

Simply Cute Giraffe

crochet pattern by Teri L. Crews



Materials:

Worsted Weight Yarn:

3 oz yellow (or main body color), small amount of gold (contrasting color) and a small amount of brown
Size F and Size G Crochet Hooks, Fiberfill and Tapestry needle, 1 pair brown 12mm safety eyes

Optional Materials:

plastic pellets and scrap nylon if not using as a toy, blush for a little color and a small piece of white felt

Finished measurements: approx 13 inches from top of head to bottom of feet, not counting ears and horns. Since this is a toy pattern, gauge is not really that important. Using a different size hooks and yarns weight will give you a smaller or larger toy.

Abbreviations and Stitches Used:

ch=chain	dc=double crochet
fo=fasten off	hdc=half double crochet
rnd= round	sc=single crochet
ss = slip stitch	st=stitch
tr= triple crochet	tog = sc 2 stitches together

Notes and Tips:

Helpful to read these before starting and maybe even again when it's time to put giraffe 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.

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

*Important: Remember not to close the bottom of the head until you have positioned and secured your safety eyes. Cut two small circles of white felt (I trace around a small button, that is just slightly bigger then my eyes, this helps make a smoother circle). Cut a tiny slit in the center of the felt and insert the stem of the safety eye. Next stuff head and decide where you like your eyes best. I think it helps if I also have my nose ready to sew on so that I get a better idea of how my finished face will look. Once I've decided where I like the eyes, I remove the stuffing (holding my eyes in place, or you can mark the position with a tiny pen mark) and attach the back fasteners. Then I re-stuff and close. To close, thread tapestry needle with ending tail, weave through remaining stitches and pull tight to close.

*After securing your giraffe eyes and eyelids, you'll need to do a little needle sculpting to help shape your giraffe's face. You'll also be giving him or her some eyelashes. Thread tapestry needle with brown yarn, insert the needle under the head where stitches won't be seen, bring needle up and as close to the corner of the right eye as possible. Move needle over to other side of eye and out about 2 stitches. Insert the needle and bring back out through the bottom, tug a little to pull the eye (just a bit, not too much, you don't want the eyes sunken). Repeat for another layer of lashes, but do not tug as hard this time, repeat for the other eye and tie off.

*Before attaching legs I thread my tapestry needle, hold one leg next to my giraffe'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 giraffe's body just a little but not too tight or your giraffe will look lopsided. Repeat sewing through legs at least 3 or 4 times.

*I sew on arms after my legs and head (using the same back and forth technique I used for the legs). This way I can be sure I have them where I want them. Remember he is a giraffe so you don't want to put them too high up on his neck, be sure to refer to pictures for help with placement.

*After your giraffe is all put together, add powder blush to cheeks, tummy and the bottom of his feet. Start out lightly, you can always add more, but it's hard to get off once it's on.

Body

with yellow yarn, and G hook (you will be working from the top of the neck down)

- 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch. from hook (6)
- 2: 2 sc in each sc (12)
- 3-4: sc in each sc (12)
- 5: *sc 1, sc 2 in the next sc*, repeat between *'s around (18)
- 6-13: sc in each sc (18)
- 14: *sc 2, sc 2 in the next sc*, repeat between *'s around (24)
- 15: *sc 3, sc 2 in the next sc*, repeat between *'s around (30)
- 16: *sc 4, sc 2 in the next sc*, repeat between *'s around (36)
- 17: sc in each sc (36)
- 18: *sc 5, sc 2 in the next sc*, repeat between *'s around (42)
- 19-20: sc in each sc (42)
- 21: *sc 5, sc 2tog*, repeat between *'s around (36)
- 22-23: sc in each sc (36)
- 24: *sc 4, sc 2tog*, repeat between *'s around (30)
- 25-26: sc in each sc (30)
- 27: *sc 3, sc 2tog*, repeat between *'s around (24)
- 28-29: sc in each sc (24)
- 30: *sc 2, sc 2tog*, repeat between *'s around (18)
- 31: sc in each sc (18), **do not finish off, weave in beginning tail, stuff**
- 32: *sc 1, sc 2tog*, repeat between *'s around (12), **FO leave a long tail to sew. Thread tapestry needle with ending thread, weave through stitches, pull tight to close.**

Head

with yellow and G hook (you will be starting at front of face)

- 1-2: repeat rounds 1-2 of body (12)
- 3: *sc 1, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s (18)
- 4: *sc 2, sc 2 in next sc *, repeat between *'s (24)
- 5-7: sc in each sc (24)
- 8: *sc 3, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s (30)
- 9-10: sc in each sc (30)
- 11: *sc 4, sc 2 in next sc *, repeat between *'s (36)
- 12-13: sc in each sc (36)
- 14: *sc 5, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s (42)
- 15: sc in each sc (42)
- 16: *sc 5, sc 2tog*, repeat between *'s (36)
- 17: *sc 4, sc 2tog*, repeat between *'s (30)
- 18: *sc 3, sc 2tog*, repeat between *'s (24)
- 19: sc in each sc (24)
- 20: *sc 2, sc 2tog*, repeat between *'s (18)
- 21: sc in each sc (18), **do not finish off, weave in beginning tail, stuff**
- 22: *sc 1, sc 2tog*, repeat between *'s (12), **FO, leave a long tail for sewing. Refer to notes and tips, secure safety eyes, close**

Horns (make 2)

with gold and F hook

- 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook
- 2: *sc 1, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s (9)
- 3: sc in each sc (9)
- 4: *sc 1, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (6)
- 5-8: sc in each sc, join with ss, **FO, weave in ends, stuff**

Nose

with brown and G hook (working in rows)

- 1: ch 7, 3 sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each of the next 3 chs, sc 3 in last ch,
- 2: *working on opposite side*, sc 4, ss to join, **FO, weave in ends. Sew at a slight angle**

Eyelids (make 2)

with gold and G hook (working in rows)

- 1: ch 5, hdc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch,
- 2: *working on opposite side of ch*, ss in each st, **FO, weave in ends. Sew so that bottom of lid covers top of eye.**

Ears (make 2)

with yellow and G hook (starting at top of ear)

- 1: ch 2, 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook
- 2: 2 sc in each sc (10)
- 3: sc in each sc (10)
- 4: sc 2 in first sc, sc in each remaining sc (11)
- 5: repeat round 4 (12)
- 6-7: sc in each sc (12)
- 8: sc 2 in each of the next 2 sc, sc in each remaining sc (14), **FO, leave a long tail for sewing. Thread tapestry needle with ending yarn, flatten ear and whip stitch through both layers, bending ear in slightly as you sew.**

Legs (make 4)

with yellow and G hook (starting at bottom of foot)

with brown yarn

- 1-3: repeat rounds 1-3 of head (18), **change to yellow yarn**
- 4: *working in back loops for this round only*, sc in each sc (18)
- 5: *sc 1, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (12)
- 6: sc in each sc (12)
- 7: [sc2tog] 2x, sc in each remaining sc (10)
- 8: sc2tog, sc in each remaining sc (9)
- 9-18: sc in each sc (9)
- 19: sc 2 in each of the next 2 sc, sc in each remaining sc (11)
- 20: repeat round 19 (13)
- 21: sc in each sc, join with ss. **FO, leave a long tail for sewing. Stuff. Thread needle, weave through remaining stitches, pull tight to close**

Spots (make 3 small, 3 large or as many as you would like)

with brown and G hook

Small Spots

- 1: ch 2, 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook
- 2: 2 sc in each sc (10), join with ss. **FO, weave in ends.**

Large Spots

- 1-2: repeat rounds 1-2 of small spot (10)
- 3: *sc 1, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s (15), join with ss. **FO, weave in ends**

Tail

with yellow yarn and G hook

1: ch 8, sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch (7), **FO, weave in ends**

Cut 5 pieces of yarn about 3 inch long, pull all piece through last ch. Tie in a knot. Wrap a small piece of yarn around fringe 3 or 4 times (1/4" down from ch). Tie tightly, cut ends.

Hair

cut a few pieces (I used 3) of yarn into about 4 inch pieces. Fold in half, pull around sc on top of head and tie in a knot. Pull plies apart and trim to desired length. Repeat for more hair.

Thank you for choosing this pattern. I hope you enjoy making your giraffe.

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