



TorGri, The Lucky Tortoise Pattern (Crochet)



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If you are wondering what is that metal tortoise on the right doing in this pattern, that is our FengShui (geomancy) good luck tortoise, the source of my inspiration to make TroGri. Surely, TroGri is cuter!

TroGri measures approximately 9.5cm from head to tail, and around 5cm across his base. Note that the size of the finished doll varies with yarn type and tension.

This pattern is to be worked in rounds, mark the last stitch of each row with a stitch marker or small safety pin. To avoid confusion, abbreviation is provided here.

Materials required:

Yarn type: Sports Yarn (4 ply)
Colors used: Yellow, Green, Sparkling blue (for the flower on the back)
Crochet hook: Tulip brand hook size 1/0 (1.75mm); you may use any hook that is appropriate for 4 ply yarn
Fill: Polyfill or Fiberfill
Needle: Sewing needle
Eyes: Black color beads, or craft eyes
Sewing thread: Black color sewing thread to sew the black beaded eyes (omit this if you are using craft eyes),
Pink DMC thread for the smile

(Optional)

Chain: Chain for hooking up doll (Keychain is suitable if desired)
Jumping: To connect the hump of doll to the chain

Special Note:

This pattern is not to be redistributed or resale. However, you may sell the finished doll freely.

Please feel free to contact me at lis.tan@simpleartsplanet.com if you need further assistance on this pattern, do not feel embarrassed to ask me even the simplest question, I'd been through that stage, and I sincerely want to help you sail through the project.

Abbreviations:

sc	-	Single crochet
st	-	Stitch
sl st	-	Slip stitch
lp	-	loop (outer and inner)
inc	-	Increase stitch (2 sc in same stitch)
dec	-	Decrease stitch (sc over 2 stitches)



WPI (Wrap Per Inch)

To measure the WPI of the yarn, wrap the yarn over a ruler, till it reaches 1 inch, count the number of wraps, and you will obtain the WPI.

The 4 ply yarn I am using in this pattern measures 18 WPI; while the 8 ply yarn I have measures 15 WPI.

Head

(Yellow Color)

Row 1:	Magic loop, 7sc	(7)	(Refer to illustration page for magic lp instruction)
Row 2:	inc around	(14)	
Row 3:	(1 sc, inc in next st) 7 times	(21)	
Row 4:	7 sc, (inc in next st) 7 times, 7 sc	(28)	
Row 5-6:	sc around	(28)	
Row 7:	7 sc, (dec in next 2 st) 7 times, 7sc	(21)	
Row 8:	sc around	(21)	
Row 9:	(1 sc, dec in next 2 st) 7 times	(14)	
Row 10:	sc around	(14)	
Row 11:	(1 sc, dec in next 2 st) 4 times, 2 sc	(10)	
Row 12-15:	sc around	(10)	

(sl st on next st, leave yarn enough for sewing head to body - refer to illustration page)
Stuff fiberfill



Hump

(Green Color)

Row 1:	Magic loop, 7sc	(7)
Row 2:	inc around	(14)
Row 3:	(1 sc, inc in next st) 7 times	(21)
Row 4:	(2 sc, inc in next st) 7 times	(28)
Row 5:	(3 sc, inc in next st) 7 times	(35)
Row 6:	(4 sc, inc in next st) 7 times	(42)
Row 7-14:	sc around	(42)
Row 15:	work on *outer lp, inc around	(84)

(sl st on next st, fasten off)



Base

(Yellow Color) (refer to illustration to join yarn)

Row 1:	work on *inner lp, sc around	(42)
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(refer to illustration page for working on row 2)

Row 2:	(4 sc, dec over next 2 st) 7 times	(35)
Row 3:	(3 sc, dec over next 2 st) 7 times	(28)
Row 4:	(2 sc, dec over next 2 st) 7 times	(21)
Row 5:	(1 sc, dec over next 2 st) 7 times	(14)

Start stuffing fiberfill

Row 6:	dec around	(7)
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(sl st on next st, sew shut the opening (refer to illustration page), fasten off)



Limbs, make 4

(Yellow Color)

Row 1:	Magic Loop, 7 sc	(7)
Row 2:	(1 sc, inc in next st) 3 times, 1 sc	(10)
Row 3-4:	sc around	(10)

(sl st on next st, stuff fiberfill, leave enough yarn to sew)

Tail

(Yellow Color)

Row 1:	Magic loop, 4 sc	(4)
Row 2:	(1 sc, inc in next st) 2 times	(6)
Row 3:	(2 sc, inc in next st) 2 times	(8)
Row 4:	(3 sc, inc in next st) 2 times	(10)
Row 5:	sc around	(10)

(sl st on next st, sew flat the opening, leave enough yarn to sew)



Sewing the parts

Personally, I find this sequence easier. (refer to illustration page for sewing parts)

1. Sew head to body base
2. Sew tail to body base (align inline with head)
3. Sew limbs to body base
4. Sew smile to face
5. Sew eyes to face
6. Sew flower on the back of doll

(You may use needles to position the limbs before actually sewing)

Magic Loop



Coil yarn over finger (2 rounds)



Pull out the coiled yarn and hold



Insert hook into coiled loops



Pull through yarn, sc as pattern
do not count this st



Adjust the tightness by pulling both
loops (one loop each time)



Tighten the loop

Working on Outer Loop



Fig. 1-2: Work on the outer loop (in red color indication) **DO NOT** insert on both loops.

Fig 3: When you look into the inner part of your work, you should see the inner loop (yellow color indication) revealing. You will need to work on this inner loop when starting with the body base in yellow.

Joining the yellow color yarn



Insert hook into first and last inner loops ('work in rounds' method will create staggered loop)



Pull through yellow yarn



sc as per pattern instruction, work on the inner loop only



DO NOT count the first pull through stitch



Continue row 2 of body base on the 1st stitch of row 1.

Body Base – Sew Close



To sew close the last row of body base, use a sewing needle and stitch around as illustrated in the image. Pull as you sew around, and fasten off at last stitch.



Pull as you sew around, and fasten off at last stitch.

TorGro's Head



Hold the head with the pointed side facing down



Sew flat the opening by stitching around as illustrated
DO NOT cut short the yarn, you need to sew head onto base



Sew the head onto the base



Be sure to sew the head (upper) to the base nearest to the green stitch



stitch the head to the hump (so that the head is lifted)

Parts Position



After the tail is sewn to the base, work on the limbs. You may use pin down the limbs to the body before actual sewing



Sew the limbs to the utmost end of base, nearest to green stitch

Sew the flower



With the first stitch as the centre (1) of the flower, go through and out around 2 rows from stitch (2)



Use the yarn to go over the needle



Pull tight, and insert needle from (2) back to centre (1). Repeat the steps



Your flower should look like that.