

# *Little Precious*



*Toy elephant  
dolly pattern*

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\*\*\*This pattern is not baby safe.

If making for a baby remember to embroider features using wool. Secure firmly inside. Leave thumbs off.

# Little Precious

## Materials

- 3.5mm or 4mm crochet hook– or other hook to give firm tension
- 8 ply/DK wool in colours of your choice.
- 7.5mm black safety eyes – slightly smaller or larger doesn't matter (or buttons for non-child toy)
- Polyester stuffing
- Wool needle
- Clear craft glue optional



Pattern for a crocheted toy elephant approximately 28cm, 10" tall

## Notes

1. I always start my pieces using this method=

- 3 chain and join back to first to make a circle
  - 2 chain, then sc the number of times given into the circle
  - Join back to the 2nd chain, insert marker after this and start the first round.
2. The marker counts rows but also indicates the back of the piece. This is where colour changing happens
3. You count rows at the right of a marker and a row up as the first row

The circle shows where the marker is and each arrow indicates the beginning of a new row.



4. Abbreviations are:  
inc=increase  
dec=decrease  
st=stitch or stitches  
x=number of times
5. Anything between \*..\* is to be repeated given number of times
6. I increase by work-

ing twice in same hole

7. There are 2 methods for decreasing. The first is below with pictures.
- The second method I only use when closing a piece by decreasing- e.g., heads. All you do is skip a hole in the row below and sc in the hole after. This gives a smoother close.
7. All pieces are worked in rounds (a spiral)
8. Follow the sequence for pattern pieces.

## Special working methods– decreasing

The first is used through most of the piece:

1. go into the next hole and pull the wool through



2. Keep both loops on hook and go through the next hole and pull wool through



3. Now you have 3 loops on hook, hook the wool and pull through all 3 loops



## Trunk

- Use starter ring. 3 chain join loop, 2 chain, 5 sc into loop, join to 2nd chain at beginning (6st) add marker.
- \*1sc, inc\* (x3)(9st)
- Sc 5 rounds
- \*3sc, inc in each of the next 3 st, 3sc (12st)
- Sc 1 round
- \*4sc, inc in each of the next 4st, 4sc\* (16st)
- Sc 1 round. End leaving a long tail to

sew trunk to head.

- Stuff the tip of the trunk.
- leave a gap in the stuffing just before the increase rounds.
- Stuff the end of the trunk near the head.
- Bend and shape the trunk.

- When you finish the head pin trunk in place on face.
- Pinch the top of the trunk slightly.
- Ladder stitch the trunk in place on face.



## Head- top down

- Use starter ring. 3 chain join loop, 2 chain, 5 sc into loop, join to 2nd chain at beginning (6st) add marker.
- \*Inc all\* (x6) (12st)
- \*1sc, inc\* (x6)(12st)
- \*1sc, inc\* (x9)(27st)
- Sc 4 rounds
- \*8sc, inc\* (x3)(30st)
- \*5sc, inc\* (x5)(35st)
- Sc 2 rounds
- \*5sc, dec\* (x5)(30st)
- If using safety eyes put them in a couple of rounds back.
- Make sure you place them wide apart on the head- at least 2" wide (or more) to fit trunk

between them.

- Pin trunk on to get a feel for where your eyes should go if you want.



- \*4sc, dec\* (x5)(25)
- \*3sc, dec\* (x5)(20st)
- Start stuffing top of head

- \*dec all\* (x10)(10st)
- \*dec all\* (x5)(5st)
- Dec all till closed. Finish and hide end inside head



## Bottom Lip– optional

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- Starter ring. 3 chain and make loop. 2 chain, 5sc in loop and join to 2nd chain. Put in st marker. (6st)
- \*inc all\* (x6)(12st)
- Sc 1 round.
- Leave long tail to sew to face.
- Fold lip in half.
- Pin bottom lip under trunk and ladder stitch in place



## Tusks– make 2 in white

- Leave 3" tail, slip knot and insert hook
  - Chain 5st
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- Sc into the 3rd stitch from hook. Sc

- back to the other end.
  - Leave 3" tail
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- Take a wool needle and pull both loose ends through the tip of the rectangle

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- Pull the ends to make a little wool blob
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## Finishing Face

- Use wool needle and sew little tusks to face where the lip and trunk join.
- Make a little stitch between the tip of the tusk and the trunk to hold it close to the face.
- Make sure when you finish you hide ends inside head.



## Ears– 2 sizes to choose from

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- Starter ring. 3 chain and make loop. 2 chain, 5sc in loop and join to 2nd chain. Put in st marker. (6st)

### BIG

- \*inc all\* (x6)(12st)
- \*1sc, inc\* (x6)(18st)
- Sc 1 round
- \*2sc, inc\* (x6)(24st)
- Sc 4 rounds

### SMALL

- \*inc all\* (x6)(12st)

- \*1sc, inc\* (x6)(18st)
- Sc 4 rounds

\*\*For the model shown I've used the smaller ear.

- You can either cup the ear around and sew in place using ladder stitch.



OR

- Fold the ear in half and make a couple of small stitches along the bottom
- Then pin and ladder stitch in place on head



## Arms and Legs– make 2 of each

- Starter ring. 3 chain and make loop. 2 chain, 5sc in loop and join to 2nd chain. Put in st marker. (6st)

### ARMS

- \*inc all\* (x6)(12st)
- Sc 4 rounds
- \*4sc, dec\* (x2)(10st)
- Sc 4 rounds
- Stuff tips of arms. Leave shorter tail because arms are crocheted into body

### LEGS

- \*inc all\* (x6)(12st)
- \*2sc, inc\* (x4)(16st)
- Sc 8 rounds
- \*14sc, dec\* (x1)(15st)
- Sc 1 round
- \*13sc, dec\* (x1)(14st)
- Sc 1 round
- \*12sc, dec\* (x1)(13st)
- Sc 2 round
- \*11sc, dec\* (x1)(12st)

- Sc 2 round
- \*10sc, dec\* (x1)(11st)
- Sc 2 round
- \*9sc, dec\* (x1)(10st)
- End leaving long tail to sew to body later.
- Stuff legs firmly

- Use **underwear colour to start body**
- Starter ring. 3 chain and make loop. 2 chain, 5sc in loop and join to 2nd chain. Put in st marker. (6st)
- \*inc all\* (x6)(12st)
- \*inc all\* (x12)(24st)
- \*3sc, inc\* (x6)(30st)
- Sc 2 rounds
- \*4sc, inc\* (x6)(36st)
- Sc 3 rounds
- For the next round

Change to the dress colour.

- \*4sc, dec\* (x6)(30st)
- Sc 1 round
- \*3sc, dec\* (x6)(24st)
- Sc 1 round
- \*4sc, dec\* (x4)(20st)
- Mark the sides of the body and pin arms in place.
- Sc the next round making sure you go through all the layers including the arms.
- Stuff base of body.



- Sc 1 round
- \*2sc, dec\* (x5)(15st)
- \*1sc, dec\* (x5)(10st)
- End leaving a long tail to sew head to body.
- Finish stuffing body.

## Making skirt

- Take the tail left from the dress and loosely wrap around the arms to keep them out of the way



- Take skirt wool and make a slip knot a couple of inches from end. Do not put on hook yet.
- Hold the body so the back is toward you and the bottom upwards.



- Slide your crochet hook under on of the stitches and put the slip knot on the end and pull the wool through



- Now start sc around the body, sliding the hook under each stitch and pulling wool back through and then making the sc st.



- When you get back near the starting point sc into the beginning st.
- The skirt is now made joining onto this first pick up round.

\*\*\*there is no exact stitch count for the skirt but follow the instructions.

\*\*\*This will vary depending on how many stitches you pick up and how fat the body is when you stuff it.

- \*2sc, inc\*
- Sc 1 round
- \*2sc, inc\*
- Sc 2 rounds
- Do not end wool yet.

To make the little ruffle on the dress edge

- Sc, chain 2.
- Now sc into the next st and chain 2.
- Repeat around skirt.
- leave a 4" tail. use wool needle, take end through to inside of skirt. run the thread inside the stitches to hide end. Trim.



## Sleeves

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Use the same method you used to pick up dress stitches to pick up sleeve cap.

- Leave 4" tail at beginning
- Join wool 1 round down from arms, pick up 1 stitch on side, 4st across top of arm and 1st down



- Chain 2 and turn.



- Sc back along these stitches.



- Chain 2st, turn and sc back along.

- End with 4" tail.

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- Take wool needle and thread one tail. Sew along the little flap side. Knot and hide end inside body.

- Repeat with other side of sleeve.



## Finishing

- Pin legs in place and ladder stitch to body.



- Pin head in place on top of body and ladder stitch around neck.



There are many options for decorating and dressing your dolly.

- Lace trimming can be sewn on for a collar.
- Pretty buttons can be sewn at neck.
- Ribbons for head bands and small flowers can be used as head decorations
- Little wings can turn your dolly into a fairy.
- Ric rac, lace and other trimmings can be used to decorate sleeves and dress edges.

