Crochet
Christmas Fox Plushie

Free Step-by-Step Tutorial



Beginner-friendly | ~4-5 hours | About 24 cm tall

Materials

- Rust-red worsted/aran (#4) yarn, approx. 90 g (main colour)
- Cream worsted yarn, approx. 35 g (belly, muzzle and ear inners)
- Dark-green worsted yarn, approx. 15 g (scarf)
- White fluffy or eyelash yarn, approx. 10 g (hat trim and pom pom)
- 3.5 mm (US E/4) crochet hook
- 2 black safety eyes, 12 mm
- Black yarn or embroidery floss, small amount (nose and smile)
- Polyester toy stuffing
- Yarn needle, stitch markers, scissors and sewing pins

Abbreviations

- MR = magic ring
- ch = chain
- sl st = slip stitch
- sc = single crochet
- hdc = half double crochet
- inc = increase (2 sc in one st)
- dec = decrease (sc 2 sts together)
- st(s) = stitch(es)
- FO = fasten off

Step 1: Crochet the Head



- With rust-red yarn, make a magic ring and work 6 sc into it. Pull tight.
- Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. [12]
- Rnd 3: (Sc, inc) x6. [18]
- Rnd 4: (Sc 2, inc) x6. [24]
- Rnd 5: (Sc 3, inc) x6. [30]
- Rnds 6-10: Sc in each st around. [30]
- Rnd 11: (Sc 3, dec) x6. [24]
- Rnd 12: (Sc 2, dec) x6. [18]
- Stuff firmly. Work (sc, dec) x6 [12], then dec x6 [6]. FO and close.

Step 2: Add the Pointy Ears



- Outer ear (make 2, rust-red): Ch 6. Sc back along the chain, decreasing at both ends of each row until 1 st remains.
- Inner ear (make 2, cream): same as the outer ear, starting with Ch 5.
- Sew a cream inner ear onto the front of each red ear.
- Sew the ears to the top of the head, about 8 sts apart, between Rnds 4 and 7.
- Angle them slightly outward, like a real fox listening.

Step 3: Crochet the Body and Cream Belly



- Rnd 1: MR, 6 sc. [6]
- Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. [12]
- Rnd 3: (Sc, inc) x6. [18]
- Rnd 4: (Sc 2, inc) x6. [24]
- Rnd 5: (Sc 3, inc) x6. [30]
- Rnds 6-9: Sc in each st around. [30]
- Rnd 10: (Sc 3, dec) x6. [24]
- Rnds 11-12: Sc in each st around. [24]
- Rnd 13: (Sc 2, dec) x6. [18] Rnd 14: (Sc, dec) x6. [12]
- Belly patch (cream): MR 6 sc [6]; inc around [12]; (sc, inc) x6 [18]; (sc 2, inc) x6 [24]. FO and sew onto the front of the body.

Step 4: Make the Arms, Legs and Tail



- Arms (make 2): MR 6 sc [6]; (sc, inc) x3 [9]; sc around for 5 rounds [9]. Stuff lightly, flatten the top, FO.
- Legs (make 2): MR 6 sc [6]; inc around [12]; (sc, inc) x6 [18]; sc around for 4 rounds [18]. Stuff, FO.
- Tail: MR 6 sc [6]; inc around [12]; (sc, inc) x6 [18]; sc around for 3 rounds [18]; change to cream and sc around for 2 rounds [18]. Stuff lightly, FO.
- Brush the red part of the tail gently with a slicker brush for a bushy look.
- Sew the arms to the sides, the legs to the front bottom, and the tail to the back.

Step 5: Crochet the Santa Hat and Green Scarf



- Hat (red): MR 6 sc [6]; (sc, inc) x3 [9]; (sc 2, inc) x3 [12]; (sc 3, inc) x3 [15]; (sc 4, inc) x3 [18]; (sc 5, inc) x3 [21]; (sc 6, inc) x3 [24]; sc around for 2 rounds [24].
- Change to white fluffy yarn and sc around for 2 rounds [24]. FO.
- Pom pom: wrap white yarn around three fingers about 40 times, tie tightly, cut the loops and trim into a ball. Sew to the tip of the hat.
- Scarf (dark green): Ch 41; hdc in the 3rd ch from the hook and in each ch across [39]; turn and hdc across once more [39]. FO.

Step 6: Assemble and Embroider the Face



- Sew the head to the top of the body, centred over the belly patch.
- Attach the arms, legs and tail, and weave in all the ends.
- Fix the safety eyes between Rnds 7 and 8 of the head, about 7 sts apart. Click the washers on firmly.
- Embroider a small black triangle for the nose and a little upside-down Y for the mouth.
- Tilt the Santa hat to one side and stitch it down, then wrap the scarf twice around his neck.

Tips

- Count every round. Amigurumi only looks neat when the stitch counts are right, so count at the end of each increase and decrease round.

- Stuff as you go. Add the stuffing a little at a time and shape the piece with your hands as you work.

- Make the face last. Sew everything together before you place the eyes and nose, so the face sits perfectly centred.