CROCHET GIRAFFE AMIGURUMI: FREE PATTERN

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Based on Gerald the Giraffe by Nicole Chase (thenicolechase.com).

Written here in our own words. Stitch counts, measurements, hook size, and yardage are the designer's own numbers.

FINISHED SIZE

About 7.5 inches tall when sitting, about 9.5 inches tall when standing, measured from the top of the horns to the feet.

SKILL LEVEL

Advanced beginner. Every stitch is a simple single crochet, increase, or decrease. The shaping is done one round at a time.

YOU WILL NEED

- Medium weight worsted yarn, in three colours. Colour A yellow, about 82 yards. Colour B cream, about 4 yards. Colour C brown, about 32 yards. The designer used WeCrochet / Knit Picks Brava Worsted.
- 4.0mm (G) crochet hook.
- 9mm safety eyes, one pair.
- Polyester toy stuffing.
- Stitch marker, yarn needle, scissors.

GAUGE

Gauge is not critical for this toy. Use a hook a little smaller than the size the yarn label suggests, so the stuffing does not show through the stitches.

ABBREVIATIONS (US TERMS)

MR = magic ring

sc = single crochet

inc = increase, work 2 single crochet into one stitch

dec = decrease, single crochet 2 stitches together (invisible decrease recommended)

sl st = slip stitch

ch = chain

BLO = back loop only

st / sts = stitch / stitches

R = round

GENERAL NOTES

- Work in a continuous spiral. Do not join rounds and do not turn. Put a stitch marker in the first stitch of every round and move it up as you go.
- Stuff the body, head, legs, and arms as you work, a little at a time, so each piece is filled evenly. Do not put stuffing in the ears or the tail.
- Safety eyes can be a choking risk for babies. If this giraffe is for a baby, embroider the eyes with yarn or felt instead of using safety eyes.

BODY

Work with colour A (yellow).

R1: Work 6 single crochet into a magic ring. (6 sts)

R2: Work 2 single crochet in each stitch around. (12 sts)

R3: Work 1 increase and then 1 single crochet, 6 times around. (18 sts)

R4: Work 1 increase and then 2 single crochet, 6 times around. (24 sts)

R5: Work 1 increase and then 3 single crochet, 6 times around. (30 sts)

R6: Work 1 increase and then 4 single crochet, 6 times around. (36 sts)

R7 to R14: Work 1 single crochet in each stitch around, for 8 rounds. (36 sts)

R15: Work 1 decrease and then 4 single crochet, 6 times around. (30 sts)

R16: Work 1 single crochet in each stitch around. (30 sts)

R17: Work 1 decrease and then 3 single crochet, 6 times around. (24 sts)

R18 to R19: Work 1 single crochet in each stitch around, for 2 rounds. (24 sts)

R20: Work 1 decrease and then 2 single crochet, 6 times around. (18 sts)

Start stuffing the body now, and keep adding stuffing as you go.

R21 to R24: Work 1 single crochet in each stitch around, for 4 rounds. (18 sts)

R25: Work 1 decrease and then 4 single crochet, 3 times around. (15 sts)

R26: Work 1 single crochet in each stitch around. (15 sts)

Cut the yarn, leaving a long tail for sewing. Fasten off. Finish stuffing the body.

HEAD

Start with colour B (cream) for the muzzle.

R1: Work 6 single crochet into a magic ring. (6 sts)

R2: Work 2 single crochet in each stitch around. (12 sts)

R3: Work 1 increase and then 1 single crochet, 6 times around. (18 sts)

R4 to R6: Work 1 single crochet in each stitch around, for 3 rounds. (18 sts)

Change to colour A (yellow).

R7: Work 1 increase and then 2 single crochet, 3 times, then work 1 single crochet in each of the next 9 stitches. (21 sts)

R8: Work 1 increase and then 3 single crochet, 3 times, then work 1 single crochet in each of the next 9 stitches. (24 sts)

R9: Work 1 increase and then 4 single crochet, 3 times, then work 1 single crochet in each of the next 9 stitches. (27 sts)

R10: Work 1 increase and then 5 single crochet, 3 times, then work 1 single crochet in each of the next 9 stitches. (30 sts)

R11: Work 1 increase and then 4 single crochet, 3 times. Place a second stitch marker in the last stitch you just worked. Then work 1 increase and then 4 single crochet, 3 more times. (36 sts)

The two markers show the front of the face. The stitches between the first marker and the second marker are the top of the head. The stitches between the second marker and the first marker are the bottom of the head. If you are using safety eyes, put them in between R9 and R10, with 7 stitches between the eyes. You can take out the second marker now.

R12 to R15: Work 1 single crochet in each stitch around, for 4 rounds. (36 sts)

R16: Work 1 decrease and then 4 single crochet, 6 times around. (30 sts)

R17: Work 1 decrease and then 3 single crochet, 6 times around. (24 sts)

R18: Work 1 single crochet in each stitch around. (24 sts)

R19: Work 1 decrease and then 2 single crochet, 6 times around. (18 sts)

Fill the head with stuffing.

R20: Work 1 decrease and then 1 single crochet, 6 times around. (12 sts)

R21: Work 1 decrease, 6 times around. (6 sts)

Cut the yarn. Weave the tail in and out of the last 6 stitches, pull it tight to close the hole, and weave in the end.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Work with colour A (yellow).

R1: Work 4 single crochet into a magic ring. (4 sts)

R2: Work 1 increase and then 1 single crochet, 2 times around. (6 sts)

R3: Work 1 increase and then 1 single crochet, 3 times around. (9 sts)

R4: Work 1 increase and then 2 single crochet, 3 times around. (12 sts)

R5 to R7: Work 1 single crochet in each stitch around, for 3 rounds. (12 sts)

R8: Work 1 decrease and then 2 single crochet, 3 times around. (9 sts)

R9: Work 1 single crochet in each stitch around. (9 sts)

R10: Fold the ear flat. Working through both layers, work 1 single crochet in each stitch across, leaving 1 stitch unworked at the start of the fold and 2 stitches unworked at the end. (3 sts) Then put the hook through the 2 stitches you left unworked, pinch the bottom of the ear to bring the ends together, and join the ear with 1 single crochet through both layers.

Do not stuff the ears. Cut the yarn, leaving a long tail for sewing. Fasten off.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Start with colour C (brown) for the hooves.

R1: Work 6 single crochet into a magic ring. (6 sts)

R2: Work 2 single crochet in each stitch around. (12 sts)

R3: Work 1 increase and then 1 single crochet, 6 times around. (18 sts)

R4: Work 1 increase and then 2 single crochet, 6 times around. (24 sts)

R5: Working in the back loops only, work 1 single crochet in each stitch around. (24 sts)

R6: Work 1 single crochet in each stitch around. (24 sts)

Change to colour A (yellow).

R7: Work 1 decrease and then 2 single crochet, 6 times around. (18 sts)

R8 to R9: Work 1 single crochet in each stitch around, for 2 rounds. (18 sts)

R10: Work 1 decrease and then 7 single crochet, 2 times around. (16 sts)

R11 to R15: Work 1 single crochet in each stitch around, for 5 rounds. (16 sts)

Fill the leg with stuffing.

R16: Fold the leg flat. Working through both layers, work 1 single crochet in each stitch across, leaving 1 stitch unworked on each side. (7 sts)

Cut the yarn, leaving a long tail for sewing. Fasten off.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Start with colour C (brown) for the hooves.

R1: Work 6 single crochet into a magic ring. (6 sts)

R2: Work 2 single crochet in each stitch around. (12 sts)

R3: Work 1 increase and then 1 single crochet, 6 times around. (18 sts)

R4: Working in the back loops only, work 1 single crochet in each stitch around. (18 sts)

R5: Work 1 single crochet in each stitch around. (18 sts)

Change to colour A (yellow).

R6: Work 1 decrease and then 1 single crochet, 6 times around. (12 sts)

R7 to R13: Work 1 single crochet in each stitch around, for 7 rounds. (12 sts)

Fill the arm with stuffing.

R14: Fold the arm flat. Working through both layers, work 1 single crochet in each stitch across, leaving 1 stitch unworked on each side. (5 sts)

Cut the yarn, leaving a long tail for sewing. Fasten off.

HORNS (MAKE 2)

Start with colour C (brown).

R1: Work 6 single crochet into a magic ring. (6 sts)

R2: Work 1 increase and then 1 single crochet, 3 times around. (9 sts)

R3: Work 1 single crochet in each stitch around. (9 sts)

Change to colour A (yellow).

R4: Work 1 decrease and then 1 single crochet, 3 times around. (6 sts)

R5 to R6: Work 1 single crochet in each stitch around, for 2 rounds. (6 sts)

Fill the horn lightly with stuffing. Cut the yarn, leaving a long tail for sewing. Fasten off.

TAIL

Work with colour A (yellow).

R1: Chain 5, turn, then work 1 single crochet in the second chain from the hook and in each chain to the end. (4 sts)

Cut the yarn, leaving a tail for sewing. Fasten off.

With colour C (brown), join the yarn at the tip of the tail. Chain 10, bring the two ends of the chain together, and slip stitch into the tip of the tail to make a loop. Do not fasten off. Chain 10 again and make a second loop the same way. Chain 10 a third time and make a third loop. Cut the yarn, fasten off, and weave in the ends. Do not stuff the tail.

SPOTS: LARGE (MAKE 2)

Work with colour C (brown).

R1: Work 6 single crochet into a magic ring. (6 sts)

R2: Work 2 single crochet in each stitch around. (12 sts)

R3: Work 1 increase and then 1 single crochet, 6 times around. (18 sts)

Join with a slip stitch to the first stitch. Cut the yarn, leaving a tail for sewing. Fasten off.

SPOTS: MEDIUM (MAKE 3)

Work with colour C (brown).

R1: Work 6 single crochet into a magic ring. (6 sts)

R2: Work 2 single crochet in each stitch around. (12 sts)

Join with a slip stitch to the first stitch. Cut the yarn, leaving a tail for sewing. Fasten off.

SPOTS: SMALL (MAKE 3)

Work with colour C (brown).

R1: Work 6 single crochet into a magic ring. (6 sts)

Join with a slip stitch to the first stitch. Cut the yarn, leaving a tail for sewing. Fasten off.

ASSEMBLY AND FINISHING

Pin every piece in place before you sew, and check the giraffe from the front and the side.

- Ears: sew one ear on each side of the top of the head, over rounds 13 and 14, with about 9 stitches between the ears.
- Horns: sew the horns on top of the head between the ears, over rounds 13 and 14, with about 1 stitch between the horns.
- Head to body: sew the head onto the body so the muzzle faces straight out. Join the body to the bottom of the head at about rounds 11 to 14.
- Legs: sew the legs between rounds 6 and 7 of the body, with the inside ends of the legs touching in the middle.
- Arms: sew one arm on each side of the body, over rounds 17 to 22. Leave about 11 stitches between the arms across the front of the body at the top, and about 16 stitches between them at the bottom.
- Tail: sew the tail to the back of the body between rounds 8 and 9.
- Spots: pin the 8 spots around the body wherever they look best, then sew them in place. You have 2 large spots, 3 medium spots, and 3 small spots.

Your crochet giraffe is finished. Happy crocheting.

PATTERN CHECK (2026-11-15)

Every round of every piece was recomputed from the stitch instructions, and every printed total matches the stitches the round makes.

Body: 6 to 36 to 15. Head: 6 to 36 to 6, eyes between R9 and R10, 7 stitches apart. Ears: 4 to 12 to 9, then folded closed. Legs: 6 to 24 to 16, then folded closed with 7 stitches. Arms: 6 to 18 to 12, then folded closed with 5 stitches. Horns: 6 to 9 to 6. Spots: 2 large at 18 stitches, 3 medium at 12 stitches, 3 small at 6 stitches, 8 spots in total.

Numbers cross-checked against the article: finished size 7.5 inches sitting and 9.5 inches standing, 4.0mm hook, 9mm safety eyes, 82 yards yellow, 4 yards cream, 32 yards brown. All match.

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