

Ella the elephant



Abbreviations:

Ch: chain

St: Stitch

Sc: Single crochet

Inv.dec.: Invisible decrease

Materials used:

2mm crochet hook

8 ply cotton yarn in light blue or grey color

black embroidery thread for eyes and mount

embroidery needle for sewing up the parts and details

white yarn for tusks and toenails

for stuffing I used polyester fiberfil

You will work in continuous rounds. Make sure to mark the first stitch, but only for the easier row count. You will not be working any slip stitches at the end of each row, or any ch1. As you finish, just continue working the next round as indicated in the pattern. When finishing the piece, after making last single crochet, slip stitch to the following stitch and tie off pulling the thread out of the stitch.

For those that wish to make identical size doll to these that I have made, here is the gauge used:

1×1 cm: 4 rows x 3 stitches

1×1 inch: 9 rows x 8 stitches

And we are ready to get started

Head

R1: sc6 in magic ring (6 sts)

R2: 2sc in one st x6 (12 sts)

R3: *2sc in one st, sc1* x6 (18 sts)

R4: *2sc in one st, sc2* x6 (24 sts)

R5: *2sc in one st, sc3* x6 (30 sts)

R6: *2sc in one st, sc4* x6 (36 sts)

R7: *2sc in one st, sc5* x6 (42 sts)

R8: *2sc in one st, sc6* x6 (48 sts)

R9-R12: sc48

R13: *2sc in one st, sc7* x6 (54 sts)

If you work with safety eyes, place them here leaving 6 stitches space between each one.

R14: *2sc in ne st, sc8* x6 (60 sts)

R15-R16: sc60

R17: *Inv.dec., sc8* x6 (54 sts)

R18: *Inv.dec., sc7* x6 (48 sts)

R19: *Inv.dec., sc6* x6 (42 sts)

R20: *Inv.dec., sc5* x6 (36 sts)

R21: *Inv.dec., sc4* x6 (30 sts)

R22: *Inv.dec., sc3* x6 (24 sts)

R23: *Inv.dec., sc2* x6 (18 sts)

Tie off, stuff the head firmly.

Ears (x2)

Ch11

R1: sc9, 3sc in one st (last one on the chain), continue stitching on the other side of the chain, sc8, 2sc in one st. (22 sts)

R2: *2sc in one st, sc1* x10 (33 sts)

R3: *2sc in one st, sc2* x10 (44 sts)

R4-R8: sc44

R9: *Inv.dec., sc2* x10 (33 sts)

R10: sc33

R11: *In.dec., sc1* x10 (22 sts)

R12: sc22
R13: Inv.dec x11
Tie off and leave long end for swing the ears on the head later.

Nose

R1: sc5 in magic ring (5 sts)
R2: 2sc in each st x5 (10 sts)
R3: *2sc in one st, sc1* x5 (15 sts)
R4: sc15 in the outer loop (15 sts)
R5: sc15 (both loops) (15 sts)
R6: Inv.dec.3, sc9 (12 sts)
R7-R16: sc12
R17: sc3, 2sc in one st, sc1, 2sc in one st, sc1, 2sc in one st, sc4 (15 sts)
R18: sc15
Tie off and leave long end for sewing the nose on the head later.

Body

R1: sc6 in magic ring (6 sts)
R2: 2sc in one st all around (12 sts)
R3: *2sc in one st, sc1* x6 (18 sts)
R4: *2sc in one st, sc2* x6 (24 sts)
R5: *2sc in one st, sc3* x6 (30 sts)
R6: *2sc in one st, sc4* x6 (36 sts)
R7: *2sc in one st, sc5* x6 (42 sts)
R8: *2sc in one st, sc6* x6 (48 sts)
R9-R18: sc48 (48 sts)
R19: *Inv.dec., sc6* x6 (42 sts)
R20: sc42
R21: *Inv.dec., sc5* x6 (36 sts)
R22: sc36
R23: *Inv.dec., sc4* x6 (30 sts)
R24: sc30
R25: *Inv.dec., sc3* x6 (24 sts)
R26: sc24
R27: *Inv.dec., sc2* x6 (18 sts)
R28: sc18
Tie off and leave long end to sew the body with the head later. Stuff the body well.

Legs (x2)

R1: sc6 in magic ring (6 sts)
R2: 2sc in each st all around (12 sts)
R3: *2sc in one st, sc1* x6 (18 sts)
R4: *2sc in one st, sc2* x6 (24 sts)
R5: sc24 in the outer loop only (24 sts)
R6-R10: sc24
R11: *Inv dec., sc2* x6 (18 sts)
R12-R13: sc18
R14: *Inv.dec., sc1* x6 (12 sts)
R15-16: sc12
(if you wish to make legs longer as they are made at grey elephant, add 3 more rows)

Tie off and leave long end for sewing the legs later. Stuff only the wide, bottom part of the legs with the stuffing.

Arms (x2)

R1: sc6 in magic ring (6 sts)

R2: 2sc in each st all around (12 sts)

R3: *2sc in one st, sc1* x6 (18 sts)

R4: sc18 in the outer loop only

R5-R8: sc18 (for grey elephant arms add one more row)

R9: *Inv.dec., sc1* x6 (12 sts)

R10-R15: sc12 (12 sts)

For grey elephant kind of arms, add 4 more rows.

Tie off and leave long end for sewing the arms later.

Stuff only the wide lower part of the arms with the stuffing.

Tail

Ch10

Tie off. Make a simple knot at the end. You can add few more threads in the last loop before fastening to give end of the tail have few hairs (and sew all as kind of little tassel), but it is optional.

Assembling the parts



Sew body and head first.

You will have 18 stitches to connect at both sides, so it should be pretty easy and give you nice clean connection. Start sewing, connecting end stitch of the head (where you tied off) with end stitch of the body (where your thread for sewing begins), facing each other. Before finishing the sewing, add some more stuffing to the head and/or body so they connect nice and fill all empty spaces there might be between head and the body.

Now before sewing the rest look at your elephant carefully.

Turn her around looking at the head, until you notice the points where you started to make decreases. Pick one you like the best, as this peak will be the one onto which we will sew on the nose.

Safe place the nose, with bobbin pins and sew it on the head. Sew through both loops of each stitch, for every stitch around nose. It is little picky work, but be patient so it will look nice later.

Arms you will sew on sides of the body. Take nose as the center point. Leave 5 stitches between each arm (looking from front side). Position the arms, safe them with pins and sew them nicely.

Sewing the legs.

Turn the Ella upside down.

Count 7 rows from the middle towards the front of the belly. You will be sewing the legs between row 7 and 8. Take the bottom ring as your center point to position the legs evenly. Leave 3 stitches between legs, safety pin the legs on the body and sew them nicely.

Ears:

Position the ears evenly on the sides of the head. Place the ears starting R8 downwards, till R13. Sew them nicely, tie off, hide the ends.

Sew the tail between row 7 and 8 (counting from the starting ring of the body) centering it at the back side of the body.

Now you Ella is sewed completely.

Eyes:

Sew on the eyes one row above the nose level, leaving 6 stitches between each eye. Sew them through only one stitch.

If you would like to use safety, eyes. Place them right after R13, leaving 6 stitches space between them.

Tusks:

Using white yarn or embroidery thread, sew the tusks on the sides of the bottom of the trunk. Go through one stitch several times to create ball kind shape to indicate small growing tusks here.

Mouth:

Two rows below the trunk, using black yarn or embroidery thread, embroider the mouth, stitching through three vertical stitches. Then curve them with diagonal stitch both sides, to make it smiley effect.

Feet/Arms toenails:

I made three on each arm and leg (but you can make it up to 5 as it is that many elephant can have ☺)

Using white yarn or embroidery thread, sew the toenails same way as you did with the tusks, leaving 2 stitches space between each. Start the stitch at the bottom of the leg or arm and sew over the edge ending in the first stitch above (the edge). Tie off at the end and hide thread inside the arm or leg.

At the end if you wish to make hair or two at the top of Ella's head. Cut two or three strings of yarn, 5-6 cm long. Using crochet hook (try some smaller size so you don't make big gap on the stitch) pull it through one stitch at top of the head, hook the yarn folded at half, pull out through the stitch. Pull just enough to create a small loop you will use to yarn over and pull the rest of the strings through. Make two or three hairs like that, cut them to the length you find likable.

And your Ella is done. Now all over again to make a boyfriend! ☺

