Crochet Giraffe Pattern

Free amigurumi pattern — tall golden-yellow giraffe with brown spots, a long neck, ossicones and a cream muzzle



Finished giraffe, about 30 cm tall, worked in worsted-weight yarn with a 4.0 mm hook.

Materials

- Worsted-weight yarn in golden-yellow (about 100 g); brown (about 30 g); cream (about 20 g)
- 4.0 mm crochet hook; 12 mm black safety eyes (2); polyester fiberfill stuffing
- Yarn needle, stitch marker, 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.

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 7-12: Sc in each st around (6 rounds). [36]

Rnd 13: (4 sc, dec) x 6. [30]

Rnd 14: (3 sc, dec) x 6. [24]

Rnd 15: (2 sc, dec) x 6. [18]

Rnd 16: (Sc, dec) x 6. [12]

Rnd 17: Dec x 6. Fasten off, stuff firmly before closing. [6]

Insert the safety eyes between Rnds 10 and 11, about 7 stitches apart, before stuffing.

Muzzle (cream, make 1)

Rnd 1: Ch 7. Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 4 ch, 3 sc in last ch, sc in next 4 ch along the other side, 2 sc in last ch. [14]

Rnd 2: Inc, sc 4, inc x 3, sc 4, inc x 2. [20]

Rnd 3: Sc in each st around. Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. [20]

Sew to the lower half of the head, centred under the eyes.

Neck

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 4-23: Sc in each st around (20 rounds), until the neck measures about 12 cm. Stuff firmly as you go. [18]

Rnd 24: Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. [18]

Sew a few flat brown spots onto the neck before stuffing; it is far easier while the piece is still flat.

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]

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

Rnd 7: (5 sc, inc) x 6. [42]

Rnds 8-13: Sc in each st around (6 rounds). [42]

Rnd 14: (5 sc, dec) x 6. [36]

Rnd 15: (4 sc, dec) x 6. [30]

Rnd 16: (3 sc, dec) x 6. [24]

Rnd 17: (2 sc, dec) x 6. [18]

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

Rnd 19: Dec x 6. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. [6]

Sew the brown spots onto the body before stuffing, spacing them evenly around the sides.

Ossicones (make 2)

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

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

Rnds 3-4: Sc in each st around (brown, 2 rounds). [12]

Rnds 5-8: Change to golden-yellow. Sc in each st around (4 rounds). Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing; stuff lightly. [12]

Sew on top of the head, spaced evenly apart.

Legs (make 4)

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

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

Rnds 3-4: Sc in each st around (brown, 2 rounds). [12]

Rnds 5-12: Change to golden-yellow. Sc in each st around (8 rounds). Stuff firmly, fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. [12]

Sew under the body so the giraffe stands level.

Arms (make 2)

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

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

Rnds 3-8: Sc in each st around (6 rounds). Stuff lightly, fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. [12]

Sew at the sides of the neck.

Ears (make 2, worked in rows, brown)

Row 1: Ch 6, sc in 2nd ch from hook and across. [5]

Rows 2-4: Ch 1, turn, sc across. [5]

Row 5: Ch 1, turn, dec, sc 1, dec. [3]

Row 6: Ch 1, turn, sc across. [3] Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.

Fold each ear in half and sew it to the top of the head, beside the ossicones.

Spots (brown, make a mix of sizes)

Small spot — make 6

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

Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. [12]

Medium spot — make 6

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

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

Rnd 3: (Sc, inc) x 6. Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. [18]

Large spot — make 4

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. Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. [24]

Sew the spots onto the head, neck and body before joining the pieces, spacing them evenly.

Assembly & Face

Sew the neck firmly to the top of the body, then attach the head to the top of the neck, checking that the head sits upright. Attach the legs, arms, ossicones and ears, pinning every piece first and checking the balance from the front and the side. Embroider a small smile on the cream muzzle with brown yarn, weave in all ends, and set your giraffe upright.

Tips

- Stuff the neck firmly. A giraffe neck needs plenty of fiberfill to stand tall — add stuffing in small pinches and press it down with the end of your hook as you go.
- Sew the spots on first. Attach every brown spot before you join the pieces together; it is much easier to sew a flat spot onto a flat piece than onto a stuffed, curved body.
- Pin before you sew. Check the head, neck, legs, ossicones and ears from every angle while they are pinned — once sewn, moving them means unpicking.

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