

Amigurumi Elephant

The elephant can be made using a variety of sized hooks and yarn to achieve different sizes. The elephant in the image was made with 100% acrylic Aran weight yarn and a size 4.5mm hook. For a smaller elephant use DK yarn and a 3mm/3.5mm hook.



You will need:

Yarn – DK or Aran. Colour One (grey) - (C1) Approx. 130m; Colour Two (feet/tail ends) - (C2) Approx. 15m. Plus any embellishments such as lashes/brows, flower/bow etc. I use black 4-ply for lashes/brows

Crochet hook(s) – I'd recommend using a hook 0.5 to 1 size smaller than the yarn suggests for a tighter weave and to prevent stuffing coming through

8mm safety eyes (or black MR (approx. 8 stitches and sewn on))

Soft toy stuffing - 100% Polyester is fully washable. When stuffing break stuffing into small pieces to avoid a lumpy finish and pack tightly.

Yarn/tapestry needle

Stitch marker/counter (optional)

Stitches and abbreviations used: (US terminology is used - US SC = UK DC)

MR - Magic ring (using US sc) also known as Magic Circle – secure yarn tail in stitches of second round

SC - Single crochet (into stitch, yarn under, pull through stitch, yarn under, pull through 2 loops on hook = 1sc)

Inc - Increase stitch (2 single crochets into one stitch)

Dec - Decrease stitch (single crochet 2 stitches together FLO)

BLO/FLO – Back Loop Only/Front Loop Only

ST(s) – Stitch/Stitches

R – Round/Row

FO - Finish Off - Slst into the next stitch to secure the yarn and cut the yarn leaving a tail (for sewing pieces together). Leave the hole open unless it says to close. To close, sew yarn

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through front loops only of each stitch in the final round from the centre outwards then pull tight to close. Know thread and hide into piece of work.

Amigurumi is worked in **continuous rounds**. Yarn Under rather than the typical Yarn Over gives a tighter finish for working in the round (and each stitch looks like a cross/kiss!)

The number in () at the end of each round indicates the **total number of stitches for that round**

* * indicates **repeat stitches** between Asterix, by the number of repeats e.g. shown as *1 sc, inc* x6

Invisible decreases give a neater finish – use **FLO** (front loops only to join two stitches into one)

Increases are **two stitches** worked in the **same stitch**

Colour changing (feet) – complete the final stitch until you have two loops on the hook before changing colour by pulling new colour through the two loops. Secure both ends of yarn by working the ends under the first few stitches

Stuff the product little and often as you work. You will need to be generous with the stuffing, even small pieces take a lot of stuffing and will soften in time if not filled enough – use the crochet hook handle to push stuffing into small pieces and to pack it tight.

Assembly:

Legs – sew to either side of the body in a seated position between R6-9. Position the legs outwards so arms will fit between them. Position the colour change stitch on the feet pointing downwards.

Arms – sew to front sides of the body with approx. 5 sts between the two. Position so the MR feet rest on the ground between the legs

Tail – sew to the bottom back of the body between R6-8

Ears – fold the ears using the dec sections to make tops and bottoms of the ears (longer section is the bottom of the ear where there are extra decreases). Sew ears approx. half-way between front and back part of the head, with approx. 12 st between each ear

Head – sew the head to the body using the yarn tail left on the body. Position the head between approx. R29-36 with eyes towards the top/front. Add any additional embellishment such as bow, flower, hat etc. as wanted.

You will find lots of video demonstrations on YouTube for making Amigurumi, from making Magic Rings to embroidered eye designs, and attaching pieces together.

BODY x1 – Colour 1 (i.e. grey)	
1.	6sc into MR (6)
2.	*Inc * x6 (12)
3.	*1sc, inc * x6 (18)
4.	*2sc, inc * x6 (24)
5.	*3sc, inc * x6 (30)
6.	*4sc, inc * x6 (36)
7.	*8sc, inc * x4 (40)
8-18.	Sc (40) – (11 rounds)
19.	*8sc, dec * x4 (36)
20.	sc (36)
21.	*7sc, dec * x4 (32) – start to <i>stuff the piece and continue stuffing until end.</i>
22.	*6sc, dec * x4 (28)
23.	*5sc, dec * x4 (24)
24.	*4sc, dec * x4 (20)
25.	*3sc, dec * x4 (16)
	FO – Leaving long yarn tail

LEGS x2 – Colour 2 (i.e. green) rows 1-5 then change to Colour 1 (grey) rows 6-22	
1.	6sc into MR (6)
2.	*Inc * x6 (12)
3.	*1sc, inc * x6 (18)
4.	*2sc, inc * x6 (24)
5.	*3sc, inc * x6 (30) – <i>change colour on last yarn under of final increase</i>
6.	*3sc, dec* x6 (24)
7.	*10sc, dec* x2 (22)
8.	Sc (22)
9.	5sc, dec, 1sc, dec, 2sc, dec, 1sc, dec, 5sc (18)
10-20.	Sc (18) – (11 rounds) – start to <i>stuff the piece and continue stuffing to end.</i>
21.	*1sc, dec * x6 (12)
22.	*dec * x6 (6)
	FO – Close hole, leaving yarn tail.

ARMS x2 – Colour 2 rows 1-4 then change to Colour 1 rows 5-25	
1.	6sc into MR (6)
2.	*Inc * x6 (12)
3.	*1sc, inc * x6 (18)
4.	*2sc, inc * x6 (24) – <i>change colour on last yarn under of final increase</i>
5.	*4sc, dec* x4 (20)
6.	Sc (20)
7.	4sc, dec, 1sc, dec, 2sc, dec, 1sc, dec, 4sc (16)
8.	5sc, dec, 2sc, dec, 5sc (14) - <i>Stuff the start of the piece firmly and the end of the piece lightly.</i>
9-24.	Sc (14) – (16 rounds)
25.	*dec * x7 (7)
	FO – Close hole, leaving yarn tail

TAIL – Colour 1 with Colour 2 ends	
1.	4sc into MR (4)
2.	*Inc * x4 (8)
3-13.	Sc (8) - (11 rounds) – start <i>stuffing the piece and continue stuffing to end.</i>
	FO – leaving yarn tail
Colour 2	Cut short strips of colour 2 and pull through stitches at the end of the tail. You may need to use a smaller hook size for this part! (see pictures below)

Adding yarn for tail (can be added before or after attaching tail to body):



1. Insert crochet hook through 2 stitches.



2. Pull strand of yarn through the stitch.



3. Pull the two tail ends through the loop and pull tight to secure.



Finished tail.

EARS x2 – Colour 1	
1.	6sc into MR (6)
2.	*Inc * x6 (12)
3.	*1sc, inc * x6 (18)
4.	*2sc, inc * x6 (24)
5.	*3sc, inc * x6 (30)
6.	*4sc, inc * x6 (36)
7.	*5sc, inc * x6 (42)
8.	*6sc, inc * x6 (48)
9-11.	Sc (48) – (3 rounds)
12.	10sc, dec x2, 20sc, dec x2, 10sc (44)
13.	9sc, dec x2, 18sc, dec x2, 9sc (40)
14.	6sc, dec x4, 26sc (36)
15.	*7sc, dec * x4 (32)
16.	*6sc, dec * x4 (28)
17.	*5sc, dec * x4 (24)
18.	*4sc, dec * x4 (20)
	FO – leaving yarn tail. This piece is unstuffed.

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HEAD – Colour 1 (plus black 4-ply if adding lashes/brows etc.)	
1.	4sc into MR (4)
2.	*Inc * x4 (8)
3.	Sc (8)
4.	*3sc, inc * x2 (10)
5.	BLO – sc (10)
6-7.	Sc (10)
8.	Inc, 9sc (11)
9-10.	Sc (11)
11.	Inc, 10sc (12)
12-13.	Sc (12)
14.	Inc, 11sc (13)
15-16.	Sc (13)
17.	Inc, 12sc (14)
18-19.	Sc (14)
20.	Inc, 13sc (15)
21-22.	Sc (15)
23.	Inc, 14sc (16)
24.	Sc (16)
25.	*3sc, inc * x4 (20)
26.	Sc (20)
27.	*4sc, inc * x4 (24)
28.	Sc (24)
29.	*3sc, inc * x6 (30)
30.	*4sc, inc * x6 (36)
31.	*5sc, inc * x6 (42)
32.	*6sc, inc * x6 (48)
33-42.	Sc (48) – (10 rounds) – <i>Push the starting tip (approx. R1-4) inwards to add shape. Start stuffing the piece and continue to the end</i>
43.	*6sc, dec * x6 (42) – <i>Place safety eyes between R32-33 approx. 10st apart.</i>
44.	*5sc, dec * x6 (36)
45.	*4sc, dec * x6 (30)
46.	*3sc, dec * x6 (24)
47.	*2sc, dec * x6 (18)
48.	*1sc, dec * x6 (12)
49.	*dec * x6 (6)
	FO – Close hole.