

Lion Leo Crochet Pattern



Material and tools:

- Yarn with approx. 150m/50g (Polyacryl) or 120m/50g (Cotton)
 - o < 50g brown
 - o < 100g beige
 - o < 10g creme
- Stuffing (Polyester Filling)
- 2 plastic eyes with security lock (12mm) or two black beads
- Crochet hook size **3,5mm / E** or size 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)

Rd – round(s)

General notes

Please read these instructions before working the pattern.

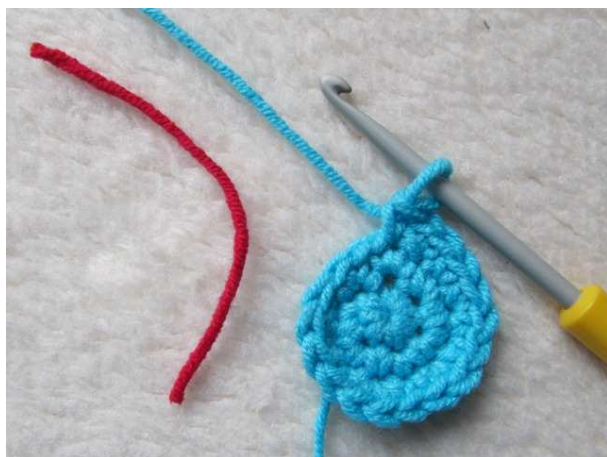
The beginning of each part

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: Begin **with beige** working in rounds. 6 SC in the magic circle (6)

Rd 2: 2 SC in every 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: [2 SC in first ST, SC in next 6 ST] 6x (48)

Rd 9: SC in every ST (48)

Rd 10-18: SC in every ST (48)

Rd 19: [SC in next 6 ST, Sc2tog] 6x. (42)

Rd 20: [SC in next 5 ST, Sc2tog] 6x. (36)

Rd 21: [SC in next 4 ST, Sc2tog] 6x. (30)

Rd 22: [SC in next 3 ST, Sc2tog] 6x. (24)

Now place the eyes (I recommend to put them in the 12th round and leave 7-8 stitches between the eyes) and stuff the head.

Rd 23: [SC in next 2 ST, Sc2tog] 6x. (18)

Rd 24: [SC in next ST, Sc2tog] 6x. (12)

Rd 25: [Sc2tog] 6x. (6)

Rd 26: [Sc2tog] 3x. (3)

Muzzle

Rd 1: **Work with creme.** Begin with 4 chains and then work in accordance with the scheme below 8 SC. Continue in rounds (8).

Rd 2: **2 SC** in next ST, **1 SC** in next ST, **2 SC** in next 3 ST, **1 SC** in next ST, **2 SC** in last 2 ST. (14)

Rd 3: **2 SC** in next ST, **1 SC** in next 3 ST, **2 SC** in next 4 ST, **1 SC** in next 3 ST, **2 SC** in last 3 ST. (22)

Rd 4: **2 SC** in next 2 ST, **1 SC** in next 5 ST, **2 SC** in next 2 ST, **1 SC** in next 2 ST, **2 SC** in next 2 ST, **1 SC** in next 5 ST, **2 SC** in next 2 ST, **1 SC** in last 2 ST. (30)

Rd 5: **Now change the colour. From here work with beige.** [2 SC in first ST, SC in next 4 ST] 6x (36)

Rd 6: SC in every ST (36)

Rd 7: [SC in next 7 ST, Sc2tog] 4x. (32)

Rd 8: SC in every ST (32)

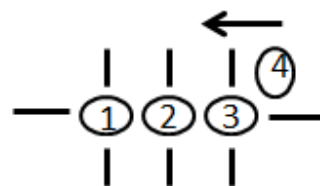
Rd 9-11: SC in every ST (32)

Rd 12: [2 SC in first ST, SC in next 3 ST] 5x, 1 SC in next 12 ST (37)



— Single crochet

○ Chain



Nose

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

Rd 2: 2 SC in every ST (12)

Rd 3: [1 SC, 1 HDC, 1 SC in first ST, 1 SC in next 3 ST] 3x (18)

Ears (work 2x)

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

Rd 2: 2 SC in every ST (12)

Rd 3: [2 SC in first ST, SC in next 3 ST] 3x (15)

Rd 4: SC in every ST (15)

Rd 5: SC in every ST (15)

Rd 6: SC in every ST (15)

Rd 7: [SC in next 3 ST, Sc2tog] 3x. (12)

Rd 8: [Sc2tog] 6x. (6)

Body

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

Rd 2: 2 SC in every 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: [2 SC in first ST, SC in next 6 ST] 6x (48)

Rd 9: SC in every ST (48)

Rd 10-15: SC in every ST (48)

Rd 16: [SC in next 6 ST, Sc2tog] 6x. (42)

Rd 17: [SC in next 5 ST, Sc2tog] 6x. (36)

Rd 18: SC in every ST (36)

Rd 19-20: SC in every ST (36)

Rd 21: [SC in next 4 ST, Sc2tog] 6x. (30)

Rd 22: SC in every ST (30)

Rd 23-24: SC in every ST (30)

Rd 25: [SC in next 3 ST, Sc2tog] 6x. (24)

Rd 26: SC in every ST (24)

Rd 27: SC in every ST (24)

Rd 28: [SC in next 2 ST, Sc2tog] 6x. (18)

Rd 29: SC in every ST (18)

Rd 30-31: SC in every ST (18)

Now stuff the body.



Arms (work 2x)

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

Rd 2: 2 SC in every 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 5 ST] 3x (21)

Rd 5: SC in every ST (21)

Rd 6-7: SC in every ST (21)

Rd 8: [SC in next 5 ST, Sc2tog] 3x. (18)

Rd 9: [SC in next ST, Sc2tog] 6x. (12)

Rd 10: SC in every ST (12)

Rd 11-19: SC in every ST (12)

Rd 20: [2 SC in first ST, SC in next 3 ST] 3x (15)

Rd 21: SC in every ST (15)

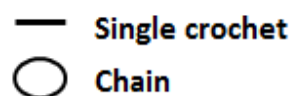
Rd 22-25: SC in every ST (15)

Now stuff the arm.

R 26: [SC in next 3 ST, Sc2tog] 3x. (12)

R 27: [Sc2tog] 6x. (6)

R 28: [Sc2tog] 3x. (3)



Legs (work 2x)

Rd 1: **Work with creme.** Begin with 4 chains and then work in accordance with the scheme below 9 SC. Continue in rounds (9).

Rd 2: 2 SC in next ST, 1 SC in next ST, 1 **HDC** and 1 **DC** in next ST, 2 DC in next 2 ST, 1 **DC** and 1 **HDC** in next ST, 1 SC in next ST, 2 SC in next ST, 1 SC in last ST. (15)

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

Rd 4: 2 SC in next 2 ST, 1 SC in next 5 ST, 1 **HDC** and 1 **DC** in next ST, 2 DC in next 3 ST, 1 DC in next 2 ST, 2 DC in next 3 ST, 1 **DC** and 1 **HDC** in next ST, 1 SC in next 5 ST, 2 SC in last 2 ST. (36)

Rd 5: **Now change the colour. From here work with beige.** [2 SC in first ST, SC in next 5 ST] 6x (42)

Rd 6: **Work this round in back loops (see the picture on right).** SC in every ST (42)

Rd 7: SC in every ST (42)

Rd 8: SC in next 12 ST, [Dc2tog] 9x, SC in next 10 ST, Sc2tog (32)

Rd 9: [Sc2tog] 2x, SC in next 7 ST, [Sc2tog] 5x, SC in next 9 ST, Sc2tog (24)

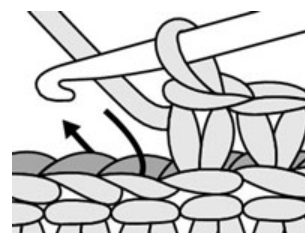
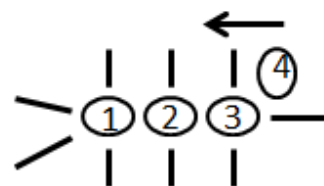
Rd 10: SC in next 9 ST, [Sc2tog] 4x, SC in next 7 ST (20)

Rd 11: [SC in next 3 ST, Sc2tog] 4x (16)

Rd 12: SC in next 7 ST, 1 HDC in next 4 ST, SC in next 5 ST (16)

Rd 13: SC in every ST (16)

Rd 14-24: SC in every ST (16)



Now stuff the leg.

Rd 25: [SC in next 2 ST, Sc2tog] 4x (12)

Rd 26: [Sc2tog] 6x. (6)

Rd 27: [Sc2tog] 3x. (3)



Tail

Rd 1: **Begin with beige**, make 9 chains and crochet the first round. First SC of the round crochet in the first chain (and close a ring) crochet SC in next 8 CH. In total 9 SC in this round.

R 2-4: 1 SC in every ST (9)

R 5: SC in next 7 ST, Sc2tog (8)

R 6: SC in every ST (8)

R 7: SC in next 6 ST, Sc2tog (7)

R 8: SC in every ST (7)

R 9-19: SC in every ST (7)

Sewing

Now we have all the parts we need to complete the lion and we can start sewing them together.

1. First, we sew the muzzle on the head. Sew the muzzle just below the eyes. Stuff the muzzle during sewing.



2. Then sew the nose on the muzzle.



3. then sew the ears on the head.



4. As a next step, sew the head and the body together.



5. Now we make the mane. First, we prepare the first row of the mane. We work with brown yarn. Begin on the forehead. Make a stitch under each SC on the head and tie up a loop with two knots. Then continue first to the left and down towards the arms and then on right.



Once we have the first row of the mane ready, we can continue with the rest. The easiest and fastest way is to make small tassels from brown yarn (approx. 45-50 tassels) and sew the tassels on the head.

We wind the brown yarn approx. 20x on our three fingers and tie the loops together with a piece of brown yarn. Now we slip the loops off the fingers and cut them with scissors.





Now with a hook or a needle sew the tassel on the head and fasten with at least 3 knots. We start in the first row of SC behind the first row we sewed. Leave three SC between two tassels. Then continue with other rounds of tassels, leave 3 rows and 3 SC between tassels. Continue until the head is covered completely.

Finally, cut the spines with sharp scissors in desired shape and length.

6. Prepare one more tassel for the tail. Make the loops from brown yarn but fasten them with beige yarn. Pull the tassel in the tail and fasten it with the beige ends of the yarn. Sew the tail on the body.

7 Sew the arms and the legs on the body.

8. With brown yarn sew the claws and the eyebrows..



Your lion Leo is finished!!!

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