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Pattern:

Advanced Beginner/Intermediate

Materials Used in Model:

Red Heart® Classic® WW 4-Ply Yarn in White, Black, Cornmeal, Warm Brown, Buff, Aran and Cafe
poly-fil fiberfill

Size US F5/3.75mm crochet hook

Crochet Needle for sewing

Long Straight Pins for positioning

*Optional Wooden Dowel

*Optional Pipe cleaners for tail

Terms Used and their Meanings:

ch - chain

slst - slip stitch

Dec - Decrease

Inc - Increase

sc - single crochet

hdc - half double crochet

hdc-Inc - half double crochet increase

hdc-Dec - half double crochet decrease

esc – extended single crochet

esc-Dec – extended single crochet decrease

MM - Move Marker (stitch marker)

BLO - Back Loop Only

FLO – Front Loop Only

nxt - next

st or sts - stitch

ea - each

tog - together

** all Inc and Dec are single crochet unless indicated otherwise. Pattern is worked in rounds without joining, unless noted.

If you need assistance with any of these stitches, please view stitch guide at

http://www.anniesattic.com/crochet/content.html?type_id=S for further assistance and visual aids.

Special Stitches Used in this Pattern:

Extended Single Crochet (esc): Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop (there are now 2 loops on your hook). Yarn over and draw through the first loop, yarn over again and draw through the remaining loop.

Extended Single Crochet Decrease (esc-Dec): (Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop) twice, draw last loop made through 2nd loop on hook, yarn over and draw through the remaining loop on your hook.

Pattern is written in a manner which also displays the easiest way to assemble, creating all pieces for the head and assembly (minus the mane), then all pieces for body and assembly - then sewing body to head. Mane and tail SHOULD BE saved for last.

Head: Make 1

*Head is made from top of head to neckline. If using the optional dowel, be sure to leave Rnd 29 open enough to slide dowel into.

With Cornmeal

Using either the [ch 2, begin work in 2nd st from hook] or [magic circle] method to begin project, 8 sc in st.

- ___ Rnd 2: [3 sc in nxt st, sc in nxt st] 4 times (16 sts)
- ___ Rnd 3: [sc in nxt st, Inc in nxt st] 8 times (24 sts)
- ___ Rnd 4: [sc in ea of nxt 2 sts, Inc in nxt st] 8 times (32 sts)
- ___ Rnd 5: sc in ea st around (32 sts)
- ___ Rnd 6: sc in ea of nxt 3 sts, 3 sc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 8 sts, 3 sc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 6 sts, 3 sc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 8 sts, 3 sc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 3 sts (40 sts)
- ___ Rnds 7-8: sc in ea st around (40 sts /ea rnd)
- ___ Rnd 9: sc in ea of nxt 20 sts, Inc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 5 sts, Inc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 6 sts, Inc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 5 sts, Inc in nxt st (44 sts)
- ___ Rnd 10: sc in ea st around (44 sts)
- ___ Rnd 11: [Inc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 21 sts] 2 times (46 sts)
- ___ Rnd 12: sc in ea st around (46 sts)
- ___ Rnd 13: [Inc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 22 sts] 2 times (48 sts)
- ___ Rnd 14: [sc in ea of nxt 7 sts, Inc in nxt st] 6 times (54 sts)
- ___ Rnd 15: [sc in ea of nxt 8 sts, Inc in nxt st] 6 times (60 sts)
- ___ Rnds 16-20: sc in ea st around (60 sts /ea rnd)
- ___ Rnd 21: sc in ea of nxt 8 sts, [Inc in nxt st, sc in nxt st, Inc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 12 sts] 3 times, Inc in nxt st, sc in nxt st, Inc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 4 sts (68 sts)
- ___ Rnd 22: sc in ea st around (68 sts)
- ___ Rnd 23: sc in ea of nxt 8 sts, [Dec nxt 2 sts tog, sc in nxt st, Dec nxt 2 sts tog, sc in ea of nxt 12 sts] 3 times, Dec nxt 2 sts tog, sc in nxt st, Dec nxt 2 sts tog, sc in ea of nxt 4 sts (60 sts)
- ___ Rnd 24: [sc in ea of nxt 8 sts, Dec nxt 2 sts tog] 6 times (54 sts)

begin Stuffing and shaping Head

- ___ Rnd 25: [sc in ea of nxt 7 sts, Dec nxt 2 sts tog] 6 times (48 sts)
- ___ Rnd 26: [sc in nxt st, Dec nxt 2 sts tog] 16 times (32 sts)
- ___ Rnd 27: [sc in ea of nxt 2 sts, Dec nxt 2 sts tog] 8 times (24 sts)
- ___ Rnd 28: [Dec nxt 2 sts tog] 12 times (12 sts)

finish Stuffing Head

- ___ Rnd 29: [Dec nxt 2 sts tog] 6 times (6 sts)
- Finish off head and hide remaining tail of yarn inside.

Eyes: (Made in 2 separate parts and stitched together)

Pupil: Make 2

With Black,

Using either the [ch 2, begin work in 2nd st from hook] or [magic circle] method to begin project, [sc twice, hdc twice] twice (8 sts) and finish off with black.

Join with Cafe (or eyecolor of your choice) in BLO, with slst in side of pupil (hdc are top/bottom) continuing in BLO, sl st in ea of nxt 4 sts (5 slst) turn without ch-1 and slst in FLO only in same sts just made.

Finish off leaving enough tail to sew pupil/color to eyeball.

***Designer Note: I leave tail of each color for the pupil/eye color to sew to the eyeball with coordinating color. I have seen my projects done with eye color used to sew pupil on as well. Both look 'believable' and are acceptable methods, depending on your particular taste. Embellish with a 'French Knot' point of light if desired.*

Eyeball : Make 2

*This piece is NOT closed

With White,

Chain 4,

___ Rnd 1: Inc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in nxt st, 4 sc in end ch st - turn piece to allow you to work up the other side of original beg chain (as if a flat round), sc in nxt st, Inc in last st. (10 sts)

___ Rnd 2: sc in nxt st, Inc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 2 sts, [3 hdc in nxt st] twice, sc in ea of nxt 2 sts, Inc in nxt st, sc in nxt st (16 sts)

___ Rnd 3: sc in ea of nxt 6 sts, hdc in ea of nxt 4 sts, sc in ea of nxt 6 sts (16 sts)

Finish off, leaving long enough tail to sew eyes to face, above and to side of muzzle. Assemble eye by placing the pupil on top of the eyeball in a manner which is pleasing to you. Lightly stuff (enough just to keep shape and small puff) and sew eye to face.

Eyelid: Make 2

With Cornmeal,

Using same method you used to create head piece, sc 7 times in st.

___ Rnd 2: [Inc in nxt st] 7 times (14 sts)

___ Rnd 3: [sc in nxt st, Inc in nxt st] 7 times (21 sts)

___ Rnd 4: sc in ea st around (21 sts)

ROW 1: Fold piece flat, and working through both thicknesses, sc in ea st across. (10 sts)

Finish off and leave tail for sewing eyelids to head above the eyeballs.

***Designer note: For best results make all eye pieces, pinning them in desired positions before sewing them together and/or to the head.*

Muzzle: Make 1

*This piece is NOT closed and lightly stuffed

With Aran,

Chain 5

___ Rnd 1: Inc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in ea of nxt 2 sts, 4 sc in end ch st - turn piece to allow you to work up the other side of original beg chain (as if a flat round), sc in ea of nxt 2 sts, Inc in last st. (12 sts)

___ Rnd 2: 3 sc in nxt st, hdc-inc in ea of nxt 4 sts, [3 sc in nxt st] twice, sc in ea of nxt 4 sts, 3 sc in nxt st (24 sts)

___ Rnd 3: sc in ea of nxt 3 sts, 3 sc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 6 sts, 3 sc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 4 sts, 3 sc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 6 sts, 3 sc in nxt st, sc in nxt st (32 sts)

___ Rnd 4: sc in ea of nxt 18 sts, changing to Cornmeal in last st. With Cornmeal, sc in ea of nxt 14 sts (32 sts)

___ Rnd 5: sc in ea of nxt 7 sts, Dec nxt 2 sts tog, sc in nxt st, Dec nxt 2 sts tog, sc in ea of nxt 20 sts (30 sts)

___ Rnd 6: [Dec nxt 2 sts tog] twice, sc in ea of nxt 3 sts, [Dec nxt 2 sts tog] twice, sc in ea of nxt 2 sts, [Dec nxt 2 sts tog] twice, [sc in ea of nxt 3 sts, Dec nxt 2 sts tog] twice, sc in ea of nxt 3 sts (22 sts)

___ Rnd 7: sc in ea of nxt 5 sts, Dec nxt 2 sts tog, sc in ea of nxt 15 sts (21 sts)

___ Rnd 8: sc in ea of nxt 12 sts, 3 sc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 6 sts, 3 sc in nxt st, sc in nxt st (25 sts)

Finish off leaving enough tail to stitch muzzle to face between rounds 16 and 21

*Embroider noseprint before stuffing or sewing to face. Using Cafe, and model as guide, give your lion a sniffer. Before finishing off with your nose yarn, stuff muzzle lightly and bring tail out center of bottom of muzzle (in the 3rd to last rnd) and then back inside 3 rnds up (2 rnds above where colors meet); tug slightly to create separation in front of muzzle.

*** Designer Tip: Sewing is a serious weakness for me, so while this may sound like common sense to anyone else, I write this to help anyone else who has issues with 'sewing'. When embroidering noseprint, using a 'whipstitch', start at the longest point (center of the nose) and work evenly on each side in a diagonal manner to end. Then fill in spaces once the 'outline' has been established. When I do my nose print, the longest point encompasses rnd 1 to rnd 6. Working from center to outside, I move my ending point up by 1 rnd until no space is left - always having the 'top' of the noseprint at rnd 6.*

Lip: Make 1

With Cornmeal

Using same method you used to create head and body pieces, sc 8 times in st.

___ Rnd 2: [Inc in nxt st] 8 times (16 sts)

___ Rnd 3: sc in ea st around (16 sts)

ROW 1: Fold piece flat, and working through both thicknesses, sc in ea st across. (8 sts)

Finish Off, leaving tail to sew lip centered below muzzle as pictured in model.

Ear: Make 2

* Each ear contains 2 separate sections, sc together to make 1 piece and a NOT stuffed

Part 1- Inner Ear

With Aran,

Using same method you used to create head and body pieces, sc 8 times in st.

___ Rnd 2: [sc in ea of nxt 2 sts, 3 sc in nxt st] twice, sc in ea of nxt 2 sts (12 sts)

___ Rnd 3: sc in ea of nxt 4 sts, [3 sc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 3 sts] twice, changing color to cornmeal on last st (16 sts)

___ Rnd 4: sc in nxt st, Inc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 3 sts, [Inc in ea of nxt 2 sts, sc in ea of nxt 3 sts] twice, Inc in nxt st (22 sts)

Finish off and tuck in tail, set aside until outer ear piece is complete.

Part 2- Outer Ear

With Cornmeal,

Using same method you used to create head and body pieces, sc 8 times in st.

___ Rnd 2: [sc in ea of nxt 2 sts, 3 sc in nxt st] twice, sc in ea of nxt 2 sts (12 sts)

___ Rnd 3: sc in ea of nxt 4 sts, [3 sc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 3 sts] twice (16 sts)

___ Rnd 4: sc in nxt st, Inc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 3 sts, [Inc in ea of nxt 2 sts, sc in ea of nxt 3 sts] twice, Inc in nxt st (22 sts) DO NOT FINISH OFF

___ ROW 1: Place wrong sides together of both pieces and working through BOTH front and back, sc in ea st around entire ear.

Finish off, leaving enough tail to sew to head between rnds 5 and 9 spaced at even heights on both sides of the head.

Body: Make 1

*This piece is NOT closed and worked from bottom to neck

With Cornmeal

Using either the [ch 2, begin work in 2nd st from hook] or [magic circle] method to begin project, 8 sc in st.

___ Rnd 2: [sc in nxt st, 3 sc in nxt st] 4 times (16 sts)

___ Rnd 3: sc in ea of nxt 2 sts, [3 sc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 3 sts] 3 times, 3 sc in nxt st, sc in nxt st (24 sts)

___ Rnd 4: sc in ea of nxt 3 sts, [3 sc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 5 sts] 3 times, 3 sc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 2 sts (32 sts)

___ Rnd 5: sc in ea of nxt 4 sts, [3 sc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 7 sts] 3 times, 3 sc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 3 sts (40 sts)

___ Rnd 6: [sc in ea of nxt 9 sts, Inc in nxt st] 4 times (44 sts)

___ Rnd 7: [sc in ea of nxt 10 sts, Inc in nxt st] 4 times (48 sts)

___ Rnd 8: [sc in ea of nxt 7 sts, Inc in nxt st] 6 times (54 sts)

___ Rnds 9-11: sc in ea st around (54 sts /ea rnd)

___ Rnd 12: [sc in ea of nxt 7 sts, Dec nxt 2 sts tog] 6 times (48 sts)

___ Rnds 13-15: sc in ea st around (48 sts /ea rnd)

___ Rnd 16: (esc in nxt st, esc-Dec nxt 2 sts tog) 3 times, sc in ea 31 sts, (esc-Dec nxt 2 sts tog, esc in nxt

st) twice, esc-Dec nxt 2 sts tog (42 sts)

___ Rnds 17-18: sc in ea st around (42 sts /ea rnd)

___ Rnd 19: [sc in ea of nxt 5 sts, Dec nxt 2 sts tog] 6 times (36 sts)

___ Rnds 20-21: sc in ea st around (36 sts /ea rnd)

___ Rnd 22: [sc in ea of nxt 4 sts, Dec nxt 2 sts tog] 6 times (30 sts)

___ Rnds 23-24: sc in ea st around (30 sts /ea rnd)

___ Rnd 25: [sc in ea of nxt 3 sts, Dec nxt 2 sts tog] 6 times (24 sts)

___ Rnds 26-28: sc in ea st around (24 sts /ea rnd)

___ Rnd 29: sc in ea of nxt 10 sts, [hdc-Dec nxt 2 sts tog] 6 times, sc in ea of nxt 2 sts (18 sts)

___ Rnd 30: [sc in nxt st, Dec nxt 2 sts tog] 6 times (12 sts)

___ Rnd 31: sc in ea st around (12 sts)

Finish off, leaving enough of a tail to sew body to head.

Finish stuffing.

For optional 'buttocks cheeks' you will need to insert a piece of cornmeal yarn in the center of the back at rnd 17 and bring yarn out through the neck, with other half of same piece of yarn, again in the center of the bottom at about rnd 3, insert yarn into body and bring out in the open neck. (you should have a 'line of yarn' in a straight line at the middle of the 'bump' in the lower back of the body) Slowly begin to pull yarn ends together until the 'cheeks' separate. Do NOT pull too tightly or you could rip stitches. Placement of the tail will go just above this area.

Paw/Arm: Make 2

* Made in 2 separate pieces then stitched together to become 1 piece

Inside Pad-

With Aran,

Using same method you used to create head and body pieces, sc 8 times in st.

___ Rnd 2: [Inc in nxt st] 8 times (16 sts)

___ Rnd 3: [sc in nxt st, Inc in nxt st] 8 times (24 sts)

Finish off, weave in tail.

Outside -

With Cornmeal,

Using same method you used to create head and body pieces, sc 8 times in st.

___ Rnd 2: [Inc in nxt st] 8 times (16 sts)

___ Rnd 3: [sc in nxt st, Inc in nxt st] 8 times (24 sts)

___ Rnd 4: [sc in ea of nxt 2 sts, Inc in nxt st] 8 times (32 sts)

___ Rnd 5: [sc in ea of nxt 2 sts, Dec nxt 2 sts tog] 8 times (24 sts)

Place right sides of outside and inside pad together and sc in ea of nxt 18 sts, leaving 6 sts unworked.
DO NOT FINISH OFF.

Flip piece so that right sides are now out and continuing working around the entire opening and in sts where joins are made in previous step.

___ Rnd 6: sc in ea of nxt 8 sts, join with outside piece and sc in nxt 8 sts (16 sts)

___ Rnd 7: sc in ea of nxt 7 sts, hdc-Dec in nxt st (*this should be at join), sc in ea of nxt 6 sts, hdc-Dec in

nxt st (*should be at join), M/M (14 sts)

___ Rnd 8: sc in ea of nxt 6 sts, hdc-Dec in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 5 sts, hdc-Dec in nxt st, M/M (12 sts)

___ Rnd 9: sc in ea st around (12 sts)

Stuff Paw

___ Rnd 10: [sc in nxt st, Inc in nxt st] 3 times, sc in ea of nxt 6 sts (15 sts)

___ Rnds 11-12: sc in ea st around (15 sts/ ea rnd)

___ Rnd 13: [sc in ea of nxt 2 sts, Dec nxt 2 sts tog] 4 times (12 sts)

___ Rnd 14: sc in ea st around (12 sts)

Stuff Arm

___ Rnd 15: [Dec nxt 2 sts tog] 6 times

Finish off, leaving enough tail to sew arm to body.

Hip: Make 2

*This piece is NOT closed

With Cornmeal

Using same method you used to create head and body pieces, sc 8 times in st.

___ Rnd 2: [Inc in nxt st] 8 times (16 sts)

___ Rnd 3: [sc in nxt st, Inc in nxt st] 8 times (24 sts)

___ Rnd 4: [sc in ea of nxt 2 sts, Inc in nxt st] 8 times (32 sts)

___ Rnd 5: sc in ea of nxt 5 sts, 3 sc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 20 sts, 3 sc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 5 sts (36 sts)

___ Rnd 6: sc in ea of nxt 5 sts, 3 sc in nxt st, sc in nxt st, 3 sc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 20 sts, 3 sc in nxt st, sc in nxt st, 3 sc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 5 sts (44 sts)

___ Rnd 7: sc in ea of nxt 8 sts, 3 sc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 26 sts, 3 sc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 8 sts (48 sts)

___ Rnds 8-11: sc in ea st around (48 sts/ ea rnd)

___ Rnd 12: sc in ea of nxt 8 sts, Dec nxt 2 sts tog, sc in ea of nxt 2, Dec nxt 2 sts tog, sc in ea of nxt 5 sts, [Dec nxt 2 sts tog] twice, sc in ea of nxt 4 sts, [Dec nxt 2 sts tog] twice, sc in ea of nxt 5 sts, Dec nxt 2 sts tog, sc in ea of nxt 2 sts, Dec nxt 2 sts tog, sc in ea of nxt 6 sts (40 sts)

___ Rnds 13-14: sc in ea st around (40 sts/ ea rnd)

Finish off, leaving tail to sew hips to either side of body base, as pictured in model.

Foot/Leg: Make 2

*This piece is NOT closed and worked from sole of foot to leg to be sewn to hip section

With Aran,

Using same method you used to create head and body pieces, sc 8 times in st.

___ Rnd 2: [sc in nxt st, 3 sc in nxt st] 4 times (16 sts)

___ Rnd 3: sc in ea of nxt 2 sts, [3 sc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 3 sts] twice, Inc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 3 sts, Inc in nxt st, sc in nxt st (22 sts)

___ Rnd 4: sc in ea of nxt 3 sts, [(sc, hdc, sc) in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 2 sts] twice, (sc, hdc, sc) in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 5 sts, Inc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 3 sts, Inc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 2 sts (30 sts)

___ Rnd 5: [sc in ea of nxt 4 sts, (sc, hdc, sc) in nxt st] 3 times, sc in ea of nxt 6 sts, Inc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 3 sts **Mark stitch, sc in ea of nxt 2 sts, Inc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 2 sts (38 sts) finish off with Aran and hide loose end.

___ Rnd 6: **In stitch marked on previous rnd, join cornmeal with a sc and sc in ea st around (38 sts)

___ Rnds 7-8: sc in ea st around (38 sts/ ea rnd)
 ___ Rnd 9: sc in ea of nxt 11 sts, [hdc-Dec nxt 2 sts tog, sc in nxt st, hdc-Dec nxt 2 sts tog, sc in ea of nxt 2 sts] twice, hdc-Dec nxt 2 sts tog, sc in nxt st, hdc-Dec nxt 2 sts tog, sc in ea of nxt 9 sts, M/M (32 sts)
 ___ Rnd 10: sc in ea st around (32 sts)
 ___ Rnd 11: sc in ea of nxt 9 sts, hdc-Dec nxt 2 sts tog, [hdc in ea of nxt 2 sts, hdc-Dec nxt 3 sts tog] twice, hdc in ea of nxt 2 sts, hdc-Dec nxt 2 sts tog, sc in ea of nxt 7 sts (26 sts)
 ___ Rnd 12: sc in ea of nxt 7 sts, hdc-Dec nxt 2 sts tog, hdc in ea of nxt 11 sts, hdc-Dec nxt 2 sts tog, sc in ea of nxt 4 sts (24 sts)
 ___ Rnd 13: sc in ea st around (24 sts)
 Stuff Foot
 ___ Rnd 14: [sc in ea of nxt 2 sts, Dec nxt 2 sts tog] 6 times (18 sts)
 ___ Rnds 15-17: sc in ea st around (18 sts/ ea rnd)
 Stuff Leg
 Finish off, leaving tail long enough to sew to hip.

Mane:

Large Sections - Make 6

With Warm Brown (2) & Buff (4)

Using same method you used to create head and body pieces, sc 4 times in st.

___ Rnd 2: work sc in ea st around (4 sts)
 ___ Rnd 3: Inc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 3 sts (5 sts)
 ___ Rnd 4: sc in nxt st, Inc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 3 sts (6 sts)
 ___ Rnd 5: sc in ea of nxt 2 sts, 3 sc in nxt st, sc in nxt st, Dec nxt 2 sts tog (7 sts)
 ___ Rnd 6: sc in ea of nxt 3 sts, Inc in ea of nxt 2 sts, sc in nxt st, Dec nxt 2 sts tog, M/M (8 sts)
 ___ Rnd 7: [sc in ea of nxt 3 sts, Inc in nxt st] twice (10 sts)
 ___ Rnd 8: [sc in ea of nxt 4 sts, 3 sc in nxt st] twice (14 sts)
 ___ Rnd 9: sc in ea of nxt 5 sts, 3 sc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 6 sts, 3 sc in nxt st, sc in nxt st (18 sts)
 ___ Rnd 10: sc in ea of nxt 6 sts, Inc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 8 sts, Inc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 2 sts (20 sts)
 ___ Rnd 11: sc in ea of nxt 6 sts, Inc in ea of nxt 2 sts, sc in ea of nxt 8 sts, Inc in ea of nxt 2 sts, sc in ea of nxt 2 sts (24 sts)
 ___ Rnds 12-13: sc in ea st around (24 sts/ ea rnd)
 ___ Rnd 14: sc in ea of nxt 6 sts, [Dec nxt 2 sts tog] twice, sc in ea of nxt 8 sts, [Dec nxt 2 sts tog] twice, sc in ea of nxt 2 sts (20 sts)
 ___ Rnd 15: sc in ea of nxt 11 sts, Dec nxt 2 sts tog, sc in ea of nxt 7 sts (19 sts)
 ___ Rnd 16: sc in ea of nxt 9 sts, Dec nxt 6 sts tog, sc in ea of nxt 4 sts (14 sts)
 ___ Rnd 17: sc in ea of nxt 9 sts, Dec nxt 2 sts tog, sc in ea of nxt 2 sts (12 sts)
 Finish off leaving tail long enough to sew piece to head.

Small Sections - Make 16

With Warm Brown (8) & Buff (8)

Using same method you used to create head and body pieces, sc 4 times in st.

___ Rnd 2: work sc in ea st around (4 sts)
 ___ Rnd 3: Inc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 3 sts (5 sts)
 ___ Rnd 4: sc in nxt st, Inc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 3 sts (6 sts)
 ___ Rnd 5: sc in ea of nxt 2 sts, 3 sc in nxt st, sc in nxt st, Dec nxt 2 sts tog (7 sts)
 ___ Rnd 6: sc in ea of nxt 3 sts, Inc in ea of nxt 2 sts, sc in nxt st, Dec nxt 2 sts tog, M/M (8 sts)
 ___ Rnd 7: [sc in ea of nxt 3 sts, Inc in nxt st] twice (10 sts)

- ___ Rnd 8: sc in ea st around (10 sts)
- ___ Rnd 9: [sc in ea of nxt 4 sts, Inc in nxt st] twice (12 sts)
- ___ Rnd 10: [sc in ea of nxt 5 sts, Inc in nxt st] twice (14 sts)
- ___ Rnd 11: [sc in ea of nxt 6 sts, 3 sc in nxt st] twice (18 sts)
- ___ Rnds 12-13: sc in ea st around (18 sts/ ea rnd)
- ___ Rnd 14: [sc in nxt st, Dec nxt 2 sts tog] 6 times (12 sts)

Finish off leaving tail long enough to sew piece to head.

Using pins, secure larger pieces around head in line with ears. Arrange smaller sections at spaces where large sections meet up in both front and back - creating a layering effect. Once you are happy with arrangement and color scheme (feel free to create solid color mane), sew mane to head.

Tail: Make 1

****** This piece can either be lightly stuffed while working, or stuffed with several pipe cleaners, twisted together for pose-able tail.

With Warm Brown,

Using same method you used to create head and body pieces, sc 4 times in st.

- ___ Rnd 2: sc in ea st around (4 sts)
- ___ Rnd 3: Inc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 3 sts (5 sts)
- ___ Rnd 4: sc in nxt st, Inc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 3 sts (6 sts)
- ___ Rnd 5: [sc in nxt st, Inc in nxt st, sc in nxt st] twice (8 sts)
- ___ Rnd 6: [sc in ea of nxt 3 sts, Inc in nxt st] twice (10 sts)
- ___ Rnd 7: sc in ea st around (10 sts)
- ___ Rnd 8: [sc in ea of nxt 2 sts, Inc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 2 sts] twice (12 sts)
- ___ Rnd 9: [sc in ea of nxt 5 sts, Inc in nxt st] twice (14 sts)
- ___ Rnd 10: [sc in ea of nxt 3 sts, Inc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 3 sts] twice (16 sts)
- ___ Rnd 11: in BLO, sc in ea st around (16 sts)
- ___ Rnd 12: in BLO, [Dec in nxt st] 8 times, changing to Cornmeal in last st (8 sts)

With Cornmeal,

- ___ Rnds 13-55: sc in ea st around (8 sts/ ea rnd)
- ___ Rnd 56: hdc-Inc in nxt st, hdc in nxt st, hdc-Inc in nxt st *Rnd NOT complete* (10 sts)

Finish off, leaving tail long enough to stitch to body above 'buttocks'.

Tail Fur - Make 4

Pieces are folded flat and stitched together UNSTUFFED

With Buff,

Using same method you used to create head and body pieces, sc 4 times in st.

- ___ Rnd 2: sc in ea st around (4 sts)
- ___ Rnd 3: Inc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 3 sts (5 sts)
- ___ Rnd 4: sc in nxt st, Inc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 3 sts (6 sts)
- ___ Rnd 5: sc in ea of nxt 2 sts, 3 sc in nxt st, sc in nxt st, Dec nxt 2 sts tog (7 sts)
- ___ Rnd 6: sc in ea of nxt 3 sts, [Inc in nxt st] twice, sc in nxt st, Dec nxt 2 sts tog, M/M (8 sts)
- ___ Rnd 7: [sc in ea of nxt 3 sts, Inc in nxt st] twice (10 sts)
- ___ Rnd 8: [sc in ea of nxt 4 sts, Inc in nxt st] twice (12 sts)
- ___ Rnd 9: [sc in ea of nxt 5 sts, Inc in nxt st] twice (14 sts)

___ Rnd 10: [sc in ea of nxt 6 sts, Inc in nxt st] twice (16 sts)

___ Rnd 11: [sc in ea of nxt 7 sts, Inc in nxt st] twice (18 sts)

Fold piece flat and working through both thicknesses

___ Row 1: Inc in nxt st, sc in ea of nxt 7 sts, Inc in nxt st (20 sts)

Finish off leaving tail to sew to exposed loops on Rnds 11 & 12 of tail. Staggering each piece of fur opposite each other and so that 4 sides of tail have a 'fur piece' as shown in model. Then sew tail to body above buttocks area.

*** You MAY "lose" track of a stitch when folding flat and sc-ing across, losing a st in the 'turn' (You may only 'find' 6 sts in center) - just make sure that your piece has an Inc at both ends and doesn't miss any stitches between and you will have no issues.*

Using the photos as a guide, finish sewing the pieces of your Amigurumi Lion together, give his paws and feet separation with Café yarn and add any personal touches to make it your very own amigurumi friend.



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