

Simply Cute Elephant

crochet pattern by Teri Crews



Materials:

Worsted Weight Yarn:

main color-grey

contrasting color-pale blue

small amount of black

three collar colors-red, white, teal

I used "I love this yarn" from Hobby Lobby

and "Impeccable" for the collar from Michael's

Size G Crochet Hook

Fiberfill

Tapestry needle

Optional Materials:

safety eyes (my elephant has 12mm blue safety eyes), beads, buttons or glass,

plastic pellets and scrap nylon if not using as a toy,

blush for a little color

white felt for under eyes

Finished measurements: approx 11 inches not counting ears.

Since this is a toy pattern, gauge is not important. Use a smaller or bigger hook to create different size bears

Abbreviations and Stitches Used:

ch=chain

dc=double crochet

fo=fasten off

hdc=half double crochet

rnd= round

sc=single crochet

sl st = slip stitch

tog = sc 2 stitches together

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Notes and Tips:

Helpful to read these before starting and maybe even again when putting toy together

*Pieces are crocheted in the round, do not join with slip stitch unless indicated in individual piece instructions.

*When stuffing pieces, try not to overstuff. Over stuffing will spread out your stitches making bigger holes and showing too much fiberfill.

*I like to use a stitch counter to count off my rows, or scrap paper to mark off. A stitch marker will come in handy when repeating rounds or you can pull through the beginning tail as you go to help you spot the beginning of each round.

*I crochet all my pieces then put my toy together at the end, but maybe you prefer putting them together as you go.

*Use a little felt under your eyes to help them stand out. Trace around a button that is just a little bit bigger than your eyes. Cut a small slit in the center of the circle, insert eye, and attach to head.

*If your elephant is not going to be a toy you might want to give her a little weight. I fill the bottom of a old knee high nylon with plastic pellets, tie it off and stuff it in my elephant's bottom and tummy, then I fill the rest of the body with fiberfill.

*If using safety or glass eyes, remember not to close the bottom of the head until you have positioned and secured eyes. To help me make sure my eyes are just where I want them I stuff lightly test positions and then remove stuffing and secure eyes.

*After positioning eyes and nose, before securing head, you might want to do a little shaping. Split your yarn into 2 ply and thread tapestry needle. Insert the needle in the bottom of the head, where the stitch won't be seen. Bring needle up right next to the right eye, move over and insert about 3 stitches to the right, pull needle back down through head and pull slightly to make a small indent. Don't pull to tight. Repeat for the other eye, moving over to the left this time. I used black yarn to help my eyes stand out. I also gave my elephant eyebrows. about 2 stitches up from the top of each eye.

*Blush lightly, you can always add more, but it's a bit tricky to get off. You also don't want to rub your stitches out of shape.

*Lightly stuff and shape the trunk before attaching to head. I sewed mine right in the center circle and then even added a few tacking stitches and bends along the way.

*For hair, cut two pieces of yarn about 6 inches long, fold in half, put crochet hook around any stitch on center top of head, pull loop through, grab yarn ends, pull through loop and pull tight. Now separate yarn plies and cut strand to desired length. Add another group of yarn in the stitch next to the first one you used. Add as much or as little hair as you like. I did this 6 times for my elephant for a total of 12 yarn strands. Then I pulled some up and some sideways for a great do.

*Before you put your elephant together, pin his trunk and ears in place to see if your happy with them. Maybe you'd like a smaller or longer trunk or smaller ears.

*Before attaching legs I thread my tapestry needle, hold one leg next to my elephant's bottom and then insert the threaded needle all the way through the body. This shows me where my legs need to be. Then I attach legs by sewing through a couple stitches on the inside of the leg, insert needle back into body and do the same for the other leg. I tug on my yarn slightly to indent my elephant's body just a little but not too tight or he'll be out of portion. Repeat sewing through legs at least 2 times.

*I sew on arms after my legs and head to be sure they are exactly where I want them. Sew them on the same way you did the legs.



Body

with grey yarn

- Rnd 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch. from hook (6)
 2: 2 sc in each sc around (12)
 3: *sc 1, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (18)
 4: *sc 2, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (24)
 5: *sc 3, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (30)
 6-7: sc in each sc around (30)
 8: *sc 4, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (36)
 9-11: sc in each sc around (36)
 12: *sc 4, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (30)
 13-15: sc in each sc around (30)
now is a good time to weave in that beginning tail
 16: *sc 3, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (24)
 17-21: sc in each sc around (24)
 22: *sc 2, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (18)
 23: sc in each sc around (18)

stuff with fiberfill

- 23: sc 2tog around (9) FO leave a long tail to sew.
thread tapestry needle with tail, weave through remaining stitches pull tight to close

Legs and Arms (make 4)

Start sole/bottom with contrasting color

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

2: 2 sc in each sc around (12)

3: *sc 1, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (18)

FO and weave in ends

Start top of foot and arm using main color

Rnd 1: In back loops only for this round, join with slip stitch in any sc, sc in same stitch and each sc around (18)

2: sc in each sc around (18)

3: *sc 1, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (12)

now is a good time to weave in that beginning tail

4-11: sc in ea sc around (12)

stuff bottom firmly, and top lightly

12: sc2tog around (6)

FO, leave a long tail for sewing. Thread a tapestry needle with ending yarn, weave through remaining stitches, pull tightly to close.

Head

with grey yarn

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

2: 2 sc in each sc around (12)

3: *sc 1, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (18)

4: *sc 2, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (24)

5: sc 6, hdc 6, sc 6, hdc 6 (24)

6: *sc 3, 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (30)

7: *sc 4, 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (36)

8: sc 9, hdc 9, sc 9, hdc 9 (36)

9: sc in ea sc around (36)

10: *sc 4, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (30)

11-12: sc in ea sc around (30)

now is a good time to weave in that starting tail

13: *sc 3, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (24)

14: sc in ea sc around (24)

15: *sc 2, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (18)

16: sc in ea sc around (18)

stuff firmly (being careful not to over stretch stitches) if using safety eyes, position now

16: sc2tog around (6) FO leave long tail for sewing.

When your eyes are positioned where you want them, thread tapestry needle with tail yarn, weave through remaining stitches pull tight to close.

Trunk

with grey yarn

Rnd 1: ch 2, 5 sc in 2nd ch. from hook (5)

2: 2 sc in each sc around (10)

3: in back loops only for this round, sc in ea sc around (10)

4-13: sc in ea sc around (10)

FO, leave a long tail for sewing. Stuff lightly, shape as you go. Do not sew up end (when you sew to face, try to you will want to keep circle shape).



Ears (make 2)

with grey yarn

- Rnd 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch. from hook (6)
 2: 2 sc in each sc around (12)
 3: *sc 1, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (18)
 4: *sc 2, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (24)
 5: *sc 3, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (30)
 6: *sc 4, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (36)
 7: sl st in ea sc around (36)

FO, leave a long tail for sewing. Thread tapestry needle with end yarn and weave through about 6 stitches, pull slightly to gather and indent ear slightly. Use remaining tail to sew to head. I sewed my ears on about 4 rounds over from my eyes. I pulled and tugged on them a bit to get them to do what I thought elephant ears should do.

Circles for Collar (make 5)

with red or center color yarn

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

change to white yarn

- 2: 2 sc in ea sc around (12)

change to teal yarn

- 3: *sc, ch 2*, repeat between *'s around (12)

FO, weave in ends.

Cut a long piece of teal yarn, thread tapestry needle, weave through 3 stitches in top of first circle, weave through 3 stitches of each remaining circle, put around elephant's neck, tie a bow (you might want to double knot), spread out circles and your collar is finished.



Hope you enjoy this pattern. I appreciate your business and had a great time creating it.

Thanks,

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