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SHELLEY, SHELDON & SHELBY THE SNAIL FAMILY

Amigurumi Crochet Pattern

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Shelley, Sheldon and Shelby

★ 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
sc	single crochet	dc	double crochet
dc	double crochet	tr	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
"	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 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.

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. 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).

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 (in this case, the mouth), 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 Shelley measures approximately 8" (21 cm) tall. Sheldon/Shelby measure approximately 5" (13 cm) tall.

Note: Work all stitches in both loops unless otherwise instructed at beginning of round.

Materials for each

1	Light worsted weight, (DK/8 ply) yarn in the following color suggestions: Shelley: Green, White, Black, Brown, Beige. Sheldon/Shelby: Green, White, Black, Light Blue/Pink, Mid Blue/Pink, Dark Blue/Pink.
2	Polyester toy stuffing. For Shelley
3	2 x 9 mm black plastic toy safety eyes.
4	2 x ½" (1 cm) pink buttons, or circles of pink felt. (For rosy cheeks) For Sheldon/Shelby.
5	2 x 6 mm black plastic safety eyes.
6	2 x ¼" (0.5 cm) pink buttons, or circles of pink felt. (For rosy cheeks)

Equipment

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



Shelley the Snail



Head and Body

Eye Stalks

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

With **Green** yarn and leaving a long yarn tail on outside of work for sewing, 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 Working in Back Loops Only: Sc in each st around.

Rnds 3-4 Sc in each st around. (2 rounds)

Rnd 5 [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (9 sts)

Rnd 6 Sc in each st around.

Rnd 7 [Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (12 sts)

Rnd 8 [Sc in each of next 3 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (15 sts)

Rnd 9 [Sc in each of next 4 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (18 sts)

Fasten off and weave in end on first piece. Leave yarn attached on second piece and continue with the **Head and Body** as follows:

To join: (Fig 1)

Rnd 10 Sc in all 18 st on first piece, sc in all 18 st on second piece. (36 sts)

Rnds 11-18 Sc in each st around. (8 rounds)

Rnd 19 [Sc in each of next 4 st, invdec] 6 times. (30 sts)

Rnd 20 [Sc in each of next 8 st, invdec] 3 times. (27 sts)

Use tweezers to stuff eye stalks and head. Continue stuffing as you go.

Rnd 21 [Sc in each of next 7 st, invdec] 3 times. (24 sts)

Rnds 22-61 Sc in each st around. (40 rounds)

Rnd 62 [Sc in each of next 6 st, invdec] 3 times. (21 sts)

Rnd 63 [Sc in each of next 5 st, invdec] 3 times. (18 sts)

Rnd 64 [Sc in each of next 4 st, invdec] 3 times. (15 sts)

Rnd 65 [Sc in each of next 3 st, invdec] 3 times. (12 sts)

Rnd 66 [Sc in each of next 2 st, invdec] 3 times. (9 sts)

Rnd 67 [Sc in next st, invdec] 3 times. (6 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn 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.

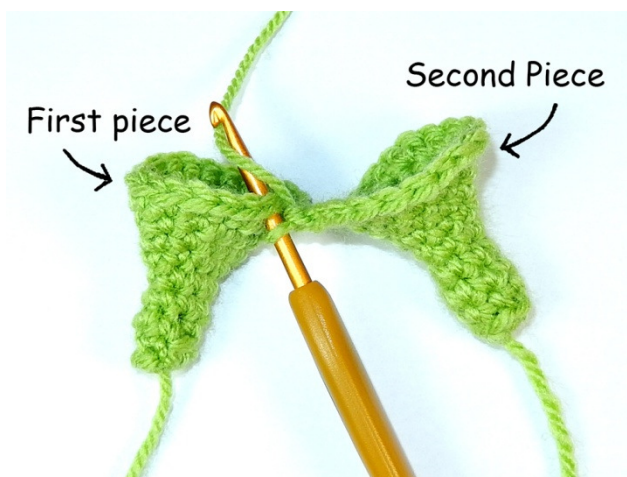


Fig.1 Joining the two eye stalks.

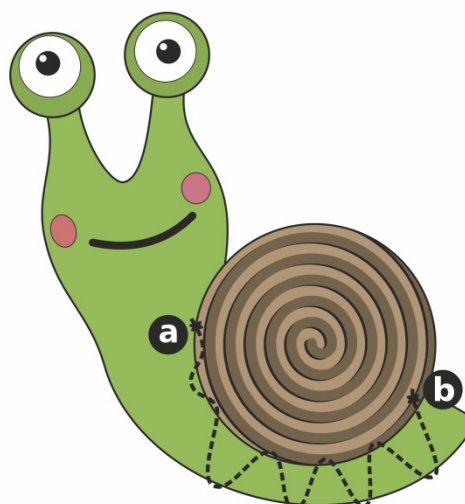


Fig.2 Sewing the shell to the body. Position head to the left or right.

Eyes

	Make 2 pieces. Starting at center of eye. Working in continuous spiral rounds.
	With White 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) Change to Green yarn.
Rnd 3	[Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnds 4-6	Sc in each st around. (3 rounds) Insert 9 mm safety eye through center of round 1.
Rnd 7	[Sc in next st, invdec] 6 times. (12 sts)
Rnd 8	[Invdec] 6 times. (6 sts) Fasten off. Use tweezers to stuff eye. 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.
	Sew eyes to top of eye stalks.

Shell

	Make 1 piece starting at center front. Working in continuous spiral rounds.
	With Brown yarn make 2 ch.
Rnd 1	6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts) Change to Black yarn and continue in stripe pattern beginning with 1 round Black (Bl) , followed by 1 round Beige (Be) , followed by 1 round Brown (Br) , as indicated at beginning of each round.
Rnd 2	(Bl) Sc in each st around.
Rnd 3	(Be) 2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)
Rnd 4	(Br) Sc in each st around.
Rnd 5	(Bl) Working in Front Loops Only: [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 6	(Be) Sc in each st around.
Rnd 7	(Br) Sc in each st around.
Rnd 8	(Bl) Working in Front Loops Only: [Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (24 sts)
Rnd 9	(Be) [Sc in each of next 3 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (30 sts)

Rnd 10	(Br) [Sc in each of next 4 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (36 sts)
Rnd 11	(Bl) Sc in each st around.
Rnd 12	(Be) Sc in each st around.
Rnd 13	(Br) Sc in each st around.
Rnd 14	(Bl) Working in Front Loops Only: [Sc in each of next 5 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (42 sts)
Rnd 15	(Be) [Sc in each of next 6 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (48 sts)
Rnd 16	(Br) [Sc in each of next 7 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (54 sts)
Rnd 17	(Bl) [Sc in each of next 8 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (60 sts)
Rnd 18	(Be) [Sc in each of next 9 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (66 sts)
Rnd 19	(Br) Sc in each st around.
Rnd 20	(Bl) Sc in each st around.
Rnd 21	(Be) Sc in each st around.
Rnds 22-24	[Repeat Rnds 19-21] one more time (3 rounds)
Rnd 25	(Br) [Sc in each of next 9 st, invdec] 6 times. (60 sts)
Rnd 26	(Bl) [Sc in each of next 8 st, invdec] 6 times. (54 sts)
Rnd 27	(Be) [Sc in each of next 7 st, invdec] 6 times. (48 sts)
Rnd 28	(Br) [Sc in each of next 6 st, invdec] 6 times. (42 sts)
Rnd 29	(Bl) [Sc in each of next 5 st, invdec] 6 times. (36 sts)
Rnd 30	(Be) [Sc in each of next 4 st, invdec] 6 times. (30 sts)
Rnd 31	(Br) [Sc in each of next 3 st, invdec] 6 times. (24 sts)
Rnd 32	(Bl) [Sc in each of next 2 st, invdec] 6 times. (18 sts)
	Stuff shell.
Rnd 33	(Be) [Sc in next st, invdec] 6 times. (12 sts)
Rnd 34	(Br) [Invdec] 6 times. (6 sts)
	Fasten off, leaving a long yarn 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.
	Curl body around shell so that the face of the snail is facing to the front and pin in position. Thread a yarn needle with a doubled up piece of Green yarn. Sew bottom of shell to top of body as indicated in (Fig.2) with starting knot at point (a) and finishing knot at point (b) . Pull gently on the stitches that go right through the base of the body to flatten the bottom of the snail slightly.

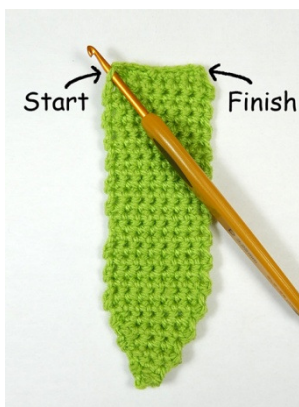


Fig. 3 Start and finish points for Row 30 of Shelley's frilly foot. (Row 17 for Sheldon/Shelby).

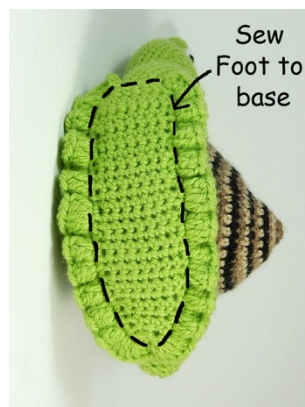


Fig.4 With Green yarn sew foot to base in between the rows indicated by black lines.



Fig.5 Angled view



Fig.6 Side view

Frilly Foot

	Make 1 piece starting at front edge. Working back and forth in rows. With Green yarn make 9 ch .
Row 1	Sc in second ch from hook, sc in each remaining 7 ch, turn. (8 sts) (Note: 1 ch at beginning of each row does not count as a stitch.)
Rows 2-22	1 ch, sc in each st to end, turn. (21 rows)
Row 23	1 ch, skip next st, sc in each remaining st to end, turn. (7 sts)
Row 24	1 ch, skip next st, sc in each remaining st to end, turn. (6 sts)
Row 25	1 ch, skip next st, sc in each remaining st to end, turn. (5 sts)
Row 26	1 ch, skip next st, sc in each remaining st to end, turn. (4 sts)
Row 27	1 ch, skip next st, sc in each remaining st to end, turn. (3 sts)
Row 28	1 ch, skip next st, sc in each remaining st to end, turn. (2 sts)
Row 29	1 ch, skip next st, sc in each remaining st to end. (1 st) Fasten off. Weave in ends.
Row 30	Pull up a loop of Green yarn in st to left of front edge (Fig.3). 1 ch, (does not count as st) sc in same st as join, sc in each of next 28 row ends down first side of foot, sc in each of next 29 row ends up second side of foot, turn. (58 sts)
Row 31	3 ch, (counts as first dc), 2 dc in stitch at base of 3 ch, 3 dc in each of next 57 st. (You have now reached the opposite side of the front edge from where you started). Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing. Position foot at base of snail and sew in place using back stitch between rows 30 and 31. (Fig.4)

Finishing touches

	With a strand of Black yarn embroider a smiley mouth with running stitch. Sew a small pink button to either side of face for cheeks. (Or sew on felt circles instead).
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Sheldon/Shelby

Head and Body

	Eye Stalks Make 2 pieces starting at tip. Working in continuous spiral rounds. With Green yarn and leaving a long yarn tail on outside of work for sewing, 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	Working in Back Loops Only: Sc in each st around.
Rnd 3	Sc in each st around.
Rnd 4	[Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (9 sts)
Rnd 5	Sc in each st around.
Rnd 6	[Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times. (12 sts) Fasten off and weave in end on first piece. Leave yarn attached on second piece and continue with the Head and Body as follows:
	To join: (Fig 1)
Rnd 10	Sc in all 12 st on first piece, sc in all 12 st on second piece (24 sts)
Rnds 11-15	Sc in each st around. (5 rounds)
Rnd 16	[Sc in each of next 2 st, invdec] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 17	[Sc in each of next 4 st, invdec] 3 times. (15 sts) Use tweezers to stuff eye stalks and head. Continue stuffing as you go.

Rnds 18-41	Sc in each st around. (24 rounds)
Rnd 42	[Sc in each of next 3 st, invdec] 3 times. (12 sts)
Rnd 44	[Sc in each of next 2 st, invdec] 3 times. (9 sts)
Rnd 45	[Sc in next st, invdec] 3 times. (6 sts)
	Fasten off, leaving a long yarn 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.

Eyes

	Make 2 pieces. Starting at center of eye. Working in continuous spiral rounds.
	With White 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.
	Change to Green yarn.
Rnd 2	2 sc in each of next 6 st. (12 sts)
Rnds 3-4	Sc in each st around. (2 rounds)
	Insert 6 mm safety eye through center of round 1.
Rnd 5	[Invdec] 6 times. (6 sts)
	Fasten off. Use tweezers to stuff eye. 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.
	Sew eyes to top of eye stalks.

Shell

	Make 1 piece starting at center front. Working in continuous spiral rounds.
	With Mid Blue/Pink yarn make 2 ch.
Rnd 1	6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sts)
	Change to Dark Blue/Pink yarn and continue in stripe pattern beginning with 1 round Dark Blue/Pink (D) , followed by 1 round Light Blue/Pink (L) , followed by 1 round Mid Blue/Pink (M) , as indicated at beginning of each round.
Rnd 2	(D) Sc in each st around.
Rnd 3	(L) 2 sc in each st around. (12 sts)
Rnd 4	(M) Sc in each st around.
Rnd 5	(D) Working in Front Loops Only: [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (18 sts)
Rnd 6	(L) [Sc in each of next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (24 sts)
Rnd 7	(M) Sc in each st around.
Rnd 8	(D) Sc in each st around.
Rnd 9	(L) Working in Front Loops Only: [Sc in each of next 3 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (30 sts)
Rnd 10	(M) [Sc in each of next 4 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (36 sts)
Rnd 11	(D) [Sc in each of next 5 st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. (42 sts)
Rnd 12	(L) Sc in each st around.
Rnd 13	(M) Sc in each st around.
Rnd 14	(D) Sc in each st around.
Rnd 15	(L) Sc in each st around.
Rnd 16	(M) [Sc in each of next 5 st, invdec] 6 times. (36 sts)
Rnd 17	(D) [Sc in each of next 4 st, invdec] 6 times. (30 sts)
Rnd 18	(L) [Sc in each of next 3 st, invdec] 6 times. (24 sts)
Rnd 19	(M) [Sc in each of next 2 st, invdec] 6 times. (18 sts)
	Stuff shell.
Rnd 20	(D) [Sc in next st, invdec] 6 times. (12 sts)

Rnd 21	(L) [Invdec] 6 times. (6 sts)
	Fasten off, leaving a long yarn 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.
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Frilly Foot

	Make 1 piece starting at front edge. Working back and forth in rows.
	With Green yarn make 5 ch .
Row 1	Sc in second ch from hook, sc in each remaining 3 ch, turn. (4 sts) (Note: 1 ch at beginning of each row does not count as a stitch.)
Rows 2-13	1 ch, sc in each st to end, turn. (12 rows)
Row 14	1 ch, skip next st, sc in each remaining st to end, turn. (3 sts)
Row 15	1 ch, skip next st, sc in each remaining st to end, turn. (2 sts)
Row 16	1 ch, skip next st, sc in each remaining st to end. (1 st) Fasten off. Weave in ends.
Row 17	Pull up a loop of Green yarn in st to left of front edge (Fig.3) . 1 ch, (does not count as st) sc in same st as join, sc in each of next 15 row ends down first side of foot, sc in each of next 16 row ends up second side of foot, turn. (32 sts)
Row 18	3 ch, (counts as first dc), 2 dc in stitch at base of 3 ch, 3 dc in each of next 31 st. (You have now reached the opposite side of the front edge from where you started). Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing. Position foot at base of snail and sew in place using back stitch between rows 17 and 18. (Fig.4)

Finishing touches

	With a strand of Black yarn embroider a smiley mouth with running stitch.
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