

Simply Cute Ostrich

crochet pattern by Teri L. Crews Designs



Materials:

~Worsted Weight Yarn: 3 oz-Grey, 1/2 oz-White, 1 oz-Pale Yellow, 1 oz-Black, Small amount of Black Fun Fur
~Size G (4mm) crochet hook, fiberfill, tapestry needle, and one pair of size 12mm brown safety eyes (if you are unable to find eyes at your local craft store, 6060.etsy.com has a large selection)

Optional Materials:

powder blush for a little color and a small piece of white felt for under eyes

Finished measurements: approx 13" from top of head to bottom of feet, 8-1/2" sitting

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	st(s)=stitch or stitches	2sctog = sc 2 stitches together
beg=beginning	() or [] = repeat enclosed, number of times indicated after	



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.
- ~When sewing small parts like the beak and eyelids, separate yarn into two plies. Shape beak as you sew
- ~Needle sculpting will help eyes stand out. After sewing on eyelids, thread tapestry needle with two plies of black yarn (this will also be your eyeliner) . Insert needle under the beak 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(just under eyelid), move needle across eye to outside edge at a slight angle(again just under eyelid), insert needle and go back down under beak, tug gently to slightly indent your eye and hold stitch in place, re-insert the needle and repeat for the other eye. After needle sculpting is finished, sew a tiny piece of fun fur directly over black stitch, move fur to corner for lashes.
- ~Attaching legs and arms: The top of the leg should be sewn on so that it is about in the center of the body, legs and bottom of body should be level. Thread tapestry needle and secure on one side where stitch won't be shown once leg is attached. Begin attaching legs by sewing through a couple stitches on the inside of the leg (about 1 inch down in center of the leg), 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 legs at least 3-4 times. Repeat back and forth technique for wings. Note, sewing the head on before attaching arms will help you decide where your arms look best.
- ~After your ostrich is all put together, add a little powder blush to cheeks and bottom of feet.

~Hair Feathers: Cut 2-3 pieces of yarn about 4 inches long. Separate into two plies. Fold in half, insert crochet hook around any stitch near center top of head. Pull up a loop, grab yarn ends, and tie a tight knot. Separate into single plies, spread out and cut to desired lengths. Add as much or as little hair as you like.

Head and Body

starting at top of head, with grey yarn

- 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook
- 2: 2 sc in each sc (12)
- 3: (sc in next sc, sc 2 in next sc) around (18)
- 4: (sc in each of the next 2 sts, sc 2 in next st) around (24)
- 5: (sc in each of the next 9 sc, sc 2 in each of the next 3 sc) 2 times (30)
- 6: sc in each sc (30)
- 7: sc in each of the next 12 sc, sc 2 in each of the next 3 sc) 2 times (36)
- 8-9: sc in each sc (36)
- 10: (sc in each of the next 4 sc, sc2tog) around (30)
- 11: sc in each sc (30)
- 12: (sc in each of the next 3 sc, sc2tog) around (24)
- 13-14: sc in each sc (24)
- 15: (sc in each of the next 2 sc, sc2tog) around (18)
- 16: (sc in next sc, sc2tog) around (12), **stuff**
- 17: sc2tog, sc in each of the next 8 sc, sc2tog (10)
- 18-24: sc in each sc (10), **change to black yarn**
- 25: *working in back loop only for this round*, sc 2 in each of the next 2 sc, sc in each sc (12)
- 26: sc2 in each sc (24)
- 27: (sc in each of the next 3 sc, sc 2 in next sc) around (30)
- 28: (sc in each of the next 4 sc, sc 2 in next sc) around (36)
- 29: (sc in each of the next 5 sc, sc 2 in next sc) around (42)
- 30-31: sc in each sc (42)
- 32: (sc in each of the next 5 sc, sc2tog) around (36)
- 33: sc in each sc (36)
- 34: (sc in each of the next 4 sc, sc2tog) around (30)
- 35-38: sc in each sc (30)
- 39: (sc in each of the next 3 sc, sc2tog) around (24)
- 40: (sc in each of the next 2 sc, sc2tog) around (18), join with sl st. **FO, leave a long tail for sewing. Stuff. Thread tapestry needle, weave through remaining stitches, pull tight to close. With one strand of grey and one strand of fun fur, re-join yarn in back of neck with a sl st to the un-worked front loop of round 25, sl st in each st around. FO and weave in ends.**

Eyelids

with grey, begin with a long tail

- 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook, turn
- 2: ch 1 (do not count as st), sc in each sc, **FO, leave a long tail for sewing. Thread tapestry needle with beginning tail, Insert needle in stitch as close to inside corner of right eye as possible, secure yarn, thread other end, insert needle in stitch as close to outside edge of right eye as possible, secure yarn. Repeat for other eye, then whip stitch (using tiny stitches) around tip of lid.**



Beak

with pale yellow

- 1: ch 2, 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook
- 2: sc in each sc (5)
- 3: 2 sc in each sc (10)
- 4: 2 hdc in next sc (note: shaping top of beak), sc in each remaining sc (11)
- 5: 2 hdc in each of the next sts, sc in each of the remaining sts (13)
- 6: 2 sc in each of the next 2 sts, sc in each remaining sc (15)
- 7: 2 sc in the first sc, sc in each remaining sc (16), join with a sl st. **FO, stuff lightly and sew to front of face with hdc stitches at top of beak. Sew so that these stitches are slightly above the others.**

Wings (make 2)

with grey

- 1-3: repeat rounds 1-3 of head and body (18)
- 4-5: sc in each sc (18)
- 6: (sc in each of the next 2 sc, sc 2 in next sc) around (24)
- 7-8: sc in each sc (24)
- 9: (sc in each of the next 3 sc, sc 2 in next sc) around (30)
- 10: (ch 3, sc in next sc) around, join with sl st. **FO, weave in ends. Flatten wing. When sewing wings to body, tack through both layers at the top of wing.**

Legs (make)

starting at top of leg, with white (note carry white and grey yarn up each round, do not cut and rejoin)

- 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook
- 2: 2 c in each sc (12), **change to grey**
- 3: 2sc in each of the next 2 sc, sc in each remaining sc (14)
- 4: sc in each sc, **change to white**
- 5-6: sc in each sc (14) **change to grey**
- 7-8: sc in each sc (14) **change to white**
- 9: (sc2tog) 2 times, sc in each remaining sc (12)
- 10: sc in each sc (12) **change to grey**
- 11: (sc2tog) 2 times, sc in each remaining sc (10)
- 12: sc in each sc (10) **change to white**
- 13-14: sc in each sc (10) **change to grey**
- 15-16: sc in each sc (10), **do not FO, cut white, add a strand of black fun fur**
- 17: sc in each sc (10), **FO, weave in ends, stuff lightly.**

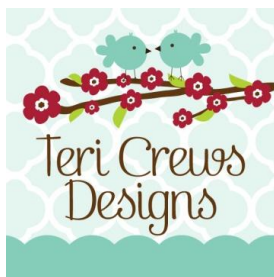
Feet (make 2)

with pale yellow

- 1-2: repeat rounds 1-2 of legs (12)
- 3-4: sc in each sc (12)
- 5: (sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc) around (18)
- 6-8: sc in each sc (18)
- 9: **flatten foot, with working yarn on right side, working through both thicknesses**, sc in each sc (9)
- 10: ch 2, dc in first sc, 2 dc in next sc, dc, hdc, sl st in next sc, [sl st, hdc, dc in next sc, 2 dc in next sc, dc, hdc, sl st in next sc] repeat 1 more time, **FO. Whip stitch bottom of leg onto top of foot about 2 rounds up from back. Add a few tiny black stitches between toes to help make them stand out.**

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

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