



Happy Hippo the Hippopotamus Hat Crochet Pattern by Ira Rott



MATERIALS

- Red Heart Comfort (3150 - Grey) - 100% Acrylic; 16oz /454g; 930 yd/850m.; Weight category: 4 / Worsted
- Any worsted yarn: Black; White; Petal Pink; Hot Pink colors
- Polyester stuffing
- Sewing needle with large eye
- Stitch Markers
- 2 Medium size Buttons for eyes.

CROCHET HOOK

- 5.5 mm (I US size)
- 3.5 mm (E US size)

GAUGE

12 sc sts X 14 rows = 4"X4" (10X10 cm)
Using hook 5.5 mm (I)

Please check your tension before starting your work. Use any size of hook to obtain the gauge.

Sizes / Head Circumference:

6-12 mo.	16" - 18" (41-46 cm)
1-3 yrs.	18" - 20"(46-51 cm)
3-5 yrs.	20"- 21" (51-53½ cm)
5-10 yrs .	21"-21½"(53½-55cm)
Preteens-Teens	21½" - 22½"(55-57½cm)
Medium Adults	22"-23½"(56-60 cm)
Large Adults	23½"- 25" (60-63½ cm)

SAFETY:

Babies or small children should not be left alone with any handmade items that have braids, long ties or buttons. These items are for photo props or to be worn with adult supervision.



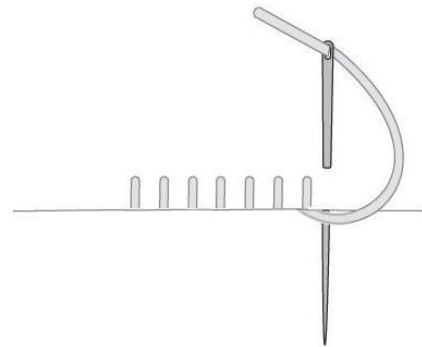
ABBREVIATIONS:

Ch	Chain
Sc	Single crochet
Dc	Double crochet
Hdc	Half double
Sl st	Slip stitch
Tch	Turning chain
RS	Right side (outside of the hat)
WS	Wrong side (inside of the hat)
MC	Main Color (3150 - Grey)
PC	Petal Pink Color
HC	Hot Pink Color
WC	White Color
BC	Black Color
Sc2tog	Single crochet 2 together
St(s)	Stitch(es)
Cont	Continue
Ea	Each
Beg	Beginning
Pcs	Pieces
()	Parentheses are used in explanation or multiple size instructions
[]	Work instructions within brackets as many times as directed

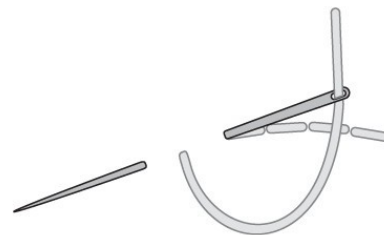
SPECIAL STITCHES:

• **Sc2tog** – Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up loop, insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up loop, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook – 1 stitch decreased

• Whip stitch



• Back stitch





HAT:

Work with **MC** and crochet hook 5.5 mm (I) in rounds continuously, do not join. Use stitch marker or contrast yarn to mark beginning of each round.

SIZE 6-12 mo.

To begin: ch 2; 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook, place marker = 6 sts

Rnd 1: 2 sc in first sc of beginning row; [2sc in each st] 5 times = 12 sts

Rnd 2: 2 sc in ea st around = 24 sts

Rnd 3: work sc in each st around = 24 sts

Rnd 4: [1 sc in next st; 2 sc in next st] 12 times = 36 sts

Rnd 5: work sc in each st around = 36 sts

Rnd 6: [1 sc in each of next 2 sts; 2 sc in next st] 12 times = 48 sts

Rnd 7: work sc in each st around = 48 sts

Rnd 8: [1 sc in each of next 7 sts; 2 sc in next st] 6 times = 54 sts

Rnd 9-21: work sc in each st around = 54 sts

Sl st in next st, do not break yarn, cont work earflap with **MC**

First Earflap:

Row 1: ch 1; sc in same st; sc in each of next 11 st; tch 1 = 12 sc sts

Row 2-6: sc in each st; tch 1 = 12 sc sts

Row 7: sc2tog; sc in next 8 sts; sc2tog; tch 1 = 10 sts

Row 8: sc2tog; sc in next 6 sts; sc2tog; tch 1 = 8 sts

Row 9: sc2tog; sc in next 4 sts; sc2tog; tch 1 = 6 sts

Row 10: sc2tog; sc in next 2 sts; sc2tog; tch 1 = 4 sts

Row 11: sc2tog; sc2tog = 2 sts.

Finish off, weave in loose ends

Second Earflap:

Skip 11 st from first earflap on the back side of the hat, join **MC** and work in same manner as first earflap. Do not break yarn after last row, cont crochet hat edge.

Edging :

Work with **MC**: ch 1 to beg; work sc sts throughout hat edge; sl st in starting ch. Fasten off, weave in loose ends

Braids :

- For each braid prepare 3 bundles of **MC** with 5 strand of yarn in each bundle, approx. twice longer than desired ties length.
- Pull strands through the bottom of each earflap using crochet hook and fold them on the middle.
- Braid yarn, secure and then trim the ends.





SIZE 1-3 yrs.

To begin: ch 2; 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook, place marker = 5 sts

Rnd 1: 2 sc in first sc of beginning row; [2sc in each st] 4 times = 10 sts

Rnd 2: 2 sc in ea sc around = 20 sts

Rnd 3: work sc in each st around = 20 sts

Rnd 4: [1 sc in next st; 2 sc in next st] 10 times = 30 sts

Rnd 5: work sc in each st around = 30 sts

Rnd 6: [1 sc in ea of next 2 sts; 2 sc in next st] 10 times = 40 sts

Rnd 7: work sc in ea st around = 40 sts

Rnd 8: [1 sc in ea of next 3 sts; 2 sc in next st] 10 times = 50 sts

Rnd 9: work sc in each st around = 50 sts

Rnd 10: [1 sc in ea of next 6 sts; 2 sc in next st] 7 times; 1 sc in last st = 57 sts

Rnd 11-23: work sc in each st around = 57 sts

Sl st in next st, do not break yarn, cont work earflap with **MC**

First Earflap:

Row 1: ch 1; sc in same st; sc in each of next 12 st; tch 1 = 13 sc sts

Row 2-6: sc in each st; tch 1 = 13 sc sts

Row 7: sc2tog; sc in next 9 sts; sc2tog;tch1 = 11

Row 8: sc2tog; sc in next 7 sts; sc2tog; tch 1 = 9

Row 9: sc2tog; sc in next 5 sts; sc2tog; tch 1 = 7

Row 10: sc2tog; sc in next 3 sts; sc2tog;tch1 = 5

Row 11: sc2tog; sc in next sts; sc2tog = 3 sts

Finish off, weave in loose ends

Second Earflap:

Skip 12 st from first earflap on the back side of the hat, join **MC** and work in same manner as first earflap. Do not break yarn after last row, cont crochet hat edge.

Edging and Braids : work same as for 6-12 mo.

SIZE 3-5 yrs.

To begin: ch 2; 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook, place marker = 6 sts

Rnd 1: 2 sc in first sc of beginning row; [2sc in each st] 5 times = 12 sts

Rnd 2: 2 sc in ea sc around = 24 sts

Rnd 3: work sc in each st around = 24 sts

Rnd 4: [1 sc in next st; 2 sc in next st] 12 times = 36 sts

Rnd 5: work sc in each st around = 36 sts

Rnd 6: [1 sc in each of next 2 sts; 2 sc in next st] 12 times = 48 sts

Rnd 7: work sc in each st around = 48 sts

Rnd 8: [1 sc in each of next 3 sts; 2 sc in next st] 12 times = 60 sts

Rnd 9-23: work sc in each st around = 60 sts

Sl st in next st, do not break yarn, cont work earflap with **MC**

First Earflap:

Row 1: ch 1; sc in same st; sc in each of next 13 st; tch 1 = 14 sc sts

Row 2-6: sc in each st; tch 1 = 14 sc sts

Row 7: sc2tog; sc in next 10 sts; sc2tog; tch 1 = 12 sts

Row 8: sc2tog; sc in next 8 sts; sc2tog; tch 1 = 10 sts

Row 9: sc2tog; sc in next 6 sts; sc2tog; tch 1 = 8 sts

Row 10: sc2tog; sc in next 4 sts; sc2tog;tch 1 = 6 sts

Row 11: sc2tog; sc in next 2 sts; sc2tog; tch 1 = 4 sts

Row 12: sc2tog; sc2tog = 2 sts Finish off

Second Earflap:

Skip 13 st from first earflap on the back side of the hat, join **MC** and work in same manner as first earflap. Do not break yarn after last row, cont crochet hat edge.

Edging and Braids: work same as for 6-12 mo



SIZE 5-10 yrs.

To begin: ch 2; 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook, place marker = 6 sts

Rnd 1: 2 sc in first sc of beginning row; [2sc in each st] 5 times = 12 sts

Rnd 2: 2 sc in ea sc around = 24 sts

Rnd 3: work sc in each st around = 24 sts

Rnd 4: [1 sc in next st; 2 sc in next st] 12 times = 36 sts

Rnd 5: work sc in each st around = 36 sts

Rnd 6: [1 sc in each of next 2 sts; 2 sc in next st] 12 times = 48 sts

Rnd 7: work sc in each st around = 48 sts

Rnd 8: [1 sc in each of next 3 sts; 2 sc in next st] 12 times = 60 sts

Rnd 9: work sc in each st around = 60 sts

Rnd 10: [1 sc in each of next 14 sts; 2 sc in next st] 4 times = 64 sts

Rnd 11-25: work sc in each st around = 64 sts
Sl st in next st, do not break yarn, cont work earflap with **MC**

First Earflap:

Row 1: ch 1; sc in same st; sc in each of next 14 st; tch 1 = 15 sc sts

Row 2-6: sc in each st; tch 1 = 15 sc sts

Row 7: sc2tog; sc in next 11 sts; sc2tog; tch1 = 13

Row 8: sc2tog; sc in next 9 sts; sc2tog; tch1 = 11

Row 9: sc2tog; sc in next 7 sts; sc2tog; tch 1 = 9

Row 10: sc2tog; sc in next 5 sts; sc2tog; tch1 = 7

Row 11: sc2tog; sc in next 3 sts; sc2tog; tch 1 = 5

Row 12: sc2tog; sc in next st; sc2tog = 3sts

Finish off, weave in loose ends

Second Earflap:

Skip 14 st from first earflap on the back side of the hat, join **MC** and work in same manner as first earflap. Do not break yarn after last row, cont crochet hat edge.

Edging and Braids : work same as for 6-12 mo.

SIZE Preteens -Teens

To begin: ch 2; 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook, place marker = 6 sts

Rnd 1: 2 sc in first sc of beginning row; [2sc in each st] 5 times = 12 sts

Rnd 2: 2 sc in ea sc around = 24 sts

Rnd 3: work sc in each st around = 24 sts

Rnd 4: [1 sc in next st; 2 sc in next st] 12 times = 36 sts

Rnd 5: work sc in each st around = 36 sts

Rnd 6: [1 sc in each of next 2 sts; 2 sc in next st] 12 times = 48 sts

Rnd 7: work sc in each st around = 48 sts

Rnd 8: [1 sc in each of next 3 sts; 2 sc in next st] 12 times = 60 sts

Rnd 9: work sc in each st around = 60 sts

Rnd 10: [1 sc in each of next 9 sts; 2 sc in next st] 6 times = 66 sts

Rnd 11: 1 sc in each of next 16 sts; 2 sc in next st; sc in each of next 32 sts; 2 sc in next st; sc in ea of next 16 sts = 68 sts

Rnd 12-27: work sc in each st around = 68 sts
Sl st in next st, do not break yarn, cont work earflap with **MC**

First Earflap:

Row 1: ch 1; sc in same st; sc in each of next 15 st; tch 1 = 16 sc sts

Row 2-6: sc in each st; tch 1 = 16 sc sts

Row 7: sc2tog; sc in next 12 sts; sc2tog; tch1 = 14

Row 8: sc2tog; sc in next 10 sts; sc2tog; tch1 = 12

Row 9: sc2tog; sc in next 8 sts; sc2tog; tch1 = 10

Row 10: sc2tog; sc in next 6 sts; sc2tog; tch1 = 8

Row 11: sc2tog; sc in next 4 sts; sc2tog; tch1 = 6

Row 12: sc2tog; sc in next 2 sts; sc2tog; tch1 = 4

Row 13: sc2tog; sc2tog = 2 sts. Fasten Off

Second Earflap:

Skip 14 st from first earflap on the back side of the hat, join **MC** and work in same manner as first earflap. Do not break yarn after last row, cont crochet hat edge.

Edging and Braids: work same as for 6-12 mo



SIZE Medium Adults

To begin: ch 2; 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook, place marker = 6 sts

Rnd 1: 2 sc in first sc of beginning row; [2sc in each st] 5 times = 12 sts

Rnd 2: 2 sc in ea sc around = 24 sts

Rnd 3: work sc in each st around = 24 sts

Rnd 4: [1 sc in next st; 2 sc in next st] 12 times = 36 sts

Rnd 5: work sc in each st around = 36 sts

Rnd 6: [1 sc in each of next 2 sts; 2 sc in next st] 12 times = 48 sts

Rnd 7: work sc in each st around = 48 sts

Rnd 8: [1 sc in each of next 3 sts; 2 sc in next st] 12 times = 60 sts

Rnd 9: work sc in each st around = 60 sts

Rnd 10: [1 sc in each of next 5 sts; 2 sc in next st] 10 times = 70 sts

Rnd 11-27: work sc in each st around = 70 sts

Sl st in next st, do not break yarn, cont work earflap with **MC**

First Earflap:

Work same as for Preteens-Teens size.

Second Earflap:

Skip 15 st from first earflap on the back side of the hat, join **MC** and work in same manner as first earflap. Do not break yarn after last row, cont crochet hat edge.

Edging and Braids: work same as for 6-12 mo.

SIZE Large Adults

To begin: ch 2; 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook, place marker = 6 sts

Rnd 1: 2 sc in first sc of beginning row; [2sc in each st] 5 times = 12 sts

Rnd 2: 2 sc in ea sc around = 24 sts

Rnd 3: work sc in each st around = 24 sts

Rnd 4: [1 sc in next st; 2 sc in next st] 12 times = 36 sts

Rnd 5: work sc in each st around = 36 sts

Rnd 6: [1 sc in each of next 2 sts; 2 sc in next st] 12 times = 48 sts

Rnd 7: work sc in each st around = 48 sts

Rnd 8: [1 sc in each of next 3 sts; 2 sc in next st] 12 times = 60 sts

Rnd 9: work sc in each st around = 60 sts

Rnd 10: [1 sc in each of next 5 sts; 2 sc in next st] 10 times = 70 sts

Rnd 11: work sc in each st around = 70 sts

Rnd 12: [1 sc in each of next 9 sts; 2 sc in next st] 7 times = 77 sts

Rnd 13-29: work sc in each st around = 77 sts

Sl st in next st, do not break yarn, cont work earflap with **MC**

First Earflap:

Row 1: ch 1; sc in same st; sc in each of next 16 st; tch 1 = 17 sc sts

Row 2-6: sc in each st; tch 1 = 17 sc sts

Row 7:sc2tog; sc in next 13 sts;sc2tog;tch1=15

Row 8:sc2tog;sc in next 11 sts; sc2tog;tch1=13

Row 9: sc2tog; sc in next 9 sts; sc2tog;tch1=11

Row 10:sc2tog; sc in next 7 sts; sc2tog;tch1= 9

Row 11:sc2tog; sc in next 5 sts; sc2tog;tch1= 7

Row 12:sc2tog; sc in next 3 sts; sc2tog;tch1= 5

Row 13: sc2tog; sc in next st; sc2tog = 3 sts

Second Earflap:

Skip 16 st from first earflap on the back side of the hat, join **MC** and work in same manner as first earflap

Edging and Braids: work same as for 6-12 mo



MUZZLE:

For SIZE **6-12m.**(1-3y.; 3-5y.; 5-10y.;
Preteens-Teens; Medium Adults; Large Adults)

Work with **MC** and crochet hook 5.5 mm (I) around foundation chain.

To begin: ch **16** (**17; 18; 19; 20; 21; 21**) (last ch counts as turning ch). Work around ch:

Rnd 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook; 1 sc in each of next **13** (**14; 15; 16; 17; 18; 18**) chs; 3 sc in last ch; do not turn, cont. working rnd on opposite side of the chain: 1 sc in each of next **13** (**14; 15; 16; 17; 18; 18**) lps; 2 sc in last st; join with sl st to beg ch = **32** (**34; 36; 38; 40; 42; 42**)sts

Rnd 2: ch1; 3 sc in next st; 1 sc in each of next **13** (**14; 15; 16; 17; 18; 18**) sts; 3 sc in next st; 1 sc in next st; 3 sc in next st; sc in ea of next **13** (**14; 15; 16; 17; 18; 18**) sts; 3 sc in next st; sc in next st; join with sl st to beg ch = **40** (**42; 44; 46; 48; 50; 50**)sts

Rnd 3: ch1; sc in next st; 3 sc in next st; 1 sc in each of next **15** (**16; 17; 18; 19; 20; 20**) sts; 3 sc in next st; sc in ea of next 3 sts; 3 sc in next st; sc in ea of next **15** (**16; 17; 18; 19; 20; 20**) sts; 3 sc in next st; sc in ea of last 2 sts; join with sl st to beg ch = **48** (**50; 52; 54; 56; 58; 58**)sts

Rnd 4-6: ch1; work sc in ea st around; join with sl st to beg ch = **48** (**50; 52; 54; 56; 58; 58**)sts

Finish off for SIZE **6-12m.**(1-3y.; 3-5y.);
Cont next rnd for SIZE **5-10y**(**Preteens-Teens; Medium Adults; Large Adults**)

Rnd 7: ch1; work sc in ea st around; join with sl st to beg ch = **54**(**56; 58; 58**)sts
Finish off; leaving long tail for sewing.

NOSTRILS:

Work with Hook 3.5 mm (E)

Gray Base (work 2 pcs with **MC**)

To begin: ch 3

Rnd 1: work 8 hdc in last ch from hook; join with sl st to top of first hdc = 8 hdc sts
Fasten off, leaving long tail for sewing.

Pink Inserts (work 2 pcs with **PC**)

To begin: ch 3; join ch with a sl st to form a ring

Rnd 1: ch1; work 6 sc into ring; join with sl st to beg ch = 6 sc sts
Fasten off, leaving long tail for sewing.

- Sew Pink Inserts on the top of gray base of nostrils with back st **using PC**



- Sew nostrils to the muzzle with back stitch using **MC**





EARS:

Work 2 psc with **PC** (front side of the ear) and 2 psc with **MC** (back side of the ear) using crochet hook 5.5 mm (I)

To begin: ch 3; join ch with a sl st to form a ring

Row 1: ch1; work 6 sc into ring; do not join; turn to the next row = 6 sc sts

Row 2: ch1; work 2 sc in ea st across; tch 1 = 12 sc sts

Row 3: ch1; [sc in next st; 2 sc in next st] 6 times = 18 sc sts

Cont next row only for SIZE **5-10y**(**Preteens-Teens; Medium Adults; Large Adults**):

Row 3: ch1; work sc in ea st across = 18 sc sts

Join Back and front side of the ear as follows:

- Put **PC** and **MC** pcs together facing their WS to each other and RS of **PC** facing to you
- Join **PC** and **MC** with sc sts, working through ea st of both sides.
- Fasten Off leaving long **MC** tail for sewing



- Fold bottom edge of each ear in a half and stitch it to hold the shape of hippo ears.



TEETH:

Work 2 psc with **WC** using crochet hook 3.5mm (E) for SIZE **6-12m; 1-3y.; 3-5y.**; and crochet hook 4mm for SIZE **5-10yrs; Preteens-Teens; Medium Adults; Large Adults**

To begin: ch **4 (4; 4; 5; 5; 5; 5)** (last ch counts as turning ch). Work around ch:

Rnd 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook; sc in ea of next **1 (1; 1; 2; 2; 2; 2)** sts; 4 sc in last st; do not turn, cont. working rnd on opposite side of the chain: sc in each of next **1 (1; 1; 2; 2; 2; 2)** lps; 3 sc in last lp; join with sl st to beg st = **10 (10; 10; 12; 12; 12; 12)**sts

Fasten Off leaving long tail for sewing

EYES: (Outer of the eye)

Work 2 psc with **WC** using crochet hook 5.5mm (I). Same for All sizes

To begin: ch 5 (last ch counts as tch). Work around ch:

Rnd 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook; sc in next ch; hdc in next ch; 5 hdc in last ch; cont working rnd on opposite side of the chain: hdc in next lp; sc in next lp; 2sc in last lp; join with sl st to beg st = 12 sts

Fasten Off leaving long tail for sewing

BOWS: (Optional)

Work 2 psc with **HC** using crochet hook 5.5mm (I). Same for All sizes

To begin: ch 3; join ch with a sl st to form a ring

Rnd 1: ch1; work 8 sc into ring; join with sl st to beg ch = 8 sc sts

Rnd 2: [ch3 (count as dc); 2 dc in same st; 2 dc in next st; ch 3 (count as dc); sl st in same st; sl st in ea of next 2 sts] 2 times; fasten Off leaving long tail for sewing

FINISHING:

- Sew Teeth to the hat, slightly lower than face edge of the hat.



- Sew Muzzle to the hat with whip stitch leaving some space on the end for stuffing.



- Stuff muzzle and complete sewing.



- Sew ears to the hat with whip stitch around bottom edge of the ear.



- Sew outer of the eyes to the hat with whip stitch



- Sew black buttons on the top of outer of the eyes and straight stitch eyebrows with **BC**



- Sew 1 pink bow to the bottom of left earflap and another bow sew to the bottom of right braid.





- Stitch smile with **HC**



- 1- needle out;
- 2- needle in;
- 1- needle out and whip around bottom of muzzle



- 3- needle in;
- 4- needle out;
- 3- needle in; finish off inside of the hat, pull needle through the muzzle;
- 5- needle out; whip around smile line;
- 5- needle in. Finish off inside of the hat, pull needle through the muzzle;



- 6- needle out; whip around smile line;
- 6- needle in. Finish off inside of the hat

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