6 sc, dec] x 6 (42)

Rnd 21: [5 sc, dec] x 6 (36)

Rnd 22: [4 sc, dec] x 6 (30)

Rnd 23: [3 sc, dec] x 6 (24). Continue to stuff the head firmly.

Rnd 24: [2 sc, dec] x 6 (18)

Rnd 25: [sc, dec] x 6 (12)

Rnd 26: dec x 6 (6). Fasten off and sew the remaining opening closed, weave in the end.

EYES (make 2)

Work Rnds 1-2 in black, Rnd 3 in white, Rnds 4-10 in green. Use an invisible join at the color changes, as described in the Notes.

Rnd 1: black, 6 sc in MR (6)

Rnd 2: black, inc in each st around (12). Change to white.

Rnd 3: white, [sc, inc] x 6 (18). Change to green.

Rnd 4: green, [2 sc, inc] x 6 (24)

Rnd 5-7: green, sc in each st around (24), 3 rounds

Rnd 8: [2 sc, dec] x 6 (18)

Rnd 9: [sc, dec] x 6 (12)

Rnd 10: dec x 6 (6). Stuff lightly before closing.

Fasten off and sew the remaining opening closed, leaving a long tail for sewing. Pass the tail through to the bottom of the eye for sewing onto the head.

CHEEKS (make 2)

Work with red yarn.

Make a magic circle with 12 hdc, sl st to the first hdc, fasten off with a long tail for sewing.

SMILE

Work with black yarn. Ch 7, fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.

ARMS (make 2)

Lightly stuff the bottom of the arms only. Work with green and the 3.5 mm hook.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in MR (6)

Rnd 2: inc in each st around (12)

Rnd 3: [3 sc, inc] x 3 (15)

Rnd 4-5: sc in each st around (15), 2 rounds

Rnd 6: [sc, dec] x 5 (10)

Rnd 7-13: sc in each st around (10), 7 rounds. Change to soft blue.

Rnd 14-20: soft blue, sc in each st around (10), 7 rounds

Pinch the arm flat at the end of Rnd 20 and make 5 sc across the top to close. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the eyes onto the head. Sew each eye starting at head Rnd 5 and ending about Rnd 8. Keep the two eyes level with each other; you can place them closer together or further apart as you like.

2. Sew the cheeks on. Sew the red cheeks onto the face starting at row 12 and ending at row 15, even with the eyes, with about 10 stitches between them.

3. Sew the smile. Sew the chain of 7 onto the face in a gentle smile curve, below the eyes.

4. Sew the head onto the body. Sew the head to the top of the body with the face centered. Add extra stuffing as you go so the join stays firm and the head does not wobble.

5. Sew the arms onto the body. Sew one arm to each side of the body, centered with the head, at body Rnd 44.

6. Finish. Weave in all loose ends with the yarn needle, hiding them inside the body or the head so they do not show.

SAFETY NOTE

This frog uses no plastic safety eyes: the eyes are crocheted from black, white and green yarn, so there are no small hard parts to come loose. That makes it a good choice for a small child. Check every sewn part is secure before you give the frog to a child, and do not add beads or buttons, which can also come loose.

TIPS FOR A NEAT FROG

- Count at the end of every increase and decrease round. The body grows by 6 stitches on its increase rounds and shrinks by 6 on its decrease rounds. If your count is off by 6, you have missed or added one repeat; if it is off by 1 or 2, check the round you just worked before going on.
- Stuff in small pinches. Little bits at a time give a smooth, even shape with no lumps. Pull the stuffing apart into thin layers before you add it, and push it into the sides of the body rather than dropping in one big piece. Stuff slowly as you go, firm but not stretched.
- Keep the stripes even. Carry the yarn up the inside of the body and change colors in the same place each time, so the stripe joins line up in a neat column.
- Keep the eyes level. Before you sew them on, pin both eyes in place and look at the face from the front, and check both eyes sit at the same height.
- Stuff the neck join firmly. Add extra stuffing where the head meets the body so the head sits upright and does not wobble.

VARIATIONS

- A girl frog in pink: follow the designer's Mia version. Swap the soft blue for hot rose pink, use light pink for the cheeks, and add a striped dress with a ruffled skirt. See the free Mia pattern on Grace and Yarn: https://www.graceandyarn.com/2018/03/mia-frog-free-crochet-pattern.html
- A frog in your own colors: You can choose your own colors. Keep the eyes black, white and green and the cheeks red, and the frog will still read as a frog.
- A smaller frog: use a finer yarn with a smaller hook and follow the same rounds. The toy will come out a little smaller, so choose your yarn to match the size you want. No exact smaller size is given, because the source gives none.

Pattern adapted from the free pattern by Grace and Yarn: Marshall the Frog, https://www.graceandyarn.com/2018/03/marshall-frog-free-crochet-pattern.html

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