

Cute Dinosaur

crochet pattern by Teri Crews Designs



Materials:

~Worsted Weight Yarn

3-3 and 1/2 oz of Teal, 2 oz of Bright Green, Tiny amount of Black. Size G (4mm) crochet hook, fiberfill, tapestry needle and 1 pair of 12mm safety eyes (if you are unable to find safety eyes at your local craft store, 6060.etsy.com has a large selection to choose from)

Optional Materials:

small piece (less than 1") of white felt for under eyes

Finished measurements: approx. 11 inches long from side of head to tip of tail and 7 and 1/2 inches tall from top of head to bottom of feet.

Abbreviations and Stitches Used:

ch=chain

hdc=half double crochet

sl st = slip stitch

beg=beginning

tc=treble crochet

rnd= round

st(s)=stitch or stitches

() or [] = repeat enclosed, number of times indicated after

fo=fasten off

sc=single crochet

2sctog = sc 2 stitches together



Notes and Tips:

Helpful to read these before starting and maybe even again when it's time to put your softie together

~Do not join pieces that are crocheted in the round unless otherwise indicated

~A stitch marker will come in handy when repeating rounds or another helpful way to keep track of your rounds is to, start all pieces with a long tail, pull the tail through the beginning stitch of each round.

~Use a tiny piece of felt under eyes to help them stand out. Cut two small circles (tracing around a button, just slightly bigger than your eyes will help make a nice circle). Cut a small slit in the center of the circle, insert eye stem and attach to head.

Remember not to close the bottom of the head until you have secured safety eye fasteners.

~Needle sculpting will help eyes stand out. Thread tapestry needle with two plies yarn . Insert needle under the head where stitches won't be seen. Secure yarn and bring needle up in a stitch as close to the inside corner of the right eye as you can (right under eyelid), move needle across eye to outside edge at a slight angle, insert needle and go back down under head, tug gently to slightly indent your eye and hold stitch in place, re-insert the needle and repeat for the other eye. Still not sure how this works? Be sure to visit my website for more information and video tutorial on needle sculpting.

~Attaching legs: My dinosaur's body is about 1 inch from the ground (be sure to look at photos for help with placement).

Start by attaching the front legs. Thread tapestry needle and secure on side yarn on one side of body where stitch won't be seen once the leg is attached. Begin attaching legs by sewing through a couple stitches on the inside of the leg (about 1 inch down in the center), insert needle back into body going through to other side, repeat sewing through a few stitches on the inside of the opposite leg. Repeat sewing through body and legs at least 3-4 times. Repeat for back legs. .

Head

starting at front of face

1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook (6)

2: 2 sc in each sc (12)

3: (sc in next sc, sc 2 in next sc) around (18)

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- 4: (sc in each of the next 2 sc, sc 2 in next sc) around (24)
- 5: (sc in each of the next 3 sc, sc 2 in next sc) around (30)
- 6-9: sc in each sc (30)
- 10: hdc 2 in each of the next 3 sc, sc in each remaining sc (33)
- 11: repeat round 10 (36)
- 12: sc in each st (36)
- 13: (sc in each of the next 5 sc, sc 2 in next sc) around (42)
- 14: sc in each sc (42)
- 15: (sc in each of the next 5 sc, sc2tog) around (36)
- 16: (sc in each of the next 4 sc, sc 2 in next sc) around (30)
- 17-18: sc in each sc (30)
- 19: (sc in each of the next 3 sc, sc2tog) around (24)
- 20: sc in each sc (24)
- 21: (sc in each of the next 2 sc, sc2tog) around (18)
- 22: sc in each sc, join with sl st. **FO, leave a long tail for sewing. Secure safety eyes (refer to notes and tips). Stuff head, thread tapestry needle with ending yarn. Weave through remaining stitches, pull tight to close.**

Body

starting at bottom

- 1-5: repeat rounds 1-5 of head (30)
- 6: (sc in each of the next 4 sc, sc 2 in next sc) around (36)
- 7-11: sc in each sc (36)
- 12: (sc in each of the next 4 sc, sc2tog) around (30)
- 13-17: sc in each sc (30)
- 18: (sc in each of the next 3 sc, sc2tog) around (24)
- 19-24: sc in each sc (24)
- 25: (sc in each of the next 2 sc, sc2tog) around (18)
- 26: sc in each sc, join with a sl st. **FO, leave a long tail for sewing. Stuff, thread tapestry needle with ending yarn. Weave through remaining stitches, pull tight to close.**

Tail

starting at end

- 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook
- 2: sc in each sc (6)
- 3-4: sc 2 in each of the next 2 sc, sc in each remaining sc (8), (10)
- 5: sc in each sc (10)
- 6-8: sc 2 in each of the next 2 sc, sc in each remaining sc (12), (14), (16)
- 9: sc in each sc (16)
- 10-11: sc 2 in each of the next 2 sc, sc in each remaining sc (18), (20)
- 12: sc in each sc (20)
- 13: sc 2 in each of the next 2 sc, sc in each remaining sc (22), join with sl st. **FO, leave a long tail for sewing. Stuff lightly, whip stitch to back of body(after directly in the center, around beginning round).**

Legs (make 2)

starting at bottom of foot with bright green

- 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook (6)
- 2: 2 sc in each sc (12)
- 3: (sc in next sc, sc 2 in next sc) around (18), **change to teal yarn**
- 4: **working in back loops for this round only**, sc in each sc (18)
- 5: sc in each sc
- 6: (sc in next sc, sc2tog) around (12)
- 7: sc in each sc (12)
- 8: [sc2tog] 2 times, sc in each remaining sc (10)

9-13: sc in each sc, join last round with sl st. **FO, leave a long tail for sewing. Stuff, thread tapestry needle with ending yarn. Weave through remaining stitches, pull tight to close.**



Spikes

with bright green, working in back and forth

- 1: ch 29, sc in 3rd ch from hook, dc in next ch, tc in next ch, ch 3, sl st in 1st ch (picot), ch 3, sl st in same ch, sc in next ch, (hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, tc in next ch, ch 3, sl st in 1st ch, ch 3, sl st in same ch, sc in next) repeat to end.
FO, weave in ends, sew spikes to center of body, beginning at end of tail and going up towards neck.

Circles

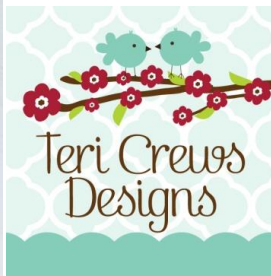
with bright green make 2 small and 2 large or as many as you would like

Small- ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook, join with sl st. FO, weave in ends

- Large- 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook,
2: sc 2 in each sc around, join with sl st. FO, weave in ends

Thank you for choosing this pattern. I hope you enjoy your dinosaur.

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