

Donkey Ruda Crochet Pattern



Material and tools:

- Yarn with approx. 150m/50g (Polyacryl) or 120m/50g (Cotton)
 - o < 50g light blue
 - o < 20g white
 - o < 20g blue
- Stuffing (Polyester Filling)
- 2 plastic safety eyes (12mm) or two black beads
- 4 plastic buttons to make the legs more movable
- Crochet hook size 3,5mm / E or F size, or as specified on the yarn
- Wool needle

Abbreviations

[brackets] – repeat instruction within brackets as often as given after brackets or to the end of the round or row

(round brackets) – count of stitches done in this round or row

Number in front of an abbreviation – number of stitches to crochet

CH – chain

SC – single crochet

ST – stitch(es)

HDC – half double crochet

DC – double crochet

SLST – slip stitch

Sc2tog – single crochet 2 together (1 stitch decreased)

Hdc2tog – half double crochet 2 together (1 stitch decreased)

Dc2tog – double crochet 2 together (1 stitch decreased)

General notes

Please read these instructions before working the pattern. If you find any mistake, please report it to DioneDesign@email.cz.

The beginning of each part

There are two options (I always use the second option. There are no holes at the beginning if you use the loop):

1. Start with chain 2 and work every first round into the first stitch made.
2. Start with a magic circle (adjustable loop) and work number of stitches in the first round into the loop.

Changing rounds

Do not replace crochet stitches by chain stitches at the beginning of each row. Instead make endless spiral. Crochet a first stitch of the row in first stitch of previous round. Use a stitch marker to remember of the beginning of the round. How to mark beginning of a row is demonstrated on pictures below.



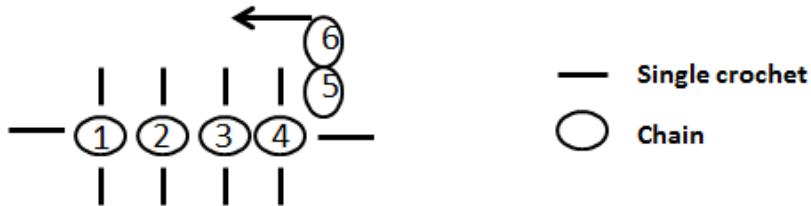
Loose ends

At the beginning and the end of a piece leave a tail of at least 15 cm or even longer, because most of these can be used for sewing. Loose ends you do not use anymore can be pulled through some stitches on the inside of the piece and cut off.

Pattern

Head

Rd 1: **Work with white.** Begin with 6 chains and then work in accordance with the scheme below 10 SC. Continue in rounds (10).



Rd 2: 2 SC in next ST, 1 SC in next 2 ST, 2 SC in next 3 ST, 1 SC in next 2 ST, 2 SC in the last 2 ST. (16)

Rd 3: 2 SC in next ST, 1 SC in next 4 ST, 2 SC in next 4 ST, 1 SC in next 4 ST, 2 SC in last 3 ST. (24)

Rd 4: 2 SC in next 2 ST, 1 SC in next 6 ST, 2 SC in next 2 ST, 1 SC in next 2 ST, 2 SC in next 2 ST, 1 SC in next 6 ST, 2 SC in next 2 ST, 1 SC in last 2 ST. (32)

Rd 5: [2 SC in the first ST, SC in next 3 ST] 8x (40)

Rd 6: [2 SC in the first ST, SC in next 9 ST] 4x (44)

Rd 7-11: SC in each ST (44)

Rd 12: [SC in next 9 ST, Sc2tog] 4x. (40)

Rd 13: SC in each ST (40)

Rd 14: **Change the color, from here work with light blue.** [SC in next 8 ST, Sc2tog] 4x. (36)

Rd 15: SC in each ST (36)

Rd 16-18: SC in each ST (36)

Rd 19: [SC in next 4 ST, Sc2tog] 6x. (30)

Rd 20: SC in each ST (30)

Rd 21-22: SC in each ST (30)

Rd 23: [SC in next 3 ST, Sc2tog] 6x. (24)

Rd 24: SC in each ST (24)

Rd 25: SC in each ST (24)

Rd 26: [SC in next 2 ST, Sc2tog] 6x. (18)

Now we attach the eyes (I recommend to put them in the 17th round and leave 5 stitches between the eyes) and we stuff the head

Rd 27: [SC in next ST, Sc2tog] 6x. (12)

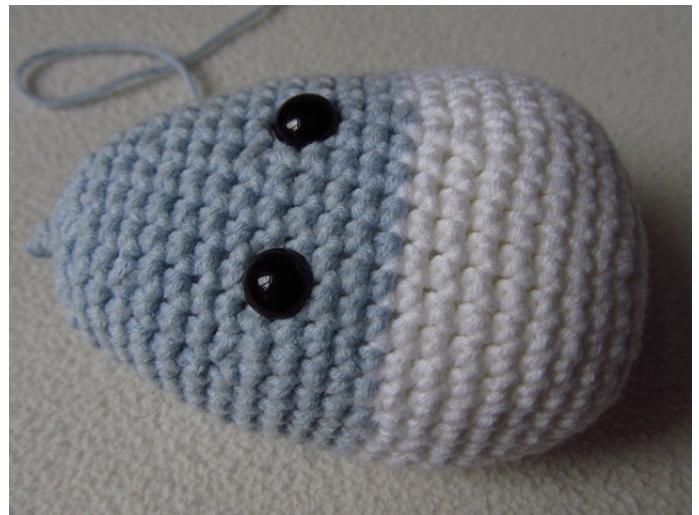
Rd 28: [2 Sc2tog] 6x (6)

Rd 29: [2 Sc2tog] 3x (3)

Ears (work 2x)

Rd 1: **Work with light blue working in rounds.** 6 SC in the magic circle (6)

Rd 2: SC in each ST (6)



- Rd 3:** [2 SC in next ST, SC in next ST] 3x (9)
Rd 4: SC in each ST (9)
Rd 5: SC in each ST (9)
Rd 6: [2 SC in first ST, SC in next 2 ST] 3x (12)
Rd 7: [2 SC in first ST, SC in next ST] 6x (18)
Rd 8: SC in each ST (18)
Rd 9: SC in each ST (18)
Rd 10-17: SC in each ST (18)
Rd 18: [SC in next 4 ST, Sc2tog] 3x. (15)



Body

- Rd 1: Work with light blue working in rounds.** 6 SC in the magic circle (6)
Rd 2: 2 SC in each ST (12)
Rd 3: [2 SC in first ST, SC in next ST] 6x (18)
Rd 4: [2 SC in first ST, SC in next 2 ST] 6x (24)
Rd 5: [2 SC in first ST, SC in next 3 ST] 6x (30)
Rd 6: [2 SC in first ST, SC in next 4 ST] 6x (36)
Rd 7: [2 SC in first ST, SC in next 5 ST] 6x (42)
Rd 8: SC in each ST (42)
Rd 9: SC in each ST (42)
Rd 10: [SC in next 5 ST, Sc2tog] 6x. (36)
Rd 11: SC in each ST (36)
Rd 12-15: SC in each ST (36)
Rd 16: [SC in next 4 ST, Sc2tog] 6x. (30)
Rd 17: SC in each ST (30)
Rd 18: [SC in next 3 ST, Sc2tog] 6x. (24)
Rd 19: SC in each ST (24)
Rd 20-22: SC in each ST (24)
Rd 23: [SC in next 4 ST, Sc2tog] 4x. (20)

Rd 24: SC in each ST (20)

Rd 25: SC in each ST (20)

Rd 26: [SC in next 3 ST, Sc2tog] 4x. (16)

Rd 27: SC in each ST (16)

Rd 28: SC in each ST (16)

Now stuff the body.

Rd 29: [SC in next 2 ST, Sc2tog] 4x. (12)

Rd 30: SC in each ST (12)

Rd 31: SC in each ST (12)

Front Legs (work 2x)

Rd 1: Work with blue working in rounds. 6 SC in the magic circle (6)

Rd 2: 2 SC in each ST (12)

Rd 3: [2 SC in first ST, SC in next ST] 6x (18)

Rd 4: [2 SC in first ST, SC in next 2 ST] 6x (24)

Rd 5: Work this round in back loops (see the picture on right). SC in each ST. (24)

Rd 6: [SC in next 4 ST, Sc2tog] 4x. (20)

Rd 7: SC in each ST (20)

Rd 8: SC in each ST (20)

Rd 9: Change the color, from here work with light blue. [SC in next 2 ST, Sc2tog] 5x. (15)

Rd 10: SC in each ST (15)

Rd 11: [SC in next 3 ST, Sc2tog] 3x. (12)

Rd 12: SC in each ST (12)

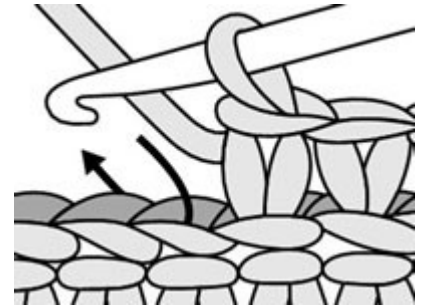
Rd 13-21: SC in each ST (12)

Now stuff the leg.

Rd 22: [SC in next 2 ST, Sc2tog] 3x. (9)

Rd 23: SC in each ST (9)

Rd 24-26: SC in each ST (9)



Hind Legs (work 2x)

Rd 1: Work with blue working in rounds. 7 SC in the magic circle (7)

Rd 2: 2 SC in each ST (14)

Rd 3: [2 SC in first ST, SC in next ST] 7x (21)

Rd 4: [2 SC in first ST, SC in next 2 ST] 7x (28)

Rd 5: Work this round in back loops (see the picture on right). SC in each ST. (28)

Rd 6: [SC in next 5 ST, Sc2tog] 4x (24)

Rd 7: SC in each ST (24)

Rd 8: SC in each ST (24)

Rd 9: Change the color, from here work with light blue. [SC in next 2 ST, Sc2tog] 6x. (18)

Rd 10: SC in each ST (18)

Rd 11: [SC in next 4 ST, Sc2tog] 3x. (15)

Rd 12: SC in next 13 ST, Sc2tog (14)

Rd 13: SC in each ST (14)

Rd 14-21: SC in each ST (14)

Now stuff the leg.

Rd 22: [SC in next 5 ST, Sc2tog] 2x. (12)

Rd 23: [SC in next 4 ST, Sc2tog] 2x. (10)

Rd 24: SC in each ST (10)

Rd 25: SC in each ST (10)

Rd 26: SC in each ST (10)



Tail

Rd 1: Work with light blue, make 7 chains and crochet the first round. First SC of the round crochet in the first chain (and close a ring) crochet SC in next 6 CH. In total 7 SC in this round.

Rd 2-4: SC in every ST (7)

Rd 5: SC in next 5 ST, Sc2tog (6)

Rd 6-8: SC in every ST (6)

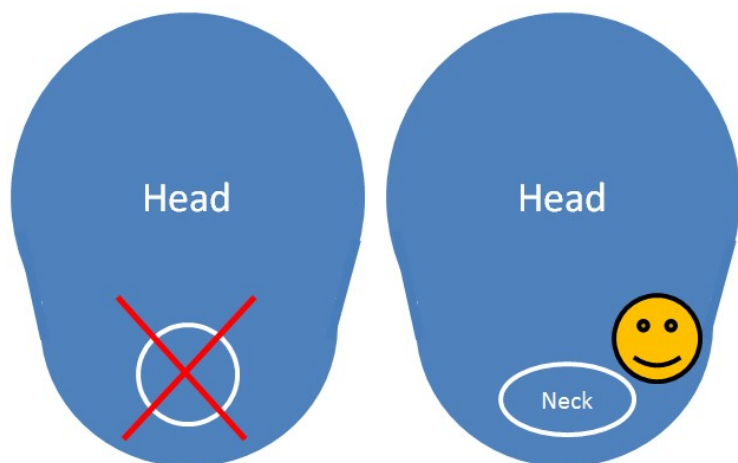
We've prepared the first part of the tail. Now we make the second part, the tassel. We work with blue yarn. We wind the yarn on our 2 fingers (approx.10x) and tie with a piece of light blue yarn together. Now we slip the loops off our fingers and cut them with scissors. Now with a hook pull the light blue loose ends in the first part of the tail and fasten.



Sewing

Now we have all the parts we need to complete the donkey and we can start the sewing.

1. Sew the head and the body together. Sew the neck on the head flat not round. See the picture below.



2. Now sew the ear on the head. First fold the ear and sew the edges together. Then sew the ear on the head.



3. Then sew the legs on the body. Sew the legs through the buttons to keep the legs more movable. (pictures on next page)



4. Now sew the tail on the back.
5. Finally sew the nostrils with light blue yarn.

Mane

We need 4-5 tassels made of the blue yarn. We prepare the tassels in the same way we did for the tail.

We work with the blue yarn. We wind the yarn on our 2 fingers (approx. 20x) and tie with a piece of blue yarn together. Now we slip the loops off our fingers and cut them with scissors.

We fasten the tassels on the neck. We start between the ears and continue down on the neck. Finally you cut the mane in the desired length and shape.



Donkey Ruda is finished!