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Patterns



Leonidas, The Lion

Materials:

Remains of acrylic yarn in the following colors: mustard, brown, white, black, yellow, chocolate-brown and dark-brown.

C hook (2.5 mm), a tapestry needle, stuffing, colored sewing pins and scissors.

Stitches used in the Project:

Double adjustable ring, single crochet, single crochet through back loops only, half double crochet and loop stitch ([Video Tutorial](#)).

Finished size:

Height: 25 cm (9.85 inches) sit, 33 cm (13 inches) stand

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Loop Stitch Tutorial

How to crochet Loop Stitch:

Start with a row (or round) of single crochet stitches.

Step 1:



Insert the hook in the first stitch. Form a loop wrapping the yarn clockwise around your left index finger.



Rotate your hook in the opposite direction from the way you usually would. It goes over the yarn first and then behind both sides of the loop.

Step 2:



Catch both sides of the loop and pass them through the stitch where you inserted the hook in step 1.



Now you'll have the hook in the front side of the work with 3 loops on it and 1 loop in the back side of the work.



Yarn over the hook (you'll have 4 loops on the hook) and pass the strand through the other 3 loops on your hook to finish the stitch.



Step 3:

Repeat steps 1 & 2 till the end of the row.

Realization



Head:

The head consists in 2 pieces: face and mane.

Face:

The face is crocheted from front to back, starting with the muzzle.

White color:

To avoid a hole at the beginning of your project, you need to start it with a double adjustable ring (loop twice the yarn on your finger and when you finish the round pull the remaining yarn to close the hole):

Rnd 1: 6 single crochet stitches.

Rnd 2: 2 single crochet in each stitch from last round (12 stitches).

Rnd 3: *1 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (18 stitches).

Rnd 4: *2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (24 stitches).

Rnd 5: *3 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (30 stitches).

Rnd 6: *4 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (36 stitches).

Rnd 7: *5 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (42 stitches).

Rnd 8: *6 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (48 stitches).

Rnd 9: *7 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (54 stitches).

Rnd 10: *8 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (60 stitches).

Rnd 11: Single crochet in each stitch.

Switch to mustard color:

Rnd 12 to 14: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 15: *28 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* twice (58 stitches).

Rnd 16: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 17: *27 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* twice (56 stitches).

Rnd 18: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 19: *26 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* twice (54 stitches).

Rnd 20: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 21: *25 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* twice (52 stitches).

Rnd 22: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 23: *11 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 4 times (48 stitches).

Rnd 24: *6 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (42 stitches).

Rnd 25: *5 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (36 stitches).

Rnd 26 to 28: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 29: 16 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 16 single crochet (38 stitches)

Rnd 30: 17 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 3 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 16 single crochet (40 stitches)

Rnd 31: 18 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 4 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 16 single crochet (42 stitches)

Rnd 32: 16 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 5 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 13 single crochet (46 stitches)

Rnd 33: 17 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 3 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next

stitch, 6 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 3 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 13 single crochet (50 stitches)

Rnd 34: 18 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 4 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 7 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 4 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 13 single crochet (54 stitches)

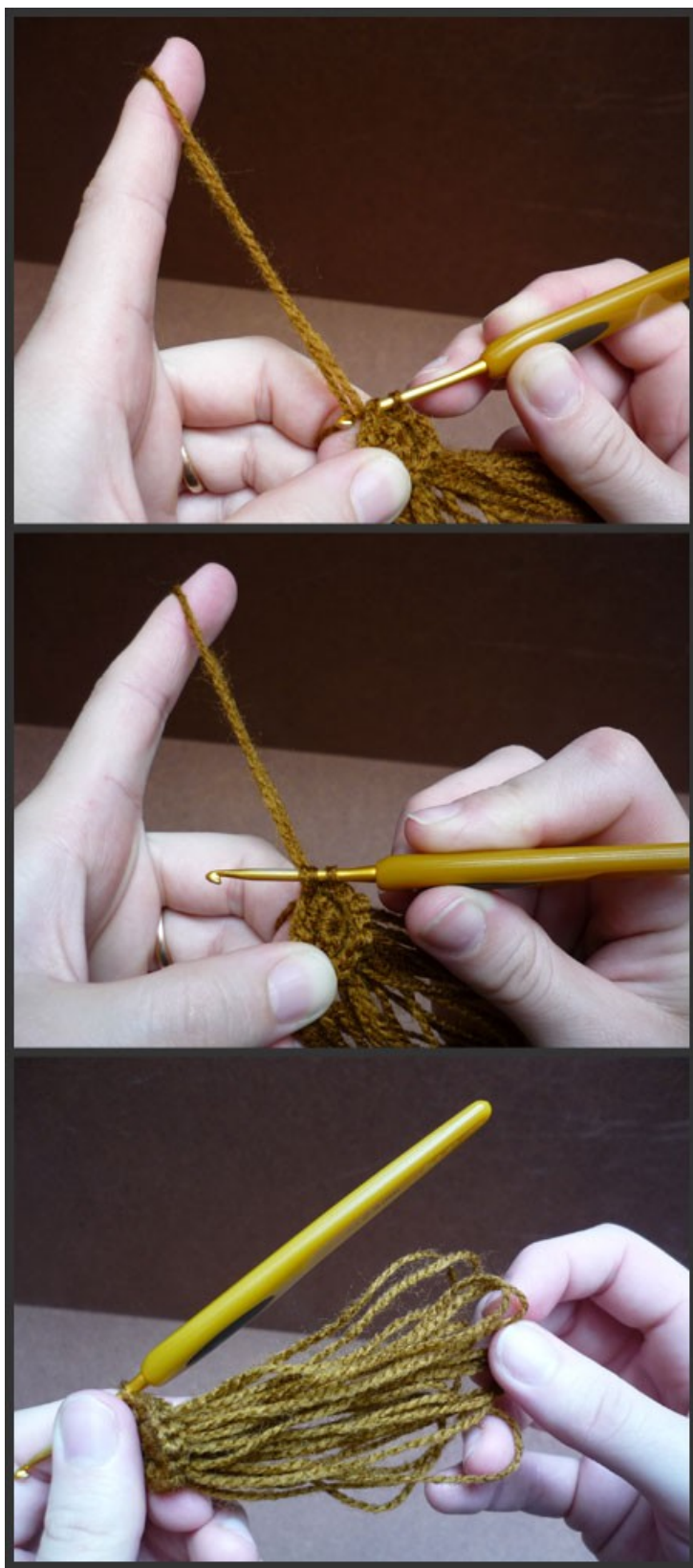
Rnd 35 to 40: Single crochet in each stitch.

Make a knot, cut the yarn with scissors and fill it with stuffing.



Mane (Brown color):

The mane is completely crocheted in loop stitch, but you have to extend the loops to make them longer, as you can see in the following pictures:



Into a double adjustable ring crochet:

Rnd 1: 6 single crochet.

Rnd 2: 2 loop stitches in each stitch from last round (12 stitches).

Rnd 3: *1 loop stitch, 2 loop stitch in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (18 stitches).

Rnd 4: *2 loop stitch, 2 loop stitch in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (24 stitches).

Rnd 5: *3 loop stitch, 2 loop stitch in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (30 stitches).

Rnd 6: *4 loop stitch, 2 loop stitch in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (36 stitches).

Rnd 7: *5 loop stitch, 2 loop stitch in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (42 stitches).

Rnd 8: *6 loop stitch, 2 loop stitch in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (48 stitches).

Rnd 9: *7 loop stitch, 2 loop stitch in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (54 stitches).

Rnd 10 to 14: Loop stitch in each stitch from last round.

Make a knot, cut the yarn with scissors and fill it with stuffing. Sew the face's opening to the mane's opening for assemble the head.



Thread a tapestry needle with chocolate-brown yarn and embroider the nose in a triangular shape. The nose's surface is 1/3 of the total surface of the White circle. Then, thread a tapestry needle with dark-brown yarn (put yarn double) and embroider a line all around the nose, starting on the inferior vertex of it. Once you've finished embroidering around the nose, make a long straight stitch from the nose inferior's vertex to the last round of the White circle, pulling tight but with careful. Repeat this last procedure 3 times and make a knot. Cut the yarn off.



Eyes:

Crochet all pieces twice.

Eyeball:

Yellow color:

Into a double adjustable ring crochet:

Rnd 1: 6 single crochet.

Rnd 2: *2 single crochet, 3 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* twice (10 stitches).

Rnd 3: 3 single crochet, 3 single crochet in next stitch, 4 single crochet, 3 single crochet in next stitch, 1 single crochet (14 stitches)

Rnd 4: 4 single crochet, 3 single crochet in next stitch, 6 single crochet, 3 single crochet in next stitch, 2 single crochet (18 stitches)

Rnd 5: 5 single crochet, 3 single crochet in next stitch, 8 single crochet, 3 single crochet in next stitch, 3 single crochet (22 stitches)

Switch to mustard color:

Rnd 6: 6 single crochet, 3 single crochet in next stitch, 10 single crochet, 3 single crochet in next stitch, 4 single crochet (26 stitches)

Rnd 7: Single crochet in each stitch.

Make a knot, cut the yarn with scissors and stuff them lightly.

Iris (chocolate-brown color):

Into a double adjustable ring crochet:

Rnd 1: 6 single crochet stitches.

Rnd 2: *2 single crochet in each stitch from last round *, repeat from *to* twice, *2 half double crochet in each stitch from last round *, repeat from *to* twice, *2 single crochet in each stitch from last round *, repeat from *to* twice (12 stitches).

Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors.

Pupil (black color):

Into a double adjustable ring crochet:

Rnd 1: 6 single crochet.

Rnd 2: *2 single crochet, 3 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* twice (10 stitches).



Eyes' assemble: Thread a tapestry needle with dark-brown yarn, and with chain stitches embroider on each eyeball a line along half a way of the round where you've exchanged colors between yellow and mustard (that line is the superior eyelashes). Then sew the eyes to the face, with their inferior border over round 29 of the face.

Over the eyeballs sew first the irises (chocolate-brown circles) with their exterior borders passing through the centre of the yellow part of the eyeballs. Then, sew the pupils (black circles) over irises, matching their internal borders. This will make our lion looks to the front.

At last, thread a tapestry needle with White yarn and embroider a point of light on each eye, placing them on the external border of the pupil, between the pupil and the iris.



Ears (mustard color):

Make 2. Into a double adjustable ring crochet:

Rnd 1: 6 single crochet stitches.

Rnd 2: 2 single crochet in each stitch from last round (12 stitches).

Rnd 3: *1 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (18 stitches).

Rnd 4: *2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (24 stitches).

Rnd 5: *11 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* twice (26 stitches).

Rnd 6: *12 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* twice (28 stitches).

Rnd 7 to 9: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 10: *12 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* twice (26 stitches).

Rnd 11: *11 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* twice (24 stitches).

Rnd 12: *10 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* twice (22 stitches).

Row 13: Join the borders with a single crochet row (11 stitches)

Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors. Sew the ears to the top of the head, two rounds behind the union between the face and mane and leaving 6 cm (2.3 inches) of distance between them.



Body:

Mustard color:

Into a double adjustable ring crochet:

Rnd 1: 6 single crochet stitches.

Rnd 2: 2 single crochet in each stitch from last round (12 stitches).

Rnd 3: *1 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (18 stitches).

Rnd 4: *2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (24 stitches).

Rnd 5: *3 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (30 stitches).

Rnd 6: *4 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (36 stitches).

Rnd 7: *5 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (42 stitches).

Rnd 8: *6 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (48 stitches).

Rnd 9: *7 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (54 stitches).

Rnd 10 to 15: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 16: *25 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* twice (52 stitches).

Rnd 17: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 18: *11 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 4 times (48 stitches).

Rnd 19: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 20: *10 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 4 times (44 stitches).

Rnd 21: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 22: *9 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 4 times (40 stitches).

Rnd 23: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 24: *18 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* twice (38 stitches).

Rnd 25: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 26: *17 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* twice (36 stitches).

Rnd 27: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 28: *16 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* twice (34 stitches).

Rnd 29: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 30: *15 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* twice (32 stitches).

Rnd 31: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 32: *14 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* twice (30 stitches).

Rnd 33: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 34: *13 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* twice (28 stitches).

Switch to brown color. Since this round you'll start crocheting in loop stitch, but extending the loops as you did for the mane, to make them longer. In order to get the loops in the front side of the body, turn around the work and start crocheting with the wrong side facing to you:

Rnd 35: Loop stitch in each stitch from last round.

Rnd 36: *12 loop stitch, 1 decrease (2 loop stitch closed together)*, repeat from *to* twice (26 stitches).

Rnd 37: Loop stitch in each stitch from last round.

Rnd 38: *11 loop stitch, 1 decrease (2 loop stitch closed together)*, repeat from *to* twice (24 stitches).

Rnd 39: Loop stitch in each stitch from last round.

Fill the body with stuffing leaving the neck area very soft. Close the body's opening with a loop stitch row (12 stitches).



Sew the body to the head over the union between the face and mane.



Forelegs (mustard color):

Make 2. Each foreleg is crocheted in a single piece from bottom to top, starting from the sole. You'll have to start stuffing these pieces while you're crocheting them.

Into a double adjustable ring crochet:

Rnd 1: 6 single crochet stitches.

Rnd 2: 2 single crochet in each stitch from last round (12 stitches).

Rnd 3: *1 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (18 stitches).

Rnd 4: *2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (24 stitches).

Rnd 5: *3 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (30 stitches).

Rnd 6: *4 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (36 stitches).
 Rnd 7: *5 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (42 stitches).
 Rnd 8: Single crochet in each stitch through back loops only.
 Rnd 9 & 10: Single crochet in each stitch.
 Rnd 11: 12 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together), 14 single crochet, 1 decrease, 12 single crochet (40 stitches)
 Rnd 12: 11 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together), 14 single crochet, 1 decrease, 11 single crochet (38 stitches)
 Rnd 13: 10 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together), 14 single crochet, 1 decrease, 10 single crochet (36 stitches)
 Rnd 14: 9 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together), 5 single crochet, 2 decreases, 5 single crochet, 1 decrease, 9 single crochet (32 stitches)
 Rnd 15: 8 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together), 3 single crochet, 1 decrease, 2 single crochet, 1 decrease, 3 single crochet, 1 decrease, 8 single crochet (28 stitches)
 Rnd 16: *2 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 7 times (21 stitches).
 Rnd 17 to 26: Single crochet in each stitch.
 Rnd 27: 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together), 1 single crochet in each stitch till the end of the round (20 stitches)
 Rnd 28 & 29: Single crochet in each stitch.
 Rnd 30: 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together), 1 single crochet in each stitch till the end of the round (19 stitches)
 Rnd 31 & 32: Single crochet in each stitch.
 Rnd 33: 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together), 1 single crochet in each stitch till the end of the round (18 stitches)
 Rnd 34 & 35: Single crochet in each stitch.
 Rnd 36: 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together), 1 single crochet in each stitch till the end of the round (17 stitches)
 Rnd 37 & 38: Single crochet in each stitch.
 Rnd 39: 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together), 1 single crochet in each stitch till the end of the round (16 stitches)
 Rnd 40: 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together), 1 single crochet in each stitch till the end of the round (15 stitches)
 Rnd 41: *1 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 5 times (10 stitches).
 Rnd 42: 6 decreases (2 single crochet closed together 5 times) (5 stitches).
 Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors. With the tapestry needle sew up and down the yarn around each stitch from last round and pull tightly to close.
 Thread a tapestry needle with mustard yarn. Make a stitch on the inner side of one foreleg and pass the needle through the body from side to side right under the mane. Do the same for the other foreleg. Pull tightly in order to get both forelegs joined to the body. Repeat this procedure a couple of times in order to keep this union firm. This sort of couture will allow movement of the limbs, but if you prefer you can use plastic joints.
 Then, thread a tapestry needle with dark-brown yarn (put yarn double) and make long stitches from each paw's bottom to the top, pulling a little hard and making knots to keep them firm. Repeat this procedure twice in order to mark 3 toes.



Back legs (mustard color):

Make 2. Each back leg is crocheted in a single piece from bottom to top, starting from the sole. You'll have to start stuffing these pieces while you're crocheting them.

Into a double adjustable ring crochet:

Rnd 1: 6 single crochet stitches.

Rnd 2: 2 single crochet in each stitch from last round (12 stitches).

Rnd 3: *1 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (18 stitches).

Rnd 4: *2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (24 stitches).

Rnd 5: *3 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (30 stitches).

Rnd 6: *4 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (36 stitches).

Rnd 7: *5 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (42 stitches).

Rnd 8: Single crochet in each stitch through back loops only.

Rnd 9 & 10: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 11: 12 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together), 14 single crochet, 1 decrease, 12 single crochet (40 stitches)

Rnd 12: 11 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together), 14 single crochet, 1 decrease, 11 single crochet (38 stitches)

Rnd 13: 10 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together), 14 single crochet, 1 decrease, 10 single crochet (36 stitches)

Rnd 14: 9 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together), 5 single crochet, 2 decreases, 5 single crochet, 1 decrease, 9 single crochet (32 stitches)

Rnd 15: 8 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together), 3 single crochet, 1 decrease, 2 single crochet, 1 decrease, 3 single crochet, 1 decrease, 8 single crochet (28 stitches)

Rnd 16: *2 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 7 times (21 stitches).

Rnd 17 to 24: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 25: 2 single crochet in the first stitch, 1 single crochet in each stitch till the end of the round (22 stitches)

Rnd 25: *10 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* twice (24 stitches).

Rnd 27: *11 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* twice (26 stitches).

Rnd 28: *12 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* twice (28 stitches).

Rnd 29: *6 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 4 times (32 stitches).

Rnd 30: *7 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 4 times (36 stitches).

Rnd 31: *8 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 4 times (40 stitches).

Rnd 32 to 36: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 37: *8 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 4 times (36 stitches).

Rnd 38: *7 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 4 times (32 stitches).

Rnd 39: *6 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 4 times (28 stitches).

Rnd 40: *5 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 4 times (24 stitches).

Rnd 41: *2 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (18 stitches).

Rnd 42: *1 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (12 stitches).

Rnd 43: 6 decreases (2 single crochet closed together 6 times) (6 stitches).

Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors. With the tapestry needle sew up and down the yarn around each stitch from last round and pull tightly to close.

From the centre of the body's bottom measure 2 inches to one side and mark the spot with a colored sewing pin. Repeat this procedure for the other side. On those marks sew the back legs using the same procedure you've used for sewing the forelegs.

Then, thread a tapestry needle with dark-brown yarn (put yarn double) and make long stitches from each paw's bottom to the top, pulling a little hard and making knots to keep them firm. Repeat this procedure twice in order to mark 3 toes.



Tail:

The tail is crocheted from top to bottom. On top of the tail, you'll crochet in loop stitch but extending the loops as you did for the mane, to make them longer. The bottom of the tail is crocheted in single crochet.

Brown color:

Into a double adjustable ring crochet:

Rnd 1: 6 single crochet.

Rnd 2: 2 loop stitches in each stitch from last round (12 stitches).

Rnd 3 to 6: Loop stitch in each stitch from last round.

Switch to mustard color. Since this round you'll start crocheting in single crochet. In order to get the loops in the front side of the tail, turn around the work and start crocheting with the wrong side facing to you:

Rnd 7 to 35: Single crochet in each stitch.

Make a knot, cut the yarn with scissors and stuff it lightly. Sew the tail to the lion's back side, as in the final project.



Ending details:

To assemble the lion's head, sew the face's opening to the mane's opening.

Thread a tapestry needle with chocolate-brown yarn and embroider the nose in a triangular shape.

The nose's surface is $\frac{1}{3}$ of the total surface of the White circle. Then, thread a tapestry needle with dark-brown yarn (put yarn double) and embroider a line all around the nose, starting on the inferior vertex of it. Once you've finished embroidering around the nose, make a long straight stitch from the nose inferior's vertex to the last round of the White circle, pulling tight but with careful. Repeat this last procedure 3 times and make a knot. Cut the yarn off.

For the eyes, thread a tapestry needle with dark-brown yarn, and with chain stitches embroider on each eyeball a line along half a way of the round where you've exchanged colors between yellow and mustard (that line is the superior eyelashes). Then sew the eyes to the face, with their inferior border over round 29 of the face.

Over the eyeballs sew first the irises (chocolate-brown circles) with their exterior borders passing through the centre of the yellow part of the eyeballs. Then, sew the pupils (black circles) over irises, matching their internal borders. This will make our lion looks to the front.

At last, thread a tapestry needle with White yarn and embroider a point of light on each eye, placing them on the external border of the pupil, between the pupil and the iris.

Sew the ears to the top of the head, two rounds behind the union between the face and mane and leaving 6 cm (2.3 inches) of distance between them.

Sew the body to the head over the union between the face and mane.

To assemble the limbs to the body do as following:

Thread a tapestry needle with mustard yarn. Make a stitch on the inner side of one foreleg and pass

the needle through the body from side to side right under the mane. Do the same for the other foreleg. Pull tightly in order to get both forelegs joined to the body. Repeat this procedure a couple of times in order to keep this union firm. This sort of couture will allow movement of the limbs, but if you prefer you can use plastic joints.

From the centre of the body's bottom measure 2 inches to one side and mark the spot with a colored sewing pin. Repeat this procedure for the other side. On those marks sew the back legs using the same procedure you've used for sewing the forelegs.

Then, thread a tapestry needle with dark-brown yarn (put yarn double) and make long stitches from each paw's bottom to the top, pulling a little hard and making knots to keep them firm. Repeat this procedure twice in order to mark 3 toes.

Sew the tail to the lion's back side, as in the final project.

Enjoy!

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