

Simply Cute Hippo

crochet pattern by Teri Crews



Materials:

Worsted Weight Yarn:

you will need a main color
for body (pink), a body suit color
(lavender), a tutu and shoe color (eggplant)
and white (also a tiny amount of green
if you would like to embroider a stem
on flower)

Sample was made with "I Love This Yarn"

from Hobby Lobby

Size G Crochet Hook

Fiberfill

Tapestry needle

Optional Materials:

safety eyes (my hippo has 12 mm brown safety eyes), beads, buttons or glass,

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

blush for a little color

tiny button for center of flower

small piece of white felt

Finished measurements: approx 11 inches. Since this is a toy pattern, gauge is not really that important. Using a different size hook and yarn weight will give you a smaller or larger hippo.

Abbreviations and Stitches Used:

ch=chain

fo=fasten off

hdc=half double crochet

rnd= round

sc=single crochet

skp=skip

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 it's time to put hippo together.

*Do not join pieces that are crocheted in the round unless indicated in that particular piece's 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 each piece, weave in tails, stuff and set aside until the end, with the exception of the head.

*Crochet the head. Weave in ends, stuff head, but do not close. Cut two white felt circles just slightly bigger than your eyes (try tracing around a button to help give you a nice circle). Cut a small slit in center of felt, insert safety eye stem or lay under bead or button. Insert eye with felt on face, try several different positions to see where they look best. Keep eyes in or mark spot, remove stuffing and secure in place. Stuff again, shaping head as you go and then close head.

*Give your hippo eyelids and do a little needle sculpting. Leaving a long beginning tail, ch 4 and fo. Thread tapestry needle with one tail and insert needle in stitch right next to eye (the corner). Bring the yarn down through the head and secure where stitch won't be seen. Thread tapestry needle with the other tail. Insert about 1 stitch over from the other side of the eye, bring needle back down through head, tug just a bit to get a slight indentation. Secure thread under head, repeat for the other eye

*If your hippo 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 hippo's bottom and tummy, then I fill the rest of the body with fiberfill.

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

*After your hippo is all put together, add powder blush inside her ears, a little on the front of her nose and her cheeks. Start out lightly, you can always add more, but it's hard to get off once it's on.



Head

with pink or main body color

- 1: ch2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook
- 2: 2 sc in each sc (12)
- 3: *sc 1, sc 2 in next*, repeat between *'s (18)
- 4: *sc 2, sc 2 in next*, repeat between *'s (24)
- 5: *sc 3, sc 2 in next*, repeat between *'s (30)
- 6-8: sc in each sc (30)
- 9: *sc 3, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (24)
- 10: sc in each sc (24)
- 11: sc 9, sc 2 in next sc (6x), sc 9 (30)
- 12: sc in each sc
- 13: sc 12, sc 2 in next sc (6x), sc 12 (36)
- 14-15: sc in each sc (36)
- 16: *sc 4, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (30)
- 17: sc in each sc (30)
- 18: *sc 3, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (24)
- 19-20: sc in each sc (24)
- 21: *sc 2, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (18)
- 22: *sc 1, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (12)

weave in tail and stuff

- 21: sc2tog around

FO leave a long tail to sew. Refer to head assembly instructions in notes and tips before closing head. To close, thread tapestry needle with ending yarn, weave through remaining stitches pull tight to close.

Eyelids (make 2)

with pink

beginning with long tail, ch 4, FO, leave long tail

Ear (make 2)

with pink

- 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook (6)
- 2: 2 sc in each sc (12)
- 3: 2 sc in next sc (2x), sc in each remaining sc (14)
- 4: sc2tog, sl st. in next (do not work remaining sts).

FO, leave a long tail. Weave in beginning tail. Thread tapestry needle, bend ear in slightly, add a few stitches to keep bent. Sew onto head

Body

with lavender or body suit color

starting at bottom

Repeat rounds 1-5 of head (30)

- 6: *sc 4, sc 2 in next*, repeat between *'s (36)
- 7-10: sc in each sc (36)
- 11: *sc 4, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (30)
- 12-14: sc in each sc (30)
- 15: *sc 3, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (24)
- 16-18: sc in each sc (24)
- 19: *sc 2, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (18)
- 20-22: sc in each sc

stuff

- 22: *sc 1, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (9)

FO, leave a long tail for sewing,

Thread tapestry needle, weave through remaining stitches, pull tight to close

Legs (make 2)

with white, beginning at sole of shoe

Repeat rounds 1-4 of head (24)

FO, weave in end

with dark purple or shoe color

- 1: Join yarn with sl st in ending st of sole. Working in back loops only for this round, sc in each sc (24)
- 2-3: sc in each sc (24)
- 4: *sc 1, sc 2 in next*, repeat between *'s (18)
- 5: *sc 1, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (12)
- 6: sc in each sc (12)

change to white

- 7: Working in back loops for this round only, sc in each sc (12)
- 8-9: sc in each sc (12)

change to pink or main body color

- 10: Working in back loops for this round only, sc in each sc (12)
- 11-20: sc in each sc (12)

stuff

FO, leave a long tail for sewing,

Thread tapestry needle, weave through remaining stitches, pull tight to close

Socks

with white

Working in the front loops of white at top of sock, rejoin yarn with sl st in back of foot.

- 1: Sc in same st as sl st, ch 2, *sc in next st, ch 2*, repeat between *'s around, join with a sl st. **FO, weave in tails**

Arms (make 2)

with pink or main body color

- 1: ch2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook
- 2: 2 sc in each sc (12)
- 3: *sc 1, 2 sc in next*, repeat between *'s (18)
- 4-5: sc in each sc (18)
- 6: *sc 1, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (12)
- 7: sc in each sc (12)
- 8: sc2tog, sc in each remaining sc (11)
- 9: sc2tog, sc in each remaining sc (10)
- 10-15: sc in each sc (10)

change to lavender or body suit color

- 16-20: sc in each sc (10)

stuff

FO, leave a long tail for sewing.

Thread tapestry needle with tail, weave through remaining stitches pull tight to close.



Skirt

with dark purple or shoe color

- Rnd 1: ch 30, sc in 2nd ch from hook and ea ch, turn
- 2: ch 3 (counts as first dc), dc in first sc and ea sc to end, turn
 - 3: ch 3, *2 dc in first dc, dc in next dc*, repeat between *'s to end, turn
 - 4: ch 3, skp 1 dc, *3 dc in next dc, sc in next dc, skp 1*, repeat between *'s to end

FO, leave a long tail for sewing. Thread tapestry needle, put skirt on hippo and sew back closed.

Collar

with lavender

- 1: ch 14, dc in 3rd ch from hook and each ch, turn
- 2: ch 3, 2 dc in same st, sc in next, *3 dc in next, sc in next*, repeat between *'s to end, turn

change to dark purple

- 3: sc in each

FO, leave a tail for sewing. Put collar on, sew closed

Shirt flower with dark purple

- 1: ch 2, 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook, join with sl st.
- 2: ch 2, 2 dc, ch 2, sl st in same st, *sl st, ch 2, 2 dc, ch 2, sl st in next*, repeat between *'s join with sl st. FO (5 petals)

Sew to front of body suit. Add button center and embroider a small stem

Thank you for choosing this pattern. I hope you enjoy making this cute hippo as much as I enjoyed designing her.

Sincerely,

Teri

If you have any questions or need any help making your hippo please don't hesitate to contact me at: teri.crews@gmail.com. Be sure to visit my website at: tericrews.blogspot.com for more patterns, revisions, tutorials and just to visit or see what's new.

