

Simply Sweet Frog

crochet pattern by Teri Crews



Materials:

Worsted Weight Yarn:
you will need a main color
for body (I used, "I love this yarn"
limelight green from Hobby Lobby),
t-shirt & flower color, white for eyes, collar
and sleeves, small amount of yellow or
gold for flower center and small amount
of black
Size F Crochet Hook
Fiberfill
Tapestry needle

Optional Materials:

safety eyes (my frog has 15 mm brown safety eyes), beads, buttons or glass,
plastic pellets and scrap nylon if not using as a toy,
blush for a little color
pipe cleaner for flower stem

Finished measurements: approx 12 inches not counting. 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 frog.

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

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tog = sc 2 stitches together

special stitch: picot= ch 3, sl st in first chain, sl st back in beginning space

Notes and Tips:

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

*Pieces are crocheted in the round, do not join with slip stitch unless indicated in individual piece 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, but maybe you prefer putting your pieces together as you go. Either way, it will work out in the end.

*If your frog is not going to be a toy you might want to give her a little weight. I fill the bottom of a old knee high nylon with plastic pellets, tie it off and stuff it in my frog's bottom and tummy, then I fill the rest of the body with fiberfill.

*If using safety or glass eyes, remember not to close the bottom of the head until you have positioned and secured eyes. To help me make sure my eyes are just where I want them I stuff lightly test positions and then remove stuffing and secure eyes. I also work on the nose and mouth at this point, but you go always go back and do this later.

*After sewing on frogs eyes, you might want to do a little needle sculpting to help bring out frog's mouth. Thread tapestry needle with green yarn, insert under head where stitch won't be seen, bring needle up and out about 3 stitches down from corner of right eye, put needle back in close to where needle came up, use your needle to bring a little fiberfill forward (when I do this I imagine I'm pulling out a small inch size ball of fiberfill), working behind the fiberfill you pulled forward, insert needle close to the stitch you just made, bring needle up about an inch to the left (under other eye), don't pull to tight (just enough to keep fiber in place, but not enough to see on the front of frog's face), insert needle back in close to where you just came up and repeat a few times to hold fiberfill in place and give frog's nose some shape.

*Split black yarn into 2 ply, thread tapestry needle and go in from the bottom of frog's head, where stitch won't be seen. Stitch frog's mouth under the nose you made by pulling some fiberfill forward. Now is also a good time to stitch a little black under frog's eyelids. Bring needle up right next to side of eyelid, bring thread to the other side insert close to lid, working under eye, bring needle back up to beginning stitch, reinsert needle and do the same for the other side and eye to help hold stitch in place.

*You may want to make your frog's knee's and elbow more noticeable. After stuffing, I bent my pieces and put in a few tacking stitches with my green yarn.

*Before attaching legs I thread my tapestry needle, hold one leg next to my frog'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 frog's body just a little but not too tight or she'll be out of portion. Repeat sewing through legs at least 2 or 3 times.

*I sew on arms after my legs and head. This way I can be sure I have them where I want them. Sew them on the same way you did the legs.

*After frog is all put together, add powder blush to cheeks. Start out lightly, you can always add more, but it's hard to get off once it's on.



Head

with green or main color

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

2: 2 sc in each sc around (12)

3: * sc 1, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (18)

4: * sc 2, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (24)

5: * sc 3, 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (30)

6: sc 9, hdc 6, sc 9, hdc 6 (30)

now is a good time to weave in that starting tail

7: sc in each sc around (30)

8: * sc 4, sc2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (36)

9: sc in each sc around (36)

10: * sc 4, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (30)

11: sc in each sc around (30)

12: * sc 3, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (24)

13: sc in each sc around (24)

14: * sc 2, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (18), do not finish off here
stuff head

15: sc2tog around (9)

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

Eye (make 2)

with white yarn

Rnd 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook

2: 2 sc in each sc around (12)

3-5: sc in each sc around (12)

FO, leave long tail for sewing. Weave in beginning end. If using safety eyes, insert them in center, thread needle with tail yarn, weave through remaining stitches, pull tight to close.

Eyelid (make 2)

with green or main body color

Rnd 1: ch 2, 8 sc in 2nd ch from hook

2: 2 sc in each sc around (16)

3-4: sc in each sc around (16)

FO, leave long tail for sewing. Weave in beginning end. Bend in half and position so that lid just touches top of eye. Thread tapestry needle and sew in place, securing lid to eye (you can use more stitches in the back since these won't be seen). Thread tapestry needle with green yarn and sew eyes to frogs head (about 4 rnds down from the top).

Body

with green or main body color

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

2: 2 sc in each sc around (12)

3: *sc 1, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (18)

4: *sc 2, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (24)

5: *sc 3, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (30)

6: *sc 4, sc 2 in next sc*, repeat between *'s around (36)

7-8 sc in each sc around (36)

9: *sc 4, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (30)

10-13: sc in each sc around (30)

change to purple (or shirt color)

14: *sc 3, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (24)

15-19: sc in each sc around (24)

20: *sc 2, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (18)

21-23: sc in each sc around (18)

24: *sc 1, sc2tog*, repeat between *'s around (12)

FO leave a long tail to sew. Stuff with fiberfill and/or pellets

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

Foot (make 2)

Rnd 1: ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook

2: 2 sc in each sc around (12)

3-4: sc in each sc around (12)

5: *sc 1, sc2*, repeat between *'s around (18)

6-8: sc in each sc around (18) do not finish off here

weave in beginning tail, fold piece in half and flatten.

9: Working through both thicknesses, ch 1, sc 2, sc2tog (2x), sc 1, sc2tog (6)

10: turn, ch 2, 2 dc, ch 2, sl st in first sc, 2 dc, ch 2, sl st in next sc, *sl st, 2 dc, ch 2, sl st in next sc, 2 dc, ch 2, sl st in next sc, repeat between *'s to end.

FO weave in ends

Legs (make 2)

with green or main body color

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

2: 2 sc in first sc, sc in each remaining sc around (7)

3-12: sc in each sc around (7)

13: sc 2 in first sc, sc in each remaining sc (8)

14: sc 2 in first sc, sc in each remaining sc (9)

15: sc 2 in first sc, sc in each remaining sc (10)

now is a good time to weave in that beginning yarn

16-19: sc in each sc around (10)

20: sc 2 in next 2 sc, sc in each remaining sc around (12)

21-24: sc in each sc around.

FO leave long tail for sewing. Lightly stuff bottom portion of leg, bend at increase (do not stuff this part), stuff top port of leg lightly. Thread tapestry needle with yarn tail, weave through remaining stitches, pull tight to close. Sew bottom of leg to top of foot (about 2 rounds from back, so frog has a bit of a heel).



Hands (make 2)

with green or main color

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

2: sc in each sc around (6)

3: 2 sc in each sc around (12)

4-6: sc in each sc around (12) do not finish off here
weave in beginning tail, fold piece in half and flatten.

7: Working through both thicknesses, sc 5, sc2tog (6)

8: turn, ch 2, 2 dc, ch 2, sl st in first sc, 2 dc, ch 2, sl st in next sc, *sl st, 2 dc, ch 2, sl st in next sc, 2 dc, ch 2, sl st in next sc*, repeat between *'s 1 more time

FO weave in ends

Arms (make 2)

with green or main color

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

2-11: sc in each sc around

12: sc 2 in each of next 2 sc, sc in each remaining sc around (8)

13-14: sc in each sc around (8)

change to purple or shirt color

15-19: sc in each sc around (8)

FO, leave long tail for sewing. Stuff bottom portion of arm lightly, bend at increase (do not stuff this part), stuff top part of yarn. Thread tapestry needle with yarn tail, weave through remaining stitches, pull tight to close. Sew bottom of yarn to bottom of hand.

Collar

with white yarn

Rnd 1: ch 16, dc in 3rd ch from hook (this counts as first dc), dc in each remaining ch (15 dc)

2: turn, ch 1, skip first dc, *sl st, dc, picot, sl st in same st*, repeat between *'s to end

FO, leave long tail for sewing. Weave in beginning yarn tail. Thread tapestry needle with tail yarn, put collar on frog and sew up back.

Sleeve Trim (make 2)

with white yarn

Rnd 1: ch 11, hdc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch to end.

FO, leave long tail for sewing. Weave in beginning yarn tail. Thread tapestry needle with tail yarn, put sleeve trim round bottom of shirt sleeve, use tail to sew in place.

Bottom of Shirt Trim

with white yarn

Rnd 1: ch 27, hdc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch to end.

FO, leave long tail for sewing. Weave in beginning yarn tail. Thread tapestry needle with tail yarn, wrap around bottom of shirt, use tail to sew in place.

Flower-Bottom Layer

with purple yarn

Rnd 1: ch 2, 10 dc in 2nd ch from hook, join with sl st. Do not fasten off

2: ch 14, sl st in same st, *sl st in next dc, ch 14, sl st in same st*, repeat between *'s around. Join with sl st (10 petals) FO, weave in ends

Flower-Top Layer

with yellow or gold yarn

Rnd 1: ch 2, 8 hdc in 2nd ch from hook, join with sl st. FO

with purple yarn

2: Working in back loops for this round only. Join with sl st in back loop of any hdc, ch 12, sl st in same st, *sl st in next hdc, ch 12*, repeat between *'s around (8 petals) do not fasten off

3: Working in front loops for this round, *sl st in next st, ch 8, sl st in same st*, repeat between *'s around. Join with sl st in first st. FO weave in ends

Sew top layer onto bottom layer. Bend top of pipe cleaner down about half an inch to an inch to form a loop. Use this loop to sew to back of flower or hot glue in place. Be care glue doesn't come through front of flower. If you'd like your stem a little thicker, twist another pipe cleaner around stem. Cut to desired length and put in frog's arm.

Hope you enjoy this pattern as much as I enjoyed creating it. Thank you for your business.

Sincerely,

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