



Christmas Time Rocking horse

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This pattern includes:

- step by step instructions in American terminology
- step by step photo-tutorial

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Materials

Yarn weight: Sport / 5 ply (12 wpi) 100% cotton
e.g. Catania Solids by Schachenmayr SMC

Yardage: 136 yards (124 meters)

Unit weight: 50 grams (1.76 ounces)

Gauge: 26.0 sts = 4 inches

You will need about **60 g** for all horse

Hook used: I used a hook 2,5 mm

Note for USA hookers:

there is no letter (mark) only 2,5 mm, but you could use B or C.

Colors:

106 white, 115 red, 205 apple green, 236 light green

Suggested yarn for the mane a tail: some fancy yarn. I used the yarn named Polly by www.vlnika.cz

Other material: craft tiny buttons, small beads, toy filling, needle with blunt tip, bigger Christmas button (0,8 inches), safety eyes (average 6mm)

Size of finished horse: height 4,9 inches x width 7,8 inches

Abbreviations used:

Chain (CH)

Slip stitch (Sl St)

Single crochet (SC)

Half double stitch (HDC)

Double crochet (DC)

INSTRUCTIONS

Body

Beginning: work with white color and make 3 CH, go back and crochet 2 SC, from now you will work in circular spiral rounds (you will not join the circle rounds with SlSt)

Round 1: make 10 times 2 SC in one stitch (14 SC)



Round 2: make 1 SC, 2 SC in one stitch – repeat 9 times again (24 SC)



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Rounds 3 - 20: you will have 24 stitches. Crochet 24 SC every round until round 20 in spiral rounds (you will not join the rounds with SISt and you will crochet continuously)

Round 21: in this round you will begin with decreasing of the shaping the body. Crochet together 2 SC then make 2 SC – repeat this decreasing 15 times again (you will make decreasing 16 times totally) you will have 8 stitches. In this round begin with filling with toy filling.

Round 22: crochet together 2 SC, repeat it 3 times again, 1 SISt, there stayed 5 stitches witch sew together. Pull free threads into the body (Length of the body would be about 3,7 inches)



Head

Beginning: work with brown color and make 3 CH, go back and crochet 2 SC, from now you will work in circular spiral rounds (you will not join the circle rounds with SISt)

Round 1: make 10 times 2 SC in one stitch (14 SC)

Round 2: make 1 SC, 2 SC in one stitch – repeat 9 times again (24 SC)

Rounds 3 - 6: you will have 24 stitches. Crochet 24 SC in every round until round 6 in spiral rounds (you will not join the rounds with SISt and you will crochet continuously)

Round 7: continue with white color, crochet together 2 SC, then make 4 SC – repeat this decreasing 4 times again (19 SC)

Rounds 8 - 12: you will have 19 stitches. Crochet 19 SC every round until round 12 in spiral rounds (you will not join the rounds with SISt and you will crochet continuously)



Round 13: in this round you will begin with decreasing of the shaping the head. Crochet together 2 SC then make 4 SC – repeat this decreasing 9 times again (you will make decreasing 16 times totally) you will have 8 stitches. In this round begin with filling with toy filling. Add safety eyes.

Round 14: crochet 2 SC together, repeat it 4x again, 1 SISt, end the work - there stayed 5 stitches witch sew together.



Neck

Beginning: work with white color and make 3 CH, go back and crochet 2 SC, from now you will work in circular spiral rounds (you will not join the circle rounds with SISt)

Round 1: make 8 times 2 SC in one stitch (12 SC)

Rounds 2 - 7: you will have 12 stitches. Crochet 12 SC in every round until round 7 in spiral rounds (you will not join the rounds with SISt and you will crochet continuously)

Round 8: begin with increasing 3 SC, 2 SC in one stitch – repeat it two time again (15 SC)

Round 9: you will have 15 stitches, 1 SISt, end the work.



Anterior legs: - make 2 legs

Beginning: work with apple green color and make 3 CH, go back and crochet 2 SC, from now you will work in circular spiral rounds (you will not join the circle rounds with SISt)

Round 1: make 5 times 2 SC in one stitch (9 SC)

Rounds 2 - 4: you will have 9 stitches. Crochet 9 SC in every round until round 4 in spiral rounds (you will not join the rounds with SISt and you will crochet continuously)



Rounds 5 – 9: continue with white color, still make 9 SC in every round

Round 10: in this round you will begin with decreasing of the shaping the leg. Crochet together 2 SC then make 7 SC – you have 8 SC

Rounds 11 – 12: crochet 8 SC in every round until round 12 in spiral rounds

Round 13: make 2 SC in one stitch, 7 SC (9 SC)

Round 14: make 2 SC in one stitch, 8 SC (10 SC)

Round 15: make 10 SC



Posterior legs: make two legs

Beginning: work with apple green color and make 3 CH, go back and crochet 2 SC, from now you will work in circular spiral rounds (you will not join the circle rounds with SISt)

Round 1: make 5 times 2 SC in one stitch (9 SC)

Rounds 2 – 4: you will have 9 stitches. Crochet 9 SC in every round until round 4 in spiral rounds (you will not join the rounds with SISt and you will crochet continuously)

Rounds 5 – 9: continue with white color, still make 9 SC in every round

Round 10: in this round you will begin with decreasing of the shaping the leg. Crochet together 2 SC then make 7 SC – you have 8 SC

Rounds 11 – 12: crochet 8 SC in every round until round 12 in spiral rounds

Round 13: make 2 SC in one stitch, 7 SC (9 SC)

Round 14: make 2 times 2 SC in one stitch, 8 SC (11 SC)

Round 15: make 11 SC

Swing– make it two time

Beginning: work with red color and make 3 CH, go back and crochet 2 SC, from now you will work in circular spiral rounds (you will not join the circle rounds with SISt)

Round 1: make 10 times 2 SC in one stitch (14 SC)

Round 2-5: crochet 14 SC in every round until round 5 in spiral rounds

Round 6: crochet 2 SC together, 3 SC – repeat it 2x again (11 SC)

Round 7- 37: continue with light green color - crochet 11SC in every round until round 37 in spiral rounds, **little by little fill it with toy filling.**

Round 38: crochet with red color, make 2 SC in one stitch, 3 SC – repeat it 2 times again (14 SC)

Round 39 - 42: crochet 14 SC in every round until round 5 in spiral rounds

Round 43: crochet 2 SC together, 1 SC – repeat it 8 time, there stayed 3 stitches, which sew.



Ears:

Beginning: crochet with green apple color 5 CH

Round 1: 3 SC, 5 HDC in last stitch, continue in circle direction 3 SC and join with 1st stitch by 1 S1St, 1 CH, end the work. Fasten free threads.



Blanket:

Beginning: Crochet with red color, make 9 CH

Round 1: make 8 SC

Round 2: 3 CH as a 1st DC, 6 DC, 6 DC in last stitch, continue in circle direction, 6 SC, 6 DC in last stitch, join with 1st DC with 1 S1St

Round 3: crochet with apple green color – 7 SC, 6 times 2 SC in one stitch, 6 SC, 6 times 2 SC in one stitch, join with 1 S1St, end the work.

Round 4: crochet with light green color - 3 CH, 1 S1St in next stitch – repeat it until the end of the round, end the work. Fasten free threads and sew on the blanket some tiny buttons and beads.



We have finished all parts of horse. Fill the legs with toy filling too and sew all parts of horse together.





Sewing of the neck to the body



Sewing of the head to the neck



Once you have sewn all parts of horse together, pull the loose threads inside horse by hook. Then sew the mane. Prepare the required number of equally long strings of yarn, attach it to the neck and sew them one after another on the neck. Over the middle sew a piece of string to hide a seam. Take several strings of yarn and bound them together in the middle and make the tail.



Once you have stitched the mane, cut it into the desired shape and sew ears. Sew small button a head of left and sew some beads.



Finishing of swing:

Crochet chain of 5 chains stitches on one part of swing – between 5 and 6 green round, use double yarn (two threads) to be it a little bit stronger. Sew it to the second part of the swing. Make the same on the second end of the swing.



Sew the horse to swing together. Shape the ends of the swing up . Sew some Christmas buttons on the swing and you ave finished it. :)





♥ I wish you nice crocheting ♥

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