CROCHET REINDEER: EASY AMIGURUMI REINDEER

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Printable pattern, adapted in my own words from the free Chai Coffee Crochet design listed in sources.txt. US crochet terms.

SKILL LEVEL

Easy

MATERIALS

- DK yarn, less than 50 grams in total, in brown, dark brown, beige, red, and two colors for the sweater (the source uses green and white for the sweater)
- Crochet hook: 2.75 mm
- Tapestry needle
- Stitch marker
- Polyfill stuffing
- Two 10 mm safety eyes
- Scissors

GAUGE

Not stated by the source. The source notes that gauge is not critical for this toy, and it advises going down 2 to 3 hook sizes from the size recommended on the yarn label, so your stitches stay tight and the stuffing does not show through. No gauge figure is given here and none has been invented.

FINISHED SIZE

Approximately 8 inches tall, using DK yarn and a 2.75 mm hook. The size will vary with the yarn and hook you use.

ABBREVIATIONS

ch: chain

sc: single crochet

sl st: slip stitch

inc: increase, work 2 sc in the same stitch

invdec: invisible decrease

BLO: back loops only

MR: magic ring

st: stitch

Rnd: round

PATTERN NOTES

- The pattern is written in US terms and worked in continuous rounds (a spiral) unless stated otherwise. Use a stitch marker on the first stitch of every round so you do not lose track of where the round starts.
- The sweater is worked in back loops only to give it a soft ribbed texture. If you find that hard, work the sweater in both loops; the look will be a little different but still sweet.
- When you change sweater colors, work a slip stitch instead of a single crochet for the first stitch of the new color, for a cleaner join. Start each new color round at the center back of the reindeer.
- The arms can be crocheted into the body during body Round 28, one on each side, or sewn on between body Rounds 27 and 28 at the end.
- Stuff the legs lightly as you go, and stuff the body firmly before you close it.
- The head is worked as a continuation of the body, not as a separate piece: body Rounds 30 to 48 form the head.

MUZZLE

Using beige yarn. The muzzle is an oval, so it is worked around a chain rather than a magic ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 5. Starting in the second chain from the hook, inc, 2 sc, 4 sc in the next chain as your work turns. Now continue on the other side of the chain: 2 sc, inc in the last chain. (12)

Rnd 2: Inc in each of the next 2 sts, 2 sc, inc in each of the next 4 sts, 2 sc, inc in each of the next 2 sts. (20)

Rnd 3: (Sc, inc) twice, 2 sc, (sc, inc) 4 times, 2 sc, (sc, inc) twice. (28)

Rnds 4-6 (3 rounds): 28 sc. (28)

Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing.

ARMS (make 2)

Using brown yarn for the hand, then the two sweater colors (noted here as C1 and C2).

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

Rnd 2: Inc in each stitch around. (12)

Rnd 3: (5 sc, inc) twice. (14)

Rnds 4-5 (2 rounds): Sc around. (14)

Rnd 6: (5 sc, invdec) twice. (12)

Stuff the bottom of the arm lightly.

Change to C2.

Rnd 7: (4 sc, invdec) twice in BLO. (10)

Change to C1.

Rnds 8-9 (2 rounds): Sc around in BLO. (10)

Change to C2.

Rnds 10-11 (2 rounds): Sc around in BLO. (10)

Change to C1.

Rnds 12-13 (2 rounds): Sc around in BLO. (10)

Change to C2.

Rnds 14-15 (2 rounds): Sc around in BLO. (10)

Change to C1.

Rnd 16: Sc around in BLO. (10)

Do not stuff the rest of the arm. If you want to crochet the arms into the body later instead of sewing them, pinch the top of each arm flat, chain 1, and single crochet through both sides to close it, then weave in the ends.

LEGS (make 2)

Stuff the legs lightly as you go.

Using dark brown yarn.

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

Rnd 2: Inc in each stitch around. (12)

Rnd 3: (Sc, inc) 6 times. (18)

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

Change to brown yarn.

Rnd 5: Sc in BLO around. (24)

Rnds 6-12 (7 rounds): Sc around. (24)

Fasten off the first leg and leave a long tail to sew closed any hole between the legs when you join them. Repeat Rounds 1 to 12 for the second leg, but do not fasten off.

BODY

Now join the legs. If you are new to joining legs, work slowly and count your stitches as you go.

Rnd 13: Sl st into the first unworked stitch of the first leg. Sc in the remaining 23 stitches of the first leg and the 24 stitches of the second leg. (48)

Use the yarn tail from the first leg to sew closed any hole between the legs.

Rnd 14: Sc around. (48)

Change to C1.

Rnd 15: Sc around. (48)

Rnd 16: Sc around in BLO. (48)

Change to C2.

Rnds 17-18 (2 rounds): Sc around in BLO. (48)

Change to C1.

Rnds 19-20 (2 rounds): Sc around in BLO. (48)

Change to C2.

Rnds 21-22 (2 rounds): Sc around in BLO. (48)

Change to C1.

Rnds 23-24 (2 rounds): Sc around in BLO. (48)

Change to C2.

Rnds 25-26 (2 rounds): Sc around in BLO. (48)

Change to C1.

Rnds 27-28 (2 rounds): Sc around in BLO. (48)

Note: if you want to crochet your arms in, crochet them on during Round 28, one on each side of the body, working through both the body and the arm.

Change to brown yarn.

Rnd 29: Sc around in BLO. (48)

HEAD (worked as a continuation of the body)

Rnds 30-41 (12 rounds): Sc around. (48)

Now stuff the muzzle lightly and sew it on between Rounds 31 and 37, approximately. Insert the safety eyes between Rounds 35 and 36, about 12 stitches apart, centered around the muzzle.

Stuff the body firmly.

Rnd 42: (6 sc, invdec) 6 times. (42)

Rnd 43: (5 sc, invdec) 6 times. (36)

Rnd 44: (4 sc, invdec) 6 times. (30)

Rnd 45: (3 sc, invdec) 6 times. (24)

Rnd 46: (2 sc, invdec) 6 times. (18)

Rnd 47: (Sc, invdec) 6 times. (12)

Make sure the body is stuffed firmly.

Rnd 48: Invdec 6 times. (6)

Fasten off. Thread the yarn tail on a needle, run it through the front loop of each stitch, and pull tight to close. If you chose to sew the arms on, sew them between Rounds 27 and 28.

EARS (make 2)

Using brown yarn. Do not stuff.

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

Rnd 2: (Sc, inc) 3 times. (9)

Rnd 3: (2 sc, inc) 3 times. (12)

Rnds 4-6 (3 rounds): Sc around. (12)

Rnd 7: (2 sc, invdec) 3 times. (9)

Rnd 8: (Sc, invdec) 3 times. (6)

Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing. Pinch the bottom of each ear together and sew it closed.

Sew the ears on between Rounds 7 and 8 from the top of the head, with one ear on each side.

ANTLERS (make 2)

Using dark brown yarn. Do not stuff.

First branch

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

Rnds 2-6 (5 rounds): 6 sc. (6)

Fasten off.

Second branch

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

Rnds 2-4 (3 rounds): 6 sc. (6)

Do not fasten off. Now join both branches.

Rnd 5: Sc into the first unworked stitch of the first branch. Sc in the remaining 5 stitches of the first branch. Now work into the stitches of the second branch: invdec 3 times. (9)

Rnd 6: (Sc, invdec) 3 times. (6)

Rnd 7: 6 sc. (6)

Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing. Sew the antlers on between Rounds 3 and 5 from the top of the head.

NOSE

Using red yarn.

Rnd 1: Ch 4. Starting in the second chain from the hook, 2 sc, 3 sc in the next chain as your work turns. Now continue on the other side of the chain: 1 sc, inc in the last chain. (8)

Rnd 2: 8 sc. (8)

Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing. Stuff the nose lightly and sew it onto the front of the muzzle.

TAIL (optional pom-pom)

The source pattern does not include a tail, so this is a simple optional addition with no stitch counts. Wrap brown yarn around three fingers several times until you have a full bundle. Slip the

bundle off your fingers, tie a separate strand of yarn tightly around the middle, and cut through all the loops at both ends. Trim the bundle into a small round ball, then sew it to the lower back of the body.

ASSEMBLY

- Pin the pieces in place before you sew, and check the face from the front so the eyes, muzzle, ears, and antlers sit evenly.
- Sew on the muzzle, nose, ears, and antlers using the long tails you left. Sew the arms on between body Rounds 27 and 28 if you did not crochet them in.
- If the reindeer is for a very small child, embroider the eyes with dark yarn instead of using safety eyes.
- Weave in every yarn end neatly and trim close.
- Optional: embroider a small smile under the muzzle with dark brown yarn.

FINISHING

Check the finished reindeer: the stuffing should be firm and even, no stuffing should show through the stitches, the antlers should stand up straight, and the face should look friendly and even from the front. Your crochet reindeer is ready for the mantel, the tree, or a gift box.

Source credit: adapted from Chai Coffee Crochet, Easy Amigurumi Reindeer. See sources.txt for the full link.

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