CROCHET SLOTH: BEAUTIFUL SLEEPY AMIGURUMI IN 7 SWEET INCHES

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FINISHED SIZE

About 7 in (18 cm) tall in its sitting position.

SKILL LEVEL

Easy, beginner friendly. You need single crochet, single crochet increase, and invisible decrease, all worked in the round, plus basic sewing to join the pieces. The face pieces are sewn on by hand.

TIME

The source pattern gives no exact time. It is a small amigurumi with five pieces, so most crocheters finish it in a few relaxed evenings.

MATERIALS

- Size 4 worsted weight yarn: 75 yards of light brown, plus a small amount of dark brown, white, and black. The source pattern uses WeCrochet Brava Worsted in Almond, Sienna, and White.
- 3.5 mm crochet hook
- 12 mm safety eyes, 1 pair
- Black crochet or embroidery thread for the smile, optional
- Scissors
- Tapestry needle
- Stuffing
- Stitch markers

ABBREVIATIONS (US terms)

ch: chain. inc: single crochet increase, 2 sc in the same stitch. inv dec: invisible decrease. MC: magic circle. sc: single crochet. st(s): stitch(es).

NOTES

This pattern is written in US crochet terms. Work in continuous rounds and use a stitch marker at the beginning of each round. Stuff slowly as you go, so each piece is firm but not stretched. The

head starts in white and changes to light brown at Round 8. The arms and legs start in white and change to light brown partway through. The eye patches are worked flat in the round on both sides of a foundation chain to make an oval shape, so keep your chain tight to avoid holes.

EYE PATCHES, MAKE 2

With dark brown, chain 10.

Round 1: Sc in the 2nd chain from the hook, sc in the next 7 chains, 3 sc in the last chain. Working down the other side of the foundation chain, sc in the next 7 chains, 2 sc in the last chain, which is also the first chain you started with. (20 sts)

Round 2: 2 sc in the first st, sc in the next 7 sts, 2 sc in each of the next 3 sts, sc in the next 7 sts, 2 sc in each of the last 2 sts. (26 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Insert a safety eye in Round 1 near one edge of each patch and set the patches aside. Do not secure the eye backs yet.

HEAD

With white

Round 1: Create a magic circle with 6 sc. (6 sts)

Round 2: Sc inc in each st around. (12 sts)

Round 3: Sc in the first st, sc inc in the next st, repeat around. (18 sts)

Round 4: Sc in the first 2 sts, sc inc in the next st, repeat around. (24 sts)

Round 5: Sc in the first 3 sts, sc inc in the next st, repeat around. (30 sts)

Round 6: Sc in the first 4 sts, sc inc in the next st, repeat around. (36 sts)

Round 7: Sc in the first 5 sts, sc inc in the next st, repeat around. (42 sts)

Change to light brown.

Round 8: Sc in the first 6 sts, sc inc in the next st, repeat around. (48 sts)

Round 9: Sc in the first 7 sts, sc inc in the next st, repeat around. (54 sts)

Rounds 10-16: Sc around. (54 sts)

Place the facial features now. Place the safety eyes, inside the eye patches, between Rounds 5 and 6 on each side. Angle the eye patches to your liking; the source angles hers down and to the side on each side. Once you like the angle, sew each eye patch in place and secure the safety eyes.

Nose: With black yarn and your tapestry needle, make a pass through 3 rounds between the eyes. Continue to pass through until the nose is the thickness you like.

Smile, optional: With black embroidery thread or yarn, make a small V below the nose. You can add the smile after closing the head, but it is easier at this stage.

Continue to stuff firmly as you close the head.

Round 17: Sc in the first 7 sts, inv dec in the next st, repeat around. (48 sts)

Round 18: Sc in the first 6 sts, inv dec in the next st, repeat around. (42 sts)

Round 19: Sc in the first 5 sts, inv dec in the next st, repeat around. (36 sts)

Round 20: Sc in the first 4 sts, inv dec in the next st, repeat around. (30 sts)

Round 21: Sc in the first 3 sts, inv dec in the next st, repeat around. (24 sts)

Round 22: Sc in the first 2 sts, inv dec in the next st, repeat around. (18 sts)

Round 23: Sc in the first st, inv dec in the next st, repeat around. (12 sts)

Round 24: Inv dec around. (6 sts)

Fasten off and sew the remaining hole closed. Weave in the end.

BODY

With light brown

Round 1: Create a magic circle with 6 sc. (6 sts)

Round 2: Sc inc in each st around. (12 sts)

Round 3: Sc in the first st, sc inc in the next st, repeat around. (18 sts)

Round 4: Sc in the first 2 sts, sc inc in the next st, repeat around. (24 sts)

Round 5: Sc in the first 3 sts, sc inc in the next st, repeat around. (30 sts)

Round 6: Sc in the first 4 sts, sc inc in the next st, repeat around. (36 sts)

Round 7: Sc in the first 5 sts, sc inc in the next st, repeat around. (42 sts)

Round 8: Sc in the first 6 sts, sc inc in the next st, repeat around. (48 sts)

Rounds 9-15: Sc around. (48 sts)

Round 16: Sc in the first 6 sts, inv dec in the next st, repeat around. (42 sts)

Rounds 17-18: Sc around. (42 sts)

Round 19: Sc in the first 5 sts, inv dec in the next st, repeat around. (36 sts)

Rounds 20-21: Sc around. (36 sts)

Round 22: Sc in the first 4 sts, inv dec in the next st, repeat around. (30 sts)

Rounds 23-24: Sc around. (30 sts)

Round 25: Sc in the first 3 sts, inv dec in the next st, repeat around. (24 sts)

Round 26: Sc in the first 2 sts, inv dec in the next st, repeat around. (18 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

ARMS, MAKE 2

Stuff lightly at the bottom only.

With white

Round 1: Create a magic circle with 6 sc. (6 sts)

Round 2: Sc inc in each st around. (12 sts)

Round 3: Sc in the first st, sc inc in the next st, repeat around. (18 sts)

Round 4: Sc around. (18 sts)

Round 5: Sc in the first st, inv dec in the next st, repeat around. (12 sts)

Change to light brown.

Rounds 6-17: Sc around. (12 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

LEGS, MAKE 2

Stuff lightly at the bottom only.

With white

Round 1: Create a magic circle with 6 sc. (6 sts)

Round 2: Sc inc in each st around. (12 sts)

Round 3: Sc in the first st, sc inc in the next st, repeat around. (18 sts)

Round 4: Sc in the first 2 sts, sc inc in the next st, repeat around. (24 sts)

Rounds 5-6: Sc around. (24 sts)

Round 7: Sc in the first 2 sts, inv dec in the next st, repeat around. (18 sts)

Change to light brown.

Rounds 8-19: Sc around. (18 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

ASSEMBLY

- Sew the head onto the body, adding extra stuffing as you go. The extra stuffing gives strength and keeps the head from wobbling.
- Sew the legs onto the body, starting at the 9th round from the bottom and ending at the 17th round.
- Sew the arms onto the body with a slight angle down, so the arms rest onto the legs when the sloth is sitting. Sew the arms starting at Round 20 and ending at Round 25, counting from the bottom.

CARE

The source pattern gives no care instructions. Treat the sloth gently: spot clean with a damp cloth and mild soap, and let it air dry. Do not machine wash a toy with safety eyes. If the toy is for a child under 3, embroider the eyes instead of using safety eyes.

TIPS FOR A NEAT SLOTH

- Mark the start of every round. The head and body are worked in a continuous spiral, so a stitch marker keeps your rounds true.

- Stuff as you go. Add stuffing a little at a time and keep it firm but not stretched, so the sloth holds its round shape.
- Angle the eye patches before you sew. Pin them down and to the side, step back, and check the face from the front before you sew anything.
- Keep the white parts white. Work the white rounds of the head, arms, and legs with clean hands and keep the white yarn away from the dark brown until you need it.
- Sew the head on firmly. Add extra stuffing at the neck join and sew all the way around, so the big head does not wobble on the body.
- Do not secure the safety eye backs early. Leave them loose until the eye patches are angled and sewn where you want them.

Pattern adapted from the free pattern by Grace and Yarn (Stephanie): Free Crochet Sloth Pattern, Amigurumi Tutorial, https://www.graceandyarn.com/2021/01/free-crochet-sloth-pattern-amigurumi.html

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