

Simply Cute Sloth

crochet pattern by Teri Crews



Materials:

Worsted Weight Yarn:

you will need a main color
for body (gray), a contrasting color for the face (brown),
two shades of green for leaves, brown for tree
stump, small amount of cream or linen for
toes and a tiny bit of black for nose.

Sample was made with "I Love This Yarn"

from Hobby Lobby

Size G and E Crochet Hooks

Fiberfill

Tapestry needle

Optional Materials:

safety eyes (my sloth has 12 mm brown safety eyes), beads, buttons or glass,
plastic pellets and scrap nylon for weight (if not using as a toy),
blush for a little color
small piece of white felt for under the eyes

Finished measurements: approx 10 inches tall. 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 sloth.

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

Notes and Tips:

Helpful to read these before starting and maybe even again when it's time to put Sloth 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 with a pencil, remove stuffing and secure safety eyes in place. Stuff again, shaping head as you go and then close head.

*Give your sloth eyelids and do a little needle sculpting. After you've sew on your eyelids, just slightly above top of the eye, thread your tapestry needle with black yarn (I pull my yarn apart and use two plies to sew with). Insert your needle under the head where your stitches won't be seen. Secure yarn and bring tapestry needle up in the stitch closed to the inside corner of your eye, directly under corner of eye lid. Move yarn across eye going over about 2 stitches. Insert needle and go back down through head, pull slightly to help indent and shape, but not too tightly. Go back up to starting corner, go back down just slightly over beginning stitch to help hold it in place, back down through head and repeat for the other eye.

*If your sloth 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 sloth'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 sloth'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 sloth's body just a little but not too tight or your sloth will look lopsided. Repeat sewing through legs at least 3-4 times. Repeat back and forth technique for arms. Note, I like to sew my head on before I attach my arms, this help me see where my shoulders should be sewn.

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



Head

with G hook and brown (or contrasting) yarn

- 1: ch2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook
- 2: 2 sc in each sc (12)
- 3: sc in each (12)
- 4: *sc 1, sc 2 in next*, repeat between *'s (18)
- 5: *sc 2, sc 2 in next*, repeat between *'s (24)
- 6: sc 9, sc 2 in each of the next 6 sc, sc 9 (30)

change to main body color

- 7: *sc 4, sc 2 in next*, repeat between *'s (36)
- 8: *sc 5, sc 2 in next*, repeat between *'s (42)
- 9-11: sc in each sc (42)
- 12: *sc 5, sc2tog*, repeat between 's (36)
- 13-14: sc in each sc (36)
- 15: *sc 4, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (30)
- 16: sc in each sc (30)
- 17: *sc 3, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (24)
- 18: *sc 2, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (18)
- 19: *sc 1, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (12)

FO leave a long tail to sew. Weave in tail 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 main body color and G hook

- 1: ch 5, sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in each of next 2 chs, sc in last.
FO, leave a long tail. Weave in beginning tail. Thread tapestry needle, sew just slightly above eyes.

Nose

with black and G hook

- 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook (6)
- 2: 2 sc in each of the next 5 sc, sc3tog, FO
Weave in tails. Pull into slight oval shape, sew on so that bottom of nose is just over center starting hole

Body

with main body color and G hook

- 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook (6)
- 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: *sc 4, sc 2 in next*, repeat between *'s (36)
- 7-13: sc in each sc (36)
- 14: *sc 4, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (30)
- 15-18: sc in each sc (30)
- 19: *sc 3, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (24)
- 20-22: sc in each sc (24)
- 23: *sc 2, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (18)
- 24: *sc 1, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (12)

FO, leave long tail for sewing. Weave in beginning end, stuff body. Thread tapestry needle, weave through remaining stitches, pull tight to close

Legs (make 2)

with main color and G hook

beginning at bottom of foot

Repeat rounds 1-3 of body (18)

- 4-6: sc in each sc (18)
- 7: *sc 1, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (12)
- 8: sc2tog, sc in each remaining sc (11)
- 9-16: sc in each sc (11)
- now is a good time to weave in that beginning tail***
- 17: sc 2 in first sc, sc in each remaining sc (12)
- 18: sc 2 in first sc, sc in each remaining sc (13)
- 19: sc 2 in first sc, sc in each remaining sc (14)
- 20: sc in each sc (14)

***FO, leave a long tail for sewing, Stuff
Thread tapestry needle, weave through remaining stitches, pull tight to close***

Arms (make 2)

with main body color and G hook

Starting at top of arm

- 1: ch2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook
- 2: 2 sc in each sc (12)
- 3-12: sc in each sc (12)
- 13: sc 2 in each of the next 2 sc, sc in each remaining sc (14)
- 14: sc in each sc (14)
- 15: sc 2 in each of the next 2 sc, sc in each remaining sc (16)
- 16-19: sc in each sc (16)
- 20: sc2tog, sc in each remaining sc (15)
- 21: sc2tog, sc in each remaining sc (14)
- 22: sc in each sc (14)
- 23: sc2tog, sc2tog, sc in each remaining sc (12)

***FO, leave a long tail for sewing, Stuff
Thread tapestry needle, weave through remaining stitches, pull tight to close***



Toes (make 2)

with cream and E hook

- 1: ch 4, sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch, turn (3)
 - 2: sl st in first sc, *ch 9, hdc in 2nd ch from hook and each of the next 7 chs, sl st in next *, repeat between *'s two more times (3 toes), ending with a sl st in last sc
- FO, weave in ends. Sew to bottom of arms**

Necklace (make 2 pieces)

with green (one in each shade)

- 1: ch 50, FO cut ends and tie both loosely around sloth's neck

Tree Stump

with brown and G hook

starting at bottom

Repeat rounds 1-4 of body (24)

- 5: *working in back loops for this round only*, sc in each sc (24)
- 6-7: sc in each sc (24)
- 8: *sc 2, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (18)
- 9-12: sc in each sc (18)
- 13: sc2tog, sc in each remaining sc (17)
- 14: sc in each sc (17)
- 15: *now is a good time to weave in that beginning tail*
- 15: sc2tog, sc in each remaining sc (16)
- 16-19: sc in each sc (16)
- 20: sc2tog around (8)

FO, leave a long tail for sewing. Stuff, thread tapestry needle, weave through remaining stitches, pull tight to close

Branch

with brown and E hook

starting at bottom

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

2-9: sc in each sc (6)

FO, leave a long tail for sewing. Stuff, thread tapestry needle, weave through remaining stitches, pull tight to close. Sew to tree stump about 6 rounds down from the top.

Leaves (make 4 in each shade of green)

with G hook

Note: start with a long tail to use for using

1: ch 7, sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next sc, dc in each of the next 2 sc, hdc in next, 3 sc in last sc *working on opposite side of chain*, hdc in next ch, dc in each of the next 2, hdc in next, sl st, ch 2, sl st in last. ***FO, weave in beginning tail. Sew 6 leaves on tree stump, sew two onto ends of necklace chain***



Hair

cut a few pieces (I used 6) of yarn into about 4 inch pieces. Fold in half, pull around sc on top of head and tie in a knot. Add another piece about a stitch over and repeat for remaining pieces. Pull plies apart and cut to desired length.

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

Sincerely,

Teri

If you have any questions or need any help making your sloth 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.

