

Simply Cute Turtle

crochet pattern by Teri L. Crews Designs



Materials:

Worsted Weight Yarn: 4 shades of green used for sample

Size G Crochet Hook, Fiberfill and Tapestry needle, 1 pair 12mm safety eyes (having trouble finding eyes? Check 6060.etsy.com for a large selection)

Optional Materials:

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

Finished measurements: approx 12 inches from tip of head to tip of tail, approx. 8 inches around. Since this is a toy pattern, gauge is not really that important. Using different size hooks and yarns 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(s)=stitch or stitches	tr= triple crochet
tog = sc 2 stitches together	beg=beginning	
*= repeat between *'s to end of round	[] = repeat between brackets number of times indicated	

Special Stitches

beg popcorn: ch 3, 4 dc in same sp, drop loop from hook, insert hook in top of ch 3, catch dropped loop, yarn around hook, draw through both stitches on hook. Beginning Popcorn made.

popcorn: 5 dc in next st, drop loop from hook, insert hook in top of first dc, catch dropped loop, yarn around hook, pull through both stitches on hook, ch 1. Popcorn made.



Notes and Tips:

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

~When stuffing pieces, try not to overstuff. Over stuffing will spread out your stitches making bigger holes and showing too much fiberfill.

~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.

~**Important:** Do not close the head until you have positioned and secured safety eyes. To help position eyes, stuff head (leaving open), cut two small circles of white felt (I trace around a small button, that is just slightly bigger than my eyes). Cut a tiny slit in the center of the felt and insert the stem of the safety eye. Now decide where you like your eyes, mine turtle's eyes are about 6 rounds from center hole. Once you've decided where they should go, remove the stuffing (holding eyes in place, or mark their position with a tiny pen dot) and attach safety fasteners. Then re-stuff and close. To close, thread tapestry needle with ending tail, weave through remaining stitches and pull tight to close.

~After your turtle is all put together, add a tiny bit of powder blush to his cheeks. Start out lightly, you can always add more, but it's hard to get off once it's on.

Top of Shell

with 1st green

1: ch 4 (counts as first dc & ch 1), made 15 dc in 4th ch from hook (16 dc), join with ss in top of beg ch 3,

change to 2nd green

2: Make beg popcorn, 2 dc in next dc, *popcorn in next dc, 2 dc in next dc*, join with ss to top of beg popcorn

change back to 1st green

3: ch 3 (counts as first dc), dc in same sp, dc in each of the next 2 dc, *2 dc in top of next sc, dc in each of the next 2 dc*, join with ss (36 dc) **change to 3rd green**

4: ch 3 (counts as first dc), dc in same sp, *2 dc in next dc, popcorn in next dc*, join with ss (18 popcorns),

change back to 1st green

5: ch 2 (counts as first hdc), hdc in next st, *2 hdc in top of popcorn, hdc in each of the next 2 dc* (72 hdc)

change to 4th green

6-8: ch 2, hdc **between** each hdc, join with ss (72), **FO, weave in ends**

Bottom of Shell

with 2nd green, bottom of shell is worked in the round, do not join rounds

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

2: 2 sc in each sc (12)

3: *sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc* (18)

4: *sc in each of the next 2 sc, sc 2 in next sc* (24)

5: *sc in each of the next 3 sc, sc 2 in next sc* (30)

6: *sc in each of the next 4 sc, sc 2 in next sc* (36)

7: *sc in each of the next 5 sc, sc 2 in next sc* (42)

8: *sc in each of the next 6 sc, sc 2 in next sc* (48)

9: *sc in each of the next 7 sc, sc 2 in next sc* (54)

10: *sc in each of the next 8 sc, sc 2 in next sc* (60)

11: *sc in each of the next 9 sc, sc 2 in next sc* (66)

12: *sc in each of the next 10 sc, sc 2 in next sc* (72), **FO, join last round with ss. Weave in ends**

With wrong sides together, match top and bottom of shell. sc through both thicknesses, stuffing as you go

Head

with 4th green, working in the round, do not join rounds

1-4: repeat rounds 1-4 of bottom of shell (24)

5: sc in each sc (24)

6: *sc in each of the next 3 sc, sc 2 in next sc* (30)

7-9: sc in each sc (30)

10: *sc in each of the next 4 sc, sc 2 in next sc* (36)

11: *sc in each of the next 4 sc, sc2tog* (30)

12: *sc in each of the next 3 sc, sc2tog* (24)

13: *sc in each of the next 2 sc, sc2tog* (18)

14: *sc in the next sc, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s (12), **do not finish off, secure eyes and stuff head (refer to notes and tips)**

15: [skip next sc, sc in next sc] 2 times, sc in each remaining sc (10)

16: repeat round 15 (8)

17-18: sc in each sc, join with ss, **FO, leave a long tail for sewing. thread tapestry needle, weave through remaining stitches, pull tight to close.**

Sew head to body, just above shell edge. I added a few tacking stitches through neck to keep head slightly tilted upwards.

Legs (make 4)

with 2nd green

working in the round, do not join

1-3: repeat rounds 1-3 of bottom shell (18)

with 4th green

4: working in back loops only for this round, sc in each sc (18)

5: sc in each sc (18)

6: sc2tog, sc in each remaining sc (17)

7: repeat round 6 (16)

8: sc2tog around (8), join with ss, **FO, leave a long tail for sewing**

Stuff bottom of foot firmly and top lightly. Thread tapestry needle, flatten top of leg and whip stitch closed. Sew just under edge of shell. I added a little tacking stitch to through the leg to keep leg closer to turtle's body.



Tail

with 2nd green

1: ch 2, 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook

2: sc in each sc (5)

3: sc 2 in first sc, sc in each remaining sc (6)

4-5: repeat round 3 (7) (8)

6: sc in each sc, join with ss, **FO, leave a long tail for sewing**

Thread tapestry needle, flatten tail and whip stitch closed. Sew just under edge of shell.

Eyelids

with 2nd green

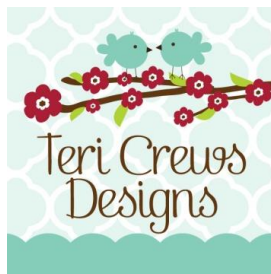
with a long beginning and ending tail. Make a ch of 5.

Thread tapestry needle with one of the tails, insert needle right next to inside corner of eye. Bring thread down through bottom of head (do not pull to tight), secure thread where it won't be seen. Thread other end, insert needle in right next to outside corner of eye, bring down through bottom again, secure ends where they won't be seen.



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

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