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Lenny Lion

Amigurumi Crochet Pattern

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★ 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 enable you to translate one to the other.

American (US)		British (UK)	
ch	chain	ch	chain
Sl st	slip stitch	ss	slip stitch
sc	single crochet	dc	double crochet

Abbreviations & Symbols

cm	centimeters
mm	millimetres
Rnd(s)	Round(s)
st(s)	stitch(es)
invdec	invisible decrease
[]	Square brackets contain a group of stitches to be worked the amount of times indicated after the brackets
"	inches

Special Stitch Explanations

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, as its name suggests, 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.

Loop 1

Insert hook into next sc, form loop of yarn around first finger, draw this loop out to approx. 1" (2 cm), now draw both strands of this looped yarn through sc, wrap yarn round hook and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

Loop 2

Make 2 loops (as described above) in next single crochet.

Color Changing

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

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.

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 above lion measures approx. 12" (30 cm) tall.

Materials for each Lion

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| 1 | Light Worsted Weight, (DK/8 ply) yarn in the following colours:
Yellow (100g), Cream (10g), Orange (50g) Dark Brown (1g)
(Weights are approximate and may vary from those quoted depending on the individual yarns you choose). |
| 2 | 9mm toy safety eyes. (Or beads or yarn instead) |
| 3 | 2 white buttons, approx. ½" (1cm) diameter, each with 2 holes. |
| 4 | Polyester toy stuffing (approx 90g) |



Equipment

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| 1 | Size D/3 (3.25mm) Crochet Hook |
| 2 | Scissors |
| 3 | Large yarn needle |
| 4 | Sewing needle, approx 3" (8cm) or longer (for jointing legs) It must be quite sturdy, but also be able to pass through holes of button. |
| 5 | Stitch marker |

★The Pattern



Eye Patches

Make 2 pieces alike, starting at middle of patch. Working in rows.

With **Cream** yarn make 2 ch.

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| Row 1 | (Right side) 4 sc in second ch from hook, 1 ch (does not count as stitch), turn. (4 sts) |
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Row 2	2 sc in each st across, 1 ch (does not count as stitch), turn. (8 sts)
Row 3	[Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 4 times. (12 sts)
	Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Muzzle

	Make 1 piece, starting at center.
	With Cream 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 next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 4	[Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (24 sts)
Rnd 5	[Sc in each of next 3 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (30 sts)
	Change to Yellow yarn.
Rnd 6	Working in back loops only, sc in each st around.
Rnd 7	Working in both loops again, sc in each st around.
Rnds 8-10	Sc in each st around. (3 rounds)
	Fasten off, leaving a long end for sewing. Tie off and trim color change ends.

Head

	Make 1 piece starting at crown of head. Working in continuous spiral rounds.
	With Yellow 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 next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 4	[Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (24 sts)
Rnd 5	[Sc in each of next 3 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (30 sts)
Rnd 6	[Sc in each of next 4 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (36 sts)
Rnd 7	[Sc in each of next 5 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (42 sts)
Rnd 8	[Sc in each of next 6 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (48 sts)
Rnd 9	[Sc in each of next 7 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (54 sts)
Rnds 10-22	Sc in each st around. (13 rounds)
Rnd 23	[Sc in each of next 7 st, invdec] 6 times. (48 sts)
Rnd 24	[Sc in each of next 6 st, invdec] 6 times. (42 sts)
Rnd 25	[Sc in each of next 5 st, invdec] 6 times. (36 sts)
Rnd 26	[Sc in each of next 4 st, invdec] 6 times. (30 sts)
Rnd 27	[Sc in each of next 3 st, invdec] 6 times. (24 sts)
	Attach safety eyes between rounds 13 & 14, leaving approx 2" (5 cm) gap for the muzzle (double check against size of muzzle to be sure). Do not sew edges of eye patches to face until the head is stuffed and the muzzle is sewn in place. The inside of the eye patches should follow the curved edges of the muzzle.
Rnd 28	[Sc in each of next 2 st, invdec] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 29	[Sc in next st, invdec] 6 times. (12 sts)
	Stuff head at this point.
Rnd 30	[Invdec] 6 times. (6 sts)
	Fasten off, leaving a long tail for finishing. 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.

Stuff muzzle and sew to middle of face in between eye patches. Now over sew down edges of eye patches with inside of eye patches following curve of muzzle.

Using a strand of **Dark Brown** yarn, embroider nose with running stitches fanning out from center of muzzle. Use a single vertical running stitch for mouth. Finish with a few long stitches across top of nose to neaten edge. (See notes on starting and finishing embroidered stitches on page 2).

Mane

(For loop stitch see special stitch explanation on page 2).

Make 1 piece starting at center of mane. Working in continuous spiral rounds.

With **Orange** 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 Loop 2 in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)

Rnd 3 [Loop 1 in next st, loop 2 in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)

Rnd 4 [Loop 1 in each of next 2 st, loop 2 in next st] 6 times. (24 sts)

Rnd 5 [Loop 1 in each of next 3 st, loop 2 in next st] 6 times. (30 sts)

Rnd 6 [Loop 1 in each of next 4 st, loop 2 in next st] 6 times. (36 sts)

Rnd 7 [Loop 1 in each of next 5 st, loop 2 in next st] 6 times. (42 sts)

Rnd 8 [Loop 1 in each of next 6 st, loop 2 in next st] 6 times. (48 sts)

Rnd 9 [Loop 1 in each of next 7 st, loop 2 in next st] 6 times. (54 sts)

Rnds 10-18 Loop 1 in each st around. (9 rounds)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Sew to top and back of lion's head using back stitch around edge of mane.

Ears

Make 2 pieces alike, starting at tip of ear. Working in continuous spiral rounds.

With **Yellow** yarn make 2 ch.

Rnd 1 3 sc in second ch from hook. (3 sts)

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

Rnd 2 2 sc in each of next 3 st. (6 sts)

Rnd 3 [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (9 sts)

Rnd 4 [Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (12 sts)

Rnd 5 Sc in each st around.

Rnd 6 [Sc in each of next 3 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (15 sts)

Rnd 7 [Sc in each of next 4 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (18 sts)

Rnd 8 [Sc in each of next 5 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (21 sts)

Rnds 9-10 Sc in each st around. (2 rounds)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Over sew bottom edge of ears together.

Ear Patches

Make 2 pieces alike, starting at base of patch. Working in rows.

With **Cream** yarn make 7 ch.

Row 1 Sc in second ch from hook, sc in each of remaining 5 ch, turn. (6 sts)

Row 2 1 ch (does not count as stitch), skip first st, sc in each of remaining 5 st, turn. (5 sts)

Row 3 1 ch (does not count as stitch), skip first st, sc in each of remaining 4 st, turn. (4 sts)

Row 4 1 ch (does not count as stitch), skip first st, sc in each of remaining 3 st, turn. (3 sts)

Row 5 1 ch (does not count as stitch), skip first st, sc in each of remaining 2 st, turn. (2 sts)

Row 6	1 ch (does not count as stitch), skip first st, sc in remaining st. (1 st)
	Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Sew to front of ear. Sew ears on top of mane. Place 2 rows back from front edge of mane and approx 2½" (6cm) apart.

Body

	Make 1 piece starting at bottom. Working in continuous spiral rounds.
	With Yellow 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 next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 4	[Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (24 sts)
Rnd 5	[Sc in each of next 3 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (30 sts)
Rnd 6	[Sc in each of next 4 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (36 sts)
Rnd 7	[Sc in each of next 5 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (42 sts)
Rnd 8	[Sc in each of next 6 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (48 sts)
Rnds 9-14	Sc in each st around. (6 rounds)
Rnd 15	[Sc in each of next 6 st, invdec] 6 times. (42 sts)
Rnds 16-17	Sc in each st around. (2 rounds)
Rnd 18	[Sc in each of next 5 st, invdec] 6 times. (36 sts)
Rnds 19-20	Sc in each st around. (2 rounds)
Rnd 21	[Sc in each of next 4 st, invdec] 6 times. (30 sts)
Rnds 22-24	Sc in each st around. (3 rounds)
Rnd 25	[Sc in each of next 3 st, invdec] 6 times. (24 sts)
Rnds 26-28	Sc in each st around. (3 rounds)
Rnd 29	[Sc in each of next 2 st, invdec] 6 times. (18 sts)
	Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Stuff body. Sew to base of head.

Chest Patch

	Make 1 piece, starting at center of patch. Working in continuous spiral rounds.
	With Cream 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 next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 4	[Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (24 sts)
	Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Sew to center of chest.

Arms

	Make 2 pieces alike, starting at center of paw. Working in continuous spiral rounds.
	With Cream 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 next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 4	[Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (24 sts)
	Change to Yellow yarn.
Rnds 5-9	Sc in each st around. (5 rounds)

Rnd 10 [Sc in each of next 2 st, invdec] 6 times. (18 sts)

Rnds 11-15 Sc in each st around. (5 rounds)

Rnd 16 [Sc in each of next 4 st, invdec] 3 times. (15 sts)

Rnds 17-25 Sc in each st around. (9 rounds)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Stuff arms. Sew top of arm together to form a flat seam. Place flat seam horizontally against side of body, sew in place 2 rounds down from bottom of head.

Legs

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

With **Cream** 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 completed each round.

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 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (24 sts)

Rnd 5 [Sc in each of next 3 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (30 sts)

Rnd 6 [Sc in each of next 4 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (36 sts)

Change to **Yellow** yarn.

Rnds 7-10 Sc in each st around. (4 rounds)

Rnd 11 Sc in each of next 18 st, [Sc in next st, invdec] 6 times. (30 sts)

Rnd 12 Sc in each of next 18 st, [invdec] 6 times. (24 sts)

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

Rnd 15 [Sc in each of next 2 st, invdec] 6 times. (18 sts)

Rnds 16-31 Sc in each st around. (16 rounds)

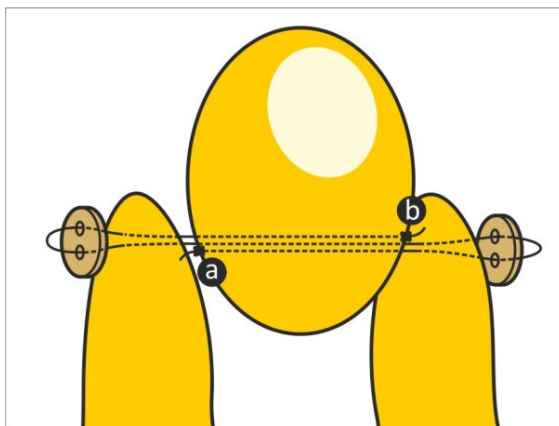
Rnd 32 [Sc in next st, invdec] 6 times. (12 sts)

Stuff leg at this point.

Rnd 33 [Invdec] 6 times. (6 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for finishing. 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.

Thread a doubled up strand of **Yellow** yarn through long needle. Sew legs to side of body as indicated below, with starting knot at position (a) and finishing knot at position (b). Pull tightly each time you pass needle through to form shaping and make firm joints, fasten off securely. The legs will now articulate from standing to sitting as required.



Tail

Make 1 piece starting at tip. Working in continuous spiral rounds.

With **Yellow** yarn and leaving a long tail for sewing tassel in place, make 2 ch.

Rnd 1 3 sc in second ch from hook. (3 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. (6 sts)

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

Rnd 7 [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (9 sts)

Rnds 8-19 Sc in each st around. (12 rounds)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Thread large yarn needle with 6 strands of **Orange** yarn cut to 8" lengths, fold in half with needle positioned at fold. Knot loose ends together. Thread through inside of tail coming out at tip so that the knot catches inside tip of tail. Cut through all 12 strands leaving 1" (2cm) ends to form tassel. Sew a few stitches with **Yellow** yarn to secure tassel. Weave in end. Do not stuff tail. Sew tail to back of body.



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