



Hippo Sleepover Party

An original crochet pattern by

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Harvey and Harriet - Hippo Sleepover Party

★ Pattern Notes

Terminology

This pattern is written in American crochet terminology, which differs from British terminology in some instances. The following table of terms used in this pattern will help should you wish to translate one to the other.

American (US)		British (UK)	
ch	chain	ch	chain
ch-sp	chain space	ch sp	chain space
Slst	slip stitch	ss	slip stitch
sc	single crochet	dc	double crochet
hdc	half double crochet	htr	half treble crochet
dc	double crochet	tr	treble crochet
tr	treble crochet	dtr	double treble crochet
skip		miss	

Abbreviations & Symbols

cm	centimeters
invdec	invisible decrease
mm	millimeters
Rnd(s)	Round(s)
st(s)	stitch(es)
()	Round brackets indicate: A group of stitches to be worked into the same stitch or space, or The amount of stitches you should have on completion of the round or row it follows, or Explanatory notes within the pattern.
[]	Square brackets contain a group of stitches to be worked the amount of times indicated after the brackets
*	Asterisks indicate a point of repeat.
"	inches

Special Stitch Explanation:

Invdec

This is a good way of decreasing in amigurumi when you need a tight, smooth fabric as this technique will eliminate bumps and holes in the fabric and will be almost completely invisible.

Insert hook into front loop only of first stitch, do not wrap yarn, insert hook into front loop only of next stitch. You will now have a total of three loops on your hook. Wrap your yarn around hook and pull through both of the 2 front loops on the hook, wrap yarn around hook again and pull through last 2 loops on hook. You have now 'invisibly' decreased by one stitch.

Surface Crochet

Work the stitches by inserting your hook under the posts of the existing crochet. (figs.8-10)

Color Changing:

Make all color changes in the last 2 loops of the final stitch of the old color.

Tips for Neater Color Changes (optional):

1. Make the first stitch in the new color a slip stitch instead of a single crochet. (Don't pull the slip stitch too tight or it will be difficult to crochet into in the next round)
2. On narrow stripes (1-2 rounds), add 1 extra stitch of the old color to the end of every color change round (move marker up a stitch to reflect new start of round). This extra stitch will help to counteract the shortness of the slip stitch that replaced the single crochet.

Color Change Ends:

Tie off and trim your color change ends as you go. Tie securely on the inside of your work. With amigurumi crochet it can be difficult to reach the ends once you have crocheted too many rows above.

For repeating stripes carry the unused color up the inside of the work to save keep cutting and re-tying.

Embroidered Stitches:

To hide the starting and fastening off ends of the embroidered stitches on the face, first thread your yarn needle with the appropriate yarn. Tie a knot in the end of your yarn and push needle into and out of toy between crochet stitches, coming out where you want the first embroidery stitch to be. As you pull on the yarn the polyester toy filling will catch the knot securely inside the toy. When you have worked the required embroidery stitches you can finish off by passing the needle in and out between different crochet stitches a few times until the yarn is securely caught up in the polyester filling. When secure, pull on end of yarn and snip off close to toy.

Stitch Marker Use:

Place marker in first stitch of each round. Move marker up with each completed round.

Stitch Placement: Work in both loops of the stitch unless specified otherwise.

Gauge (Tension):

Exact gauge is not crucial for this pattern. Just make sure your crochet hook is small enough to create a tight fabric that the stuffing can't poke through.

With the yarn and hook specified a hippopotamus measures approximately 8" (20 cm) tall.

Materials for each

1	Light worsted weight, (DK/8 ply) yarn in the following color suggestions: Light Gray, Light Blue/Pink, Dark Blue/Pink, White, Black
2	2 x 9mm black plastic safety eyes.
3	Polyester toy stuffing.
4	Decorative buttons.

Equipment

1	Size D (3.25mm) crochet hook.
2	Scissors.
3	Large yarn needle.
4	Smaller needle. (For sewing on button)
5	Stitch marker.
6	Tweezers. (For stuffing small or narrow parts)



★The Pattern



Harvey

Nose

Make 1 piece, starting at front. Working in continuous spiral rounds.

With **Light Gray** yarn make **8 ch**.

Rnd 1	Sc in second ch from hook, sc in each of next 5 ch, 3 sc in last ch, continue on the other side of the foundation chain, sc in each of next 5 ch, 2 sc in next ch. (16 sts)
Rnd 2	2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 5 st, 2 sc in each of next 3 st, sc in each of next 5 st, 2 sc in each of next 2 st. (22 sts)
Rnd 3	Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 5 st, (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) 3 times, sc in each of next 5 st, (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) 2 times. (28 sts)
Rnd 4	Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 5 st, (sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) 3 times, sc in each of next 5 st, (sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st) 2 times (34 sts)
Rnds 5-8	Sc in each st around. (4 rounds)
Rnd 9	Invdec, sc in each of next 12 st, invdec, sc in next st, invdec, sc in each of next 12 st, invdec, sc in next st. (30 sts)
Rnd 10	Sc in next st only. Fasten off. Set aside.

Legs

Make 2 pieces, starting at foot. Working in continuous spiral rounds.

With **Light Gray** yarn make **2 ch**.

Rnd 1	6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)
Rnd 2	2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)
Rnd 3	[Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 4	[Sc in each of next 5 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (21 sts)
Rnds 5-7	Sc in each st around. (3 rounds)
Change to Dark Blue yarn. Continue in stripe pattern of 3 rounds Dark Blue (DB) followed by 3	

rounds **Light Blue (LB)** as indicated at the beginning of each round.

Rnds 8-10 (DB) Sc in each st around. (3 rounds)

Rnds 11-13 (LB) Sc in each st around. (3 rounds)

Rnds 14-16 (DB) Sc in each st around. (3 rounds)

Fasten off. Weave in ends.



fig.1



fig.2



fig.3



fig.4



fig.5



fig.6



fig.7

Body & Head

First join legs together as follows: **(figs.1-3)**

Press each leg flat with color changes at back of leg.

Rnd 1 Pull up a loop of **Light Blue** yarn in stitch at far left of right leg, 1 ch (does not count as st), sc in same st as join, sc in each of next 21 st around top of left leg, sc in each of next 20 st around top of right leg. (42 sts)

Body

Rnd 2 Sc in each of next 12 st, [2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 3 st] 2 times, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 2 st [2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 3 st] 2 times, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 10 st. (48 sts)

Rnd 3 Sc in each st around.

Change to **Dark Blue** yarn. Continue in stripe pattern of 3 rounds **Dark Blue (DB)** followed by 3 rounds **Light Blue (LB)** as indicated at the beginning of each round.

Rnd 4 (DB) [Sc in each of next 7 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (54 sts)

Rnds 5-6 (DB) Sc in each st around. (2 rounds)

Rnd 7 (LB) Sc in each st around.

Rnd 8 (LB) [Sc in each of next 25 st, invdec] 2 times. (52 sts)

Rnd 9 (LB) Sc in each st around.

Rnd 10 (DB) Sc in each st around.

Rnd 11 (DB) Invdec, sc in each of next 50 st. (51 sts)

Rnd 12	(DB) Sc in each st around.
Rnd 13	(LB) Sc in each st around.
Rnd 14	(LB) [Sc in each of next 15 st, invdec] 3 times. (48 sts)
Rnd 15	(LB) Sc in each st around.
Rnd 16	(DB) [Sc in each of next 14 st, invdec] 3 times. (45 sts)
Rnd 17	(DB) Sc in each st around.
Rnd 18	(DB) [Sc in each of next 13 st, invdec] 3 times. (42 sts)
Rnd 19	(LB) Sc in each st around.
Rnd 20	(LB) [Sc in each of next 12 st, invdec] 3 times. (39 sts)
Rnd 21	(LB) Sc in each st around.
Rnd 22	(DB) [Sc in each of next 11 st, invdec] 3 times. (36 sts)
Rnds 23-24	(DB) Sc in each st around. (2 rounds)
	Fasten off. Weave in ends.
	Head
	Flatten body and find the stitch in the back center of neck. (fig.4) . Pull up a loop of Light Gray yarn in this stitch, 1 ch (does not count as st), sc in same st as join. This is the new start position for subsequent rounds.
Rnds 25-27	Sc in each st around. (3 rounds) (36 sts)
	To join nose to body:
Rnd 28	Sc in each of next 11 st, line up finishing stitch of nose with next st of neck, sc through both these stitches together, sc through each st of both parts for next 14 st, sc in remaining 10 st of neck. (36) (figs.5-6)
Rnd 29	Sc in each of next 11 st, sc in each of next 15 st on top of nose, sc in each of next 10 st. (36 sts) (fig. 7)
	Stuff body and legs.
Rnds 30-33	Sc in each st around. (4 rounds)
Rnd 34	[Sc in each of next 4 st, invdec] 6 times. (30 sts)
Rnds 35-36	Sc in each st around. (2 rounds)
	Insert safety eyes in between Rnds 28 and 29 spacing them 6 stitches apart.
Rnd 37	[Sc in each of next 3 st, invdec] 6 times. (24 st)
Rnd 38	[Sc in each of next 2 st, invdec] 6 times. (18 sts)
	Stuff head and nose.
Rnd 39	[Sc in next st, invdec] 6 times. (12 sts)
Rnd 40	[Invdec] 6 times. (6 sts)
	Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for finishing. Use tweezers to insert the final bit of stuffing through the 6 stitch hole. Thread yarn tail onto yarn needle, pick up front loop only of remaining 6 stitches. Pull tight to close the hole. Fasten off. Weave in end.
	With Black yarn sew two small nostrils either side of nose spacing them 5 stitches apart. Sew mouth with a single horizontal running stitch.
	Sew a long black running stitch down center of body. Add a decorative button to top center.

Ears

	Make 2 pieces, starting at tip. Working in continuous spiral rounds.
	With Light Gray yarn make 2 ch .
Rnd 1	6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)
Rnd 2	[Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (9 sts)
Rnds 3-4	Sc in each st around. (2 rounds)
Rnd 5	[Sc in next st, invdec] 3 times. (6 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing. Fold base of ear in half and secure with a few stitches. Sew ears to sides of head in between **Rnds 28** and **29**.

Collar

Make 1 piece. Working in rows.

With **White** yarn make **37 ch**.

Start each row in second ch from hook

Row 1 Sc in each st to end, 1 ch, turn. (36 sts)

Row 2 Sc in each of next 12 st, 2 hdc in next st, 2 dc in next st, 2 tr in each of next 2 st, 2 dc in next st, (hdc, Sl st) in next st, (Sl st, hdc) in next st, 2 dc in next st, 2 tr in each of next 2 st, 2 dc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, sc in each of next 12 st. (48 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing. Sew collar around neck in line with last round of pyjama color.

Arms

Make 2 pieces, starting at hand. Working in continuous spiral rounds.

With **Light Gray** yarn make **2 ch**.

Rnd 1 6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)

Rnd 2 2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)

Rnd 3 [Sc in each of next 3 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (15 sts)

Rnds 4-6 Sc in each st around. (3 rounds)

Change to **Dark Blue** yarn. Continue in stripe pattern of three rounds **Dark Blue (DB)** followed by 3 rounds **Light Blue (LB)** as indicated at the beginning of each round.

Rnds 7-9 **(DB)** Sc in each st around. (3 rounds)

Rnds 10-12 **(LB)** Sc in each st around. (3 rounds)

Rnds 13-14 **(DB)** Sc in each st around. (2 rounds)

Rnd 15 **(DB)** [Sc in each of next 3 st, invdec] 3 times. (12 sts)

Rnds 16-18 **(LB)** Sc in each st around. (3 rounds)

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing.

Stuff arms. Oversew top of arms flat. Sew to sides of hippo just under collar.

Surface crochet 1 round of single crochet in and out of the last round of gray on the arms and the legs. (**figs. 8-10**) Fasten off, weave in ends.



fig.8 Start first st here.



fig.9 pull up a loop of white yarn, make 1 ch.



fig.10 Sc in each remaining st around.



fig.11

Harriet

Nose

Make 1 piece following pattern and instructions for Harvey's nose.

Legs

Make 2 pieces, starting at foot. Working in continuous spiral rounds.

With **Light Gray** yarn make **2 ch**.

Rnd 1 6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)

Rnd 2 2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)

Rnd 3 [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)

Rnd 4 [Sc in each of next 5 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (21 sts)

Rnds 5-7 Sc in each st around. (3 rounds)

Change to **Dark Pink** yarn.

Rnds 8-16 Sc in each st around. (9 rounds)

Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Body & Head

First join legs together as follows: (**figs.1-3**)

Press each leg flat with color changes at back of leg.

Rnd 1 Pull up a loop of **Dark Pink** yarn in stitch at far left of right leg, 1 ch (does not count as a st), sc in same st as join, sc in each of next 21 st around top of left leg, sc in each of next 20 st around top of right leg. (42 sts)

Body

Rnd 2 Sc in each of next 12 st, [2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 3 st] 2 times, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 2 st [2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 3 st] 2 times, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 10 st. (48 sts)

Rnd 3 Sc in each st around.

Rnd 4 [Sc in each of next 7 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (54 sts)

Rnds 5-7 Sc in each st around. (3 rounds)

Rnd 8 [Sc in each of next 25 st, invdec] 2 times. (52 sts)

Change to **Light Pink** yarn.

Rnd 9 Working in back loops only: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 10 Sc in each st around.

Rnd 11 Invdec, sc in each of next 50 st. (51 sts)

Rnds 12-13 Sc in each st around. (2 rounds)

Rnd 14 [Sc in each of next 15 st, invdec] 3 times. (48 sts)

Rnd 15 Sc in each st around.

Rnd 16 [Sc in each of next 14 st, invdec] 3 times. (45 sts)

Rnd 17 Sc in each st around.

Rnd 18 [Sc in each of next 13 st, invdec] 3 times. (42 sts)

Rnd 19 Sc in each st around.

Rnd 20 [Sc in each of next 12 st, invdec] 3 times. (39 sts)

Rnd 21 Sc in each st around.

Rnd 22 [Sc in each of next 11 st, invdec] 3 times. (36 sts)

Rnds 23-24 Sc in each st around. (2 rounds)

Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Head

Rnds 25-40 Follow pattern and instructions for Harvey's head.

Frill (fig. 11)

Rnd 1 Holding Hippo upside down, pull up a loop of **White** yarn in one of the leftover front loops from **Rnd 9** at center back. 1 ch (does not count as a st), sc in same loop as join, sc in each of remaining 51 loops around. (52 sts)

Rnd 2 [Slst in next st, (hdc, dc) in next st, (dc, hdc) in next st, Slst in next st] 13 times. (13 scallops)

Fasten off, weave in ends. Using White yarn, sew scallops in place with back stitch.

Sew a long black running stitch down center of body to waistband. Add a decorative button to top center.

Ears

Make 2 pieces, following pattern and instructions for Harvey's ears.

Collar

Make 1 piece, following pattern and instructions for Harvey's collar.

Arms

Make 2 pieces starting at hand. Working in continuous spiral rounds.

With **Light Gray** yarn make **2 ch**.

Rnd 1 6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)

Place marker at beginning of next round, move marker up with each completed round.

Rnd 2 2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)

Rnd 3 [Sc in each of next 3 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (15 sts)

Rnds 4-6 Sc in each st around. (3 rounds)

Change to **Light Pink** yarn.

Rnds 7-14 Sc in each st around. (8 rounds)

Rnd 15 [Sc in each of next 3 st, invdec] 3 times. (12 sts)

Rnds 16-18 Sc in each st around. (3 rounds)

Fasten off. Stuff arms. Oversew top of arms flat. Sew to sides of hippo just under collar.

Surface crochet 1 round of single crochet in and out of the last round of gray on the arms and the legs. (**figs. 8-10**) Fasten off, weave in ends.

Blanket

Using **Dark Blue/Pink**, **Light Blue/Pink** and **White** yarns.

Note: Cut yarn at the end of each round, leaving a long tail for weaving in.

With **Dark Blue/Pink** yarn make **4 ch**, join with a Slst to form a ring.

Rnd 1 3 ch (counts as first dc), 2 dc in ring, [2 ch, 3 dc in ring] 3 times, 2 ch, Slst into top of 3 ch. (20 sts)

Rnd 2 Join **White** yarn in any ch-sp, 3 ch (counts as first dc), 2 dc in same ch-sp, [1 ch, (3 dc, 2 ch, 3 dc) in next ch-sp] 3 times, 1 ch, 3 dc in next ch-sp, 2 ch, Slst into top of 3 ch. (36 sts)

Rnd 3 Join **Light Blue/Pink** yarn in any corner ch-sp, 3 ch (counts as first dc), 2 dc in same ch-sp, [1 ch, 3 dc in next ch-sp, 1 ch, (3 dc, 2 ch, 3 dc) in next ch-sp] 3 times, 1 ch, 3 dc in next ch-sp, 1 ch, 3 dc in next ch-sp, 2 ch, Slst into top of 3 ch.

Rnd 4 Join **Dark Blue/Pink** yarn in any corner ch-sp, 3 ch (counts as first dc), 2 dc in same ch-sp, [(1 ch, 3 dc in next ch-sp) 2 times, 1 ch, (3 dc, 2 ch, 3 dc) in next ch-sp] 3 times, (1 ch, 3 dc in next ch-sp) 2 times, 1 ch, 3 dc in next ch-sp, 2 ch, Slst into top of 3 ch.

At this stage each corner will have 2 blocks of 3 dc separated by 2 ch. Along each side there will be 2 blocks of 3 dc separated by 1 ch (17 sts per side)

Rnds 5-9 Continue in stripe pattern (1 round **White**, followed by 1 round **Light Blue/Pink**, followed by 1

round **Dark Blue/Pink**), increase the rounds so that there are always (3 dc, 2 ch, 3 dc) in each corner space and groups of 3 dc separated by 1 ch in each ch-sp along edges. (Complete 9 rounds in total)

To Finish: Working in Back Loops Only: Finish with a round of sc in **Dark Blue/Pink**, putting 2 sc in each of the four 2 ch corners.

Weave in all ends.

A photo tutorial of this Granny Square can be found here:

<http://mojimojidesign.com/2014/03/16/granny-square-tutorial/>

Pillow

Make 2 pieces for each pillow. Working in rows and finishing in continuous spiral rounds.

With White yarn make **21 ch**.

Note: Start each row in second ch from hook.

Row 1 Sc in each ch to end, ch 1, turn. (20 sts)

Row 2 Sc in each st to end, ch 1, turn. (20 sts)

Rows 3-12 [Repeat Row 2] 8 times, omitting the '1 ch, turn' from the end of the final row.

Fasten off and weave in ends on first piece. Leave yarn attached on second piece.

To join edges: Now working in rounds.

Rnd 1 Hold both pieces together. **Work each st through both layers.**

Starting in top right hand corner of first long edge: 1 ch (does not count as a st), sc in first st, sc in each of next 19 st, sc in each of 12 row ends, sc in each of next 20 st, stuff pillow, sc in each of next 12 row ends. Sl st to first st.(64 sts)

Fasten off, weave in ends.

Rnd 2 Pull up a loop of **Dark Blue/Pink** yarn in first st of **Rnd 1**, 1 ch (does not count as st) 2 sc in same st as join, sc in each of next 18 st, 2 sc in each of next 2 st, sc in each of next 10 st, 2 sc in each of next 2 st, sc in each of next 18 st, 2 sc in each of next 2 st, sc in each of next 10 st, 2 sc in last st. (72 sts)

Rnd 3 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 20 st, 2 sc in each of next 2 st, sc in each of next 12 st, 2 sc in each of next 2 st, sc in each of next 20 st, 2 sc in each of next 2 st, sc in each of next 12 st, 2 sc in last st. (80 sts)

Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Frill

Rnd 4 Pull up a loop of **White** yarn in first st of **Rnd 3**, *[Slst in next st, (hdc, dc) in next st, (dc, hdc) in next st, Slst in next st] 20 times. (20 scallops)

Fasten off, weave in ends.

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