Crochet Elephant Pattern

Free amigurumi pattern — soft dusty-blue elephant with big floppy ears, cream inner ears, a curled trunk, and a tiny sage bow



Finished elephant, about 24 cm tall, worked in worsted-weight yarn with a 3.5 mm hook.

Materials

- Worsted-weight (aran) yarn in dusty blue-grey (about 130 g); cream (small amount); sage green (small amount)
- 3.5 mm crochet hook; 10 mm black safety eyes (2) or black yarn to embroider the eyes; cream embroidery thread
- Toy stuffing (polyester fibre fill); yarn needle, stitch markers, scissors. US crochet terms throughout. Work in continuous rounds unless stated.

Abbreviations: sc = single crochet, inc = increase (2 sc in one stitch), dec = decrease (single crochet 2 together), st = stitch, Rnd = round, ch = chain, sl st = slip stitch.

Head

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring. [6]

Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. [12]

Rnd 3: (Sc, inc) x 6. [18]

Rnd 4: (2 sc, inc) x 6. [24]

Rnd 5: (3 sc, inc) x 6. [30]

Rnd 6: (4 sc, inc) x 6. [36]

Rnds 7-11: Sc in each st around (5 rounds). [36]

Rnd 12: (4 sc, dec) x 6. [30]

Rnd 13: (3 sc, dec) x 6. [24]

Rnd 14: (2 sc, dec) x 6. [18]

Rnd 15: (Sc, dec) x 6. [12]

Rnd 16: Dec x 6. Fasten off, stuff firmly before closing. [6]

Insert the safety eyes roughly halfway down the head, evenly spaced, before stuffing firmly.

Body

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring. [6]

Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. [12]

Rnd 3: (Sc, inc) x 6. [18]

Rnd 4: (2 sc, inc) x 6. [24]

Rnd 5: (3 sc, inc) x 6. [30]

Rnds 6-10: Sc in each st around (5 rounds). [30]

Rnd 11: (3 sc, dec) x 6. [24]

Rnd 12: (2 sc, dec) x 6. [18]

Rnd 13: (Sc, dec) x 6. [12]

Rnd 14: Dec x 6. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. [6]

Stuff a little at a time and shape into a gentle pear form, wider at the bottom, so the elephant sits steadily.

Ears (make 2)

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring. [6]

Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. [12]

Rnd 3: (Sc, inc) x 6. [18]

Rnds 4-6: Sc in each st around (3 rounds). [18]

Rnd 7: (Sc, dec) x 6. Flatten; do not stuff. Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. [12]

Fold the base slightly as you sew them on, so the ears fall naturally instead of sticking straight out.

Inner ears (make 2, cream)

Rnd 1: Ch 9. Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 6 ch, 3 sc in last ch, sc in next 6 ch along the other side, 2 sc in last ch. [18]

Rnd 2: Sc in each st around. Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. [18]

Sew one neatly to the front of each ear.

Trunk (make 1)

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring. [6]

Rnd 2: (2 sc, inc) x 2. [8]

Rnds 3-7: Sc in each st around (5 rounds). [8]

Rnd 8: (2 sc, dec) x 2. Stuff very lightly, fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. [6]

Sew to the centre of the face and curve the tip upward, tacking it in place with a stitch or two.

Legs (make 4)

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring. [6]

Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. [12]

Rnds 3-6: Sc in each st around (4 rounds). [12]

Rnd 7: (2 sc, dec) x 3. Stuff lightly, flatten; do not close. [9]

Sew to the front and back of the lower body so the elephant can sit upright on its own.

Tail (make 1)

Ch 8, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. [7]

Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. Make the tuft: wrap dusty blue-grey yarn around two fingers 8 times, tie tightly in the middle, cut the loops and trim. Tie the tuft to the end of the tail, then sew the tail to the back of the body.

Bow (make 1, sage green)

Ch 12. Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. [11] Rows 2-4: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across. [11] Fasten off, pinch the rectangle in the middle and wrap yarn tightly around the centre a few times to form a bow. Tie or sew the bow around the elephant's neck.

Assembly & Face

Sew the head firmly to the top of the body, checking from the front that it sits centred and upright. Attach the ears, trunk, legs and tail, pinning every piece first and checking the balance from the front and the side. Embroider a gentle smile curving up on each side with cream thread, right under the trunk. Tie the sage bow around the neck, fluff the ears, and give the elephant a gentle squeeze to even out the stuffing.

Tips

- Keep your tension tight. Amigurumi stitches should be snug enough that no stuffing peeks through — if you can see filling, drop down half a hook size.
- Use stitch markers. Mark the first stitch of every round; it is easy to lose your place in continuous rounds, and a marker saves a lot of counting back.
- Stuff as you go. Add filling a little at a time and shape each piece before closing it — it is much harder to fix a lumpy head once it is sewn on.

Happy crocheting! This pattern is free for personal use.