

Simply Cute Reindeer

crochet pattern by Teri Crews Designs



Materials:

~Worsted Weight Yarn

3 and 1/2 oz. brown (body color), 1 oz dark brown(paws and nose), 1 oz taupe (horns), 1 and 1/2 oz red (collar and berries), 1 oz dark green (leaves). Sample made with Red Heart yarn. Size G (4mm) crochet hook for reindeer, size F hook for berries, 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:

powder blush and small (about 1 inch) piece of white felt for under eyes

Finished measurements: approx. 13 tall from top of head to bottom of feet, not counting ears. Approx. 9 inches tall sitting from head to bottom.

Abbreviations and Stitches Used:

ch=chain

rnd= round

st(s)=stitch or stitches

beg=beginning

fo=fasten off

sc=single crochet

2sctog = sc 2 stitches together

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

hdc=half double crochet

sl st = slip stitch



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.

Important note: Do not close the head until you have secured safety eye fasteners.

~Separate yarn into two plies for sewing on nose and mouth. Shape nose as you sew. To make mouth; thread needle and insert under head (where stitches won't be seen). Bring needle up through bottom of head right under center of nose, move yarn down about 3-5 stitches, insert needle and bring back down through to bottom of head. Re-insert needle and bring back up at the bottom for the mouth (be careful not to catch that last stitch). Move yarn over at a slight angle to the right and insert needle about 3-5 stitches down from center. Insert needle and bring yarn back down through bottom of head, pull slightly to help shape muzzle and hold yarn in place. Repeat for the left side of mouth.

~Needle sculpting will help eyes stand out. Thread tapestry needle with two plies of 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 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 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 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 arms. Note, sewing head on before attaching arms will help you decide where your arms look best.

~Hair cut several 4 inches long pieces of yarn, separate into 2 plies. Thread tapestry needle with one piece of yarn, insert needle under one single crochet stitch on top center of head, pull yarn halfway through, tie a small tight knot in the center, spread yarn into single ply. Repeat for each piece. Adding as much or as little hair as you like. Trim to desired length.

~After your reindeer is all put together. Add a little blush inside his ears and on his cheeks. Be careful, start out lightly, it's easy to add more blush, but a bit tricky trying to get it off.

Head

starting at front of face with brown and size G hook

- 1: ch 2, 9 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)
 - 4: (sc in each of the next 2 sc, sc 2 in next sc) around (24)
 - 5-6: sc in each sc (24)
 - 7: sc in each of the next 11, [2 sc in next]3 times, sc in each of the next 11 (28)
 - 8: sc in each of the next 13, [2 sc in next]3 times, sc in each of the next 13 (30)
 - 9: sc in each sc (30)
 - 10: sc in each of the next 12, [2 sc in next] 6 times, sc in each of the next 12 (36)
 - 11: sc in each sc (36)
 - 12: (sc in each of the next 5 sc, sc 2 in next) around (42)
 - 13: sc in each sc (42)
 - 14: (sc in each of the next 6 sc, sc 2 in next) around (48)
 - 15: sc in each sc (48)
 - 16: (sc in each of the next 6 sc, sc2tog) around (42)
 - 17: (sc in each of the next 5 sc, sc2tog) around (36)
 - 18: sc in each sc (36)
 - 19: (sc in each of the next 4 sc, sc2tog) around (30)
 - 20: sc in each sc (30)
 - 21: (sc in each of the next 3 sc, sc2tog) around (24)
 - 22: (sc in each of the next 2 sc, sc2tog) around (18)
 - 23: sc in each sc, join with sl st, **FO, leave a long tail for sewing. Stuff head, position and secure eyes (refer to notes).**
- Thread tapestry needle with ending yarn. Weave through remaining stitches, pull tight to close.**

Body

starting at bottom with brown & G hook

- 1-6: repeat rounds 1-6 of head (30)
- 7: (sc in each of the next 4, sc 2 in next) around (36)
- 8: (sc in each of the next 5 sc, sc 2 in next) around (42)
- 9-10: sc in each sc (42)
- 11: (sc in each of the next 5 sc, sc2tog) around (36)
- 12-15: sc in each sc (36)
- 16: (sc in each of the next 4 sc, sc2tog) around (30)
- 17-21: sc in each sc (30)
- 22: (sc in each of the next 3 sc, sc2tog) around (24)
- 23-24: sc in each sc (24)
- 25: (sc in each of the next 2 sc, sc2tog) around (18)
- 26-29: sc in each sc, join last st 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.**

Legs (make 2)

starting with dark brown at bottom of foot

- 1: ch 2, 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook
- 2: 2 sc in each sc (10)
- 3: (sc in next sc, sc 2 in next) around (15)
- 4: (sc in each of the next 2, sc 2 in next) around (20), **change to brown**
- 5: *working in back loops only for this round*, sc in each sc (20)
- 6: sc in each sc
- 7: (sc in each of the next 2, sc2tog) around (15)
- 8: (sc in next sc, sc2tog) around (10)
- 9-14: sc in each sc (10)
- 15: sc in each of the next 4, hdc 2 in each of the next 2, sc in each of the next 4 (12)
- 16-20: sc in each st (12)
- 21: sc 2 in each of the next 2, sc in each remaining sc (14)
- 22-27: sc in each sc, join last round with sl st, **FO, leave a long tail for sewing. Stuff and shape leg. Thread tapestry needle with ending yarn, weave through remaining stitches, pull tight to close.**

Arms (make 2)

starting at bottom with dark brown

- 1-3: repeat rounds 1-3 of leg (15)
- 4-5: sc in each sc (15)
- 6-7: [sc2tog] 2 times, sc in each remaining sc (13)(11), **change to brown**
- 8: sc in each sc (11)
- 9: sc2tog, sc in each remaining sc (10)
- 10-14: sc in each sc (10)
- 15: 2 sc in each of the next 2, sc in each remaining sc (12)
- 16-25: sc in each sc, join last round with sl st. **FO, leave a long tail for sewing. Stuff and shape. Thread tapestry needle with ending yarn, weave through remaining stitches, pull tight to close.**

Ears (make 2)

with brown, starting at bottom, working in rows

- 1: ch 11, sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch, turn (10)
- 2-3: ch 1, sc in each sc, turn (10)
- 4: ch 1, sc2tog, sc in each of the next 6, sc2tog, turn (8)
- 5: ch 1, sc in each sc, turn (8)
- 6: ch 1, sc2tog, sc in each of the next 4, sc2tog, turn (6)
- 7: ch 1, sc in each sc, turn (6)
- 8: ch 1, sc2tog, sc in each of the next 2, sc2tog, turn (4)
- 9: ch 1, sc in each sc, turn (4)
- 10: ch 1, [sc2tog] 2 times, turn (2)
- 11: ch 1, sc2tog, DO NOT TURN
- 12: ch 1, sl st. in each st around, join with sl st to beg. ch. **FO, weave in ends, bend ear in slightly when sewing onto head.**

Nose

with dark brown

- 1-2: repeat rounds 1-2 of body (12)
- 3: [2 sc in next sc] 3 times, sc in each of the next 6, [2 sc in next] 3 times (18)
- 4: sc3tog, *leave remaining sts un-worked*, **FO, weave in ends, pull into slight oval. Sew onto face, so that bottom of nose is just over beginning hole.**



Horns (make 2)

with taupe

- 1-2: repeat rounds 1-2 of leg (10)
- 3-7: sc in each sc (10), join last st with sl st. **FO, weave in ends, stuff lightly.**

Tail

with taupe

- 1-2: repeat rounds 1-2 of head (12)
- 3-4: sc in each sc (12)
- 5: sc2tog, sc in each remaining sc (11)
- 6: sc2tog, sc in each remaining sc (10)
- 7: sc in each sc, join with sl st. **FO, leave a long tail for sewing. Weave in end. Flatten tail, thread tapestry needle with ending yarn. Whip stitch bottom of tail closed, bend in slightly and sew in place.**

Collar

with red, working in rows

- 1: ch 27, dc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch, turn (26)
- 2: ch 3, *working in back loops only for this row*, dc in each dc to end, turn (26)
- 3: *fold in half, working through both thicknesses*, sc in each st. **FO, put around reindeers neck and sew ends together to close.**



Leaves (make 2)

with dark green

- 1: *begin with a long tail*, ch 9, sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in each of the next 2 chs, dc in each of the next 2 chs, hdc in each of the next 2 chs, 3 sc in last ch
- 2: *working on opposite side of ch*, hdc in each of the next 2, dc in each of the next 2, hdc in each of the next 2, sl st in last
- 3: sl st in first st, ch 4, sl st in same st, sl st in next, (ch 3, sl st in same, sl st in next) to end, join with sl st . **FO, weave in end. Thread tapestry needle with beginning yarn, back stitch in center of leaf. Bend in slightly. Sew leaves together, using the ch 4 spaces as stems.**

Berries (make 3)

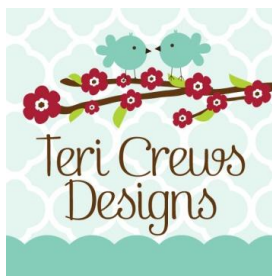
with red and F hook

- 1: *begin with a long yarn tail, this is what you will use to stuff the berry.* ch 2, 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook
- 2: 2 sc in each sc (10)
- 3: sc in each sc (10), **now is a good time to weave in that beginning tail**
- 4: (sc2tog) around (5), join with sl st. **FO, leave a long tail for sewing. Stuff berry with beginning tail yarn, thread tapestry needle with ending yarn, weave through remaining stitches, pull tight to close.**



Thank you for choosing this pattern. I hope you enjoy creating your reindeer.

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