CROCHET FLAMINGO: BEAUTIFUL 15-INCH AMIGURUMI FLAMINGO

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FINISHED SIZE

Finished height | About 15 in (38 cm) tall, standing

The source pattern states she measures 15 inches tall. No width, sitting height, or other finished measurements are given, so none are listed here.

SKILL LEVEL

Beginner. The designer calls it "a beginner pattern with slight sewing". You need a magic circle, single crochet, increases, invisible decreases, working in continuous rounds, and basic sewing with a yarn needle. The stitches are simple; the amigurumi skills are keeping a tight fabric, stuffing the long neck firmly as you go, and sewing the pieces on neatly.

TIME

The source pattern gives no exact time. A 15-inch flamingo in worsted yarn is a bigger toy with several pieces: allow a relaxed weekend, a little longer the first time. That estimate is NOT a source fact; do not quote it as one.

MATERIALS

- Medium weight (#4) worsted weight yarn
- Color A (pink): about 125 g
- Small amounts of white, grey, and beige
- The source gives yarn in grams only: no yards, no meters, no skein count
- 3.5 mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle (the designer likes bent-tip needles)

- Polyester fiberfill stuffing
- Stitch markers
- Pins
- Scissors
- 2 safety eyes, 12 mm
- Black crochet or embroidery thread for eyelashes (optional)

ABBREVIATIONS (US terms)

ch: chain. dec: decrease (in this pattern, invisible decrease: work 2 sts together through the front loops only). inc: increase (2 sc in the same st). inv dec: invisible decrease. MC: magic circle. rep: repeat. rnd(s): round(s). sc: single crochet. sl st: slip stitch. st(s): stitch(es).

NOTES

This pattern uses US crochet terms. Work in continuous spiral rounds: do not join rounds with a slip stitch unless the instructions say so. Keep a stitch marker in the first stitch of every round so you do not lose your place. When the pattern says a number followed by a stitch (for example "3 sc"), work one sc in each of the next 3 stitches, not 3 sc in one stitch. Repeats are shown in parentheses: work everything inside the parentheses, then repeat it. Stuff as you go, firmly but not stretched: the designer recommends stuffing the body before you crochet the neck, and stuffing the neck and shoulders firmly so the neck stays sturdy. The body, neck, and head are made as one piece. The wings are left unstuffed. Gauge: the source gives no gauge, so none is listed here; work tightly so the stuffing does not show through the stitches. Safety eyes are NOT safe for a child under 3: for a baby gift, embroider the eyes instead. That safety note is general amigurumi advice, not a statement from the source pattern.

BEAK (make 1)

Work with grey, then change to white.

Rnd 1: With grey, 6 sc in MC. (6 sts)

Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. (12 sts)

Rnd 3: Sc in each st around. (12 sts)

Rnd 4: (Sc, inc) around. (18 sts)

Rnds 5-7: Sc in each st around. (18 sts)

Change to white.

Rnds 8-9: Sc in each st around. (18 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing onto the head.

BODY, NECK, AND HEAD (make 1)

Work with pink. The body, neck, and head are one piece: do not fasten off between them.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in MC. (6 sts)

Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. (12 sts)

Rnd 3: (Sc, inc) around. (18 sts)

Rnd 4: (2 sc, inc) around. (24 sts)

Rnd 5: (3 sc, inc) around. (30 sts)

Rnd 6: (4 sc, inc) around. (36 sts)

Rnd 7: (5 sc, inc) around. (42 sts)

Rnd 8: (6 sc, inc) around. (48 sts)

Rnds 9-15: Sc in each st around. (48 sts)

Rnd 16: (6 sc, dec) around. (42 sts)

Rnds 17-18: Sc in each st around. (42 sts)

Rnd 19: (5 sc, dec) around. (36 sts)

Rnds 20-21: Sc in each st around. (36 sts)

Rnd 22: (4 sc, dec) around. (30 sts)

Rnds 23-24: Sc in each st around. (30 sts)

Rnd 25: (3 sc, dec) around. (24 sts)

Rnds 26-27: Sc in each st around. (24 sts)

Rnd 28: (2 sc, dec) around. (18 sts)

Rnds 29-36: Sc in each st around. (18 sts)

Here is where the neck ends and the head begins. Stuff the neck and shoulders firmly as you go: this keeps the neck sturdy.

Rnd 37: (2 sc, inc) around. (24 sts)

Rnd 38: (3 sc, inc) around. (30 sts)

Rnd 39: (4 sc, inc) around. (36 sts)

Rnd 40: (5 sc, inc) around. (42 sts)

Rnd 41: (6 sc, inc) around. (48 sts)

Rnd 42: (7 sc, inc) around. (54 sts)

Rnds 43-50: Sc in each st around. (54 sts)

Pause and add the eyes between Rnds 47 and 48. Place them 7 stitches apart. For a girl version, sew on the eyelashes before you secure the safety eyes.

Sew the beak centered between the eyes with a small amount of stuffing. For the cheeks, pass pink yarn through one stitch on either side of the beak, just under the eyes.

Rnd 51: (7 sc, dec) around. (48 sts)

Rnd 52: (6 sc, dec) around. (42 sts)

Rnd 53: (5 sc, dec) around. (36 sts)

Rnd 54: (4 sc, dec) around. (30 sts)

Rnd 55: (3 sc, dec) around. (24 sts)

Rnd 56: (2 sc, dec) around. (18 sts)

Rnd 57: (Sc, dec) around. (12 sts)

Rnd 58: Dec around. (6 sts)

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

TAIL (make 1)

Work with pink.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in MC. (6 sts)

Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. (12 sts)

Rnds 3-4: Sc in each st around. (12 sts)

Rnd 5: (Sc, inc) around. (18 sts)

Rnd 6: Sc in each st around. (18 sts)

Rnd 7: 6 sc, inc in the next 6 sts, 6 sc. (24 sts)

Rnd 8: Sc in each st around. (24 sts)

Rnd 9: (6 sc, inc in the next 3 sts) 2 times, 6 sc. (30 sts)

Rnd 10: Sc in each st around. (30 sts)

Rnd 11: 6 sc, inc in the next 3 sts, 12 sc, inc in the next 3 sts, 6 sc. (36 sts)

Rnd 12: Sc in each st around. (36 sts)

Rnd 13: 15 sc, inc in the next 6 sts, 15 sc. (42 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

WINGS (make 2)

Each wing is made with two feathers that are joined together. Leave the wings unstuffed.

SMALL FEATHER

Work with white, then change to pink.

Rnd 1: With white, 6 sc in MC. (6 sts)

Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. (12 sts)

Rnd 3: Sc in each st around. (12 sts)

Change to pink.

Rnd 4: Sc in each st around. (12 sts)

Fasten off.

LARGE FEATHER

Work with white, then change to pink.

Rnd 1: With white, 6 sc in MC. (6 sts)

Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. (12 sts)

Rnds 3-4: Sc in each st around. (12 sts)

Change to pink.

Rnd 5: Sc in each st around. (12 sts)

Do not fasten off: here is where you join the feathers and continue the wing.

Rnd 6: Attach to the small feather with a sc. Sc around the small feather and then the large feather. (24 sts)

Rnds 7-10: Sc in each st around. (24 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail to sew onto the body.

LEGS (make 2)

Work with beige. Stuff as you go.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in MC. (6 sts)

Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. (12 sts)

Rnd 3: (Sc, inc) around. (18 sts)

Rnd 4: (2 sc, inc) around. (24 sts)

Rnd 5: (3 sc, inc) around. (30 sts)

Rnds 6-7: Sc in each st around. (30 sts)

Rnd 8: (3 sc, dec) around. (24 sts)

Rnd 9: (2 sc, dec) around. (18 sts)

Rnd 10: (Sc, dec) around. (12 sts)

Rnds 11-20: Sc in each st around. (12 sts)

Rnd 21: (Sc, inc) around. (18 sts)

Rnd 22: (2 sc, inc) around. (24 sts)

Rnd 23: Sc in each st around. (24 sts)

Rnd 24: (2 sc, dec) around. (18 sts)

Rnd 25: (Sc, dec) around. (12 sts)

Rnds 26-34: Sc in each st around. (12 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

ASSEMBLY

- First, sew the wings onto the body. The top of each wing sits at round 26 of the body and the bottom of each wing sits at round 15.
- Next, sew the tail centered onto the back of the body, stuffing as you go.
- Lastly, sew the legs centered onto the bottom of the flamingo, starting at round 2 and ending at round 5.

Your flamingo is complete.

FINISHING

Weave in all loose ends with the tapestry needle, hiding them inside the stitches so they do not show. Check that both eyes are locked firmly in place, and that every seam is sewn closed.

CARE

The source pattern gives no care instructions. As general guidance for worsted weight acrylic and cotton yarns: hand wash gently in cold water and lay flat to dry. Do not bleach. Reshape while damp. Keep away from a hot dryer.

TIPS FOR A NEAT FLAMINGO

- Work tightly. Use a hook smaller than the yarn label suggests, so the stuffing does not show through the stitches.
- Mark every round. Work in a spiral with no joins, so a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round is the only way to know where a round ends.
- Stuff the neck firmly. Stuff the body before you crochet the neck, and pack the neck and shoulders firmly as you go: loose stuffing makes a wobbly neck.

- Place the eyes before you close the head. Add the 12 mm safety eyes between Rnds 47 and 48, 7 stitches apart, while the head is still open enough to fix the washers on the inside. Sew the eyelashes on first if you want them.
- Pin before you sew. Pin the wings, tail, and legs in place and look at the flamingo from the front before you sew anything: the wings run from round 26 down to round 15, and the legs sit centered on the bottom.
- Sew the beak centered. The beak sits centered between the eyes with a small amount of stuffing inside, grey tip out and white base against the face.

VARIATIONS

- Classic soft pink flamingo: work Color A in a soft blush pink with a grey and white beak and beige legs, the timeless flamingo look.
- Bright coral flamingo: work the body in a bright coral pink and keep the wings white-tipped, for a bolder bird on a white shelf.
- A girl flamingo: sew eyelashes on with black crochet or embroidery thread before you secure the safety eyes, and add pink cheek stitches on either side of the beak.
- A smaller flamingo: use a DK weight yarn with a 3.0 mm hook and the same rounds. The flamingo will come out smaller, and you will need less yarn and smaller eyes; check the eye size against the head before you fix them in place.

Pattern adapted from the free pattern by Grace and Yarn: Fiona the Flamingo, https://www.graceandyarn.com/2019/09/free-crochet-flamingo-pattern.html

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