

Elma the Elephant (DK Yarn)

Pattern by PipsRainbow



Meet Elma the Elephant. She is the most kind & thoughtful little elephant you will ever meet. She is always baking treats for her little friends and is never far away from a cuppa with a chum. Her favourite thing to do is to sit down & write a good story. You never know, you might find one day, that she is a published author, with many children's books to her name. If you ever get your hands on one of them, you will be in for a real treat.

This little elephant is a great pattern for any crochet lover, or a beginner crocheter wanting something a little more challenging. It uses the simple Amigurimi method of crocheting in the round and is easy to follow. Hope you enjoy it.

Level

Medium (This pattern is written with UK Crochet terminology.)

Yarn

100g DK yarn in grey. I have used the incredible DK Banshee yarn from the wonderful The Loveliest Yarn Co. You will also need a small amount of pink DK yarn for the feet and black yarn for the eyebrows.

Hook

3mm crochet hook

Notions

Scissors, darning needle for ends, toy stuffing, a pair of 10mm safety eyes.

Finished size

30cm tall

Abbreviations

mr - Magic Ring

ch - Chain

st - Stitch

ss - Slip Stitch

dc - Double Crochet

dc2tog - Double Crochet Decrease

bldc - Back Loop Double Crochet

yrh - Yarn Round Hook

Fasten off

Slip Stitch into the next stitch, pull the yarn through the stitch, then cut. Leave long tails, so that you can use them to attach the different parts of the body together.

Pattern

Body

Make 1 using grey yarn.

Rnd 1: Make a mr, 1ch (does not count as a st throughout) then 6dc into the ring. Pull the tail tight to close the ring. (6)

Rnd 2: [2dc into next st.] 6 times. (12)

Rnd 3: [1dc, 2dc into next st.] 6 times. (18)

Rnd 4: [2dc, 2dc into next st.] 6 times. (24)

Rnd 5: [3dc, 2dc into next st.] 6 times. (30)

Rnd 6: [4dc, 2dc into next st] 6 times. (36)

Rnd 7: [5dc, 2dc into next st] 6 times. (42)

Rnd 8: [6dc, 2dc into next st] 6 times. (48)

Rnd 9: [7dc, 2dc into next st] 6 times. (54)

Rnds 10 - 13: 1dc in each st. (54)

Rnd 14: [8dc, 2dc into next st] 6 times. (60)

Rnd 15: [9dc, 2dc into next st] 6 times. (66)

Rnds 16 - 20: 1dc in each st. (66)

Rnd 21: [9dc, dc2tog] 6 times. (60)

Rnd 22: [8dc, dc2tog.] 6 times. (54)

Rnds 23 - 25: 1dc in each st. (54)

Rnd 26: [7dc, dc2tog] 6 times. (48)

Rnds 27 - 28: 1dc in each st. (48)

Rnd 29: [6dc, dc2tog] 6 times. (42)

Rnds 30 - 31: 1dc in each st. (42)

Rnd 32: [5dc, dc2tog] 6 times. (36)

Rnds 33 - 37: 1dc into each st. (36)

Rnd 38: [4dc, dc2tog] 6 times. (30)

Rnds 39 - 40: 1dc into each st. (30)

Rnd 41: [3dc, dc2tog] 6 times. (24)

Rnd 42: 1dc in each st. (24)

Rnd 43: [2dc, dc2tog] 6 times. (18)

Rnd 44: 1dc in each st. (18)

Now it's time to stuff the body with toy stuffing.

Rnd 45: [1dc, dc2tog] 6 times. (12)

Rnd 46: [dc2tog] 6 times. (6)

Fasten off.

Head

Make 1 using grey yarn.

Rnd 1: Make mr, 1ch, 6dc into the ring. Pull the tail tight to close the ring. (6)

Rnd 2: [2dc into next st] 6 times. (12)

Rnd 3: [1dc, 2dc into next st] 6 times. (18)

Rnd 4: [2dc, 2dc into next st] 6 times. (24)

Rnd 5: [3dc, 2dc into next st] 6 times. (30)

Rnd 6: [4dc, 2dc into next st] 6 times. (36)

Rnd 7: [5dc, 2dc into next st] 6 times. (42)

Rnd 8: 1dc in each st. (42)

Rnd 9: [6dc, 2dc in next st] 6 times. (48)

Rnd 10: [7dc, 2dc in next st] 6 times. (54)

Rnds 11 - 16: 1dc in each st. (54)

Rnd 17: [7dc, dc2tog] 6 times. (48)

Rnd 18: [6dc, dc2tog] 6 times. (42)

Rnd 19: [5dc, dc2tog] 6 times. (36)

Rnd 20: [4dc, dc2tog] 6 times. (30)

Rnd 21: [3dc, dc2tog] 6 times. (24)

Now stuff the elephant's head.

Rnd 22: [2dc, dc2tog] 6 times. (18)

Rnds: 23 - 27 1dc in each st. (18)

Rnd 28: [4dc, dc2tog] 3 times. (15)

Insert safety eyes now, making sure you are happy with their position before you attach them properly. Add more stuffing to the head, but **not** the trunk.

Rnds: 29 – 32 1dc in each st. (15)

Rnd 33: [3dc, dc2tog] 3 times. (12)

Rnds 34 – 36: 1dc in each st. (12)

Rnd 37: 1bldc in each st. (12)

Rnd 18: [dc2tog] 6 times. (6)

Fasten off. With the tail, weave up through the head to the base, where it will attach to the body. This will help pull the end of trunk inside.

Feet and legs

Make 4 feet using your pink yarn, then work the legs in your main grey colour.

Rnd 1: Make a mr, 1ch, then 6dc into the ring. Pull the tail tight to close the ring. (6)

Rnd 2: [2dc into next st] 6 times. (12)

Rnd 3: [1dc, 2dc into next st] 6 times. (18)

Rnd 4: [2dc, 2dc into next st] 6 times, changing to grey on last yrh of last st. (24)

Rnd 5: 1bldc in each st. (24)

Rnd 6: [2dc, dc2tog] 6 times. (18)

Rnds 7 – 8: 1dc in each st. (18)

Rnd 9: [1dc, dc2tog] 6 times. (12)

Rnds 10 – 26: 1dc in each st. (12)

Rnd 27: [dc2tog] 6 times. (6)

Fasten off.

Ears

Make 2 using grey yarn.

Rnd 1: Make a mr, 1ch, then 4dc into the ring. Turn work. (4)

Rnd 2: [2dc into next st] 4 times. Turn work. (8)

Rnd 3: [1dc, 2dc into next st.] 4 times. Turn work. (12)

Rnd 4: [2dc, 2dc into next st] 4 times. Turn work. (16)

Rnd 5: [3dc, 2dc into next st] 4 times. Turn work. (20)

Rnd 6: [4dc, 2dc into next st] 4 times. Turn work. (24)

Rnd 7: [5dc, 2dc into next st] 4 times. Turn work. (28)

Rnd 8: [6dc, 2dc into next st] 4 times. Turn work. (32)

Rnd 9: [7dc, 2dc into next st] 4 times. Turn work. (36)

Rnd 10: [8dc, 2dc into next st] 4 times. (40)

Fasten off.



Assembly

Use the photograph as a guide to positioning pieces. With a darning needle and matching yarn, sew legs to body. Sew arms to body. Sew head to body, then sew ears to head. For more detailed instructions of how to sew up your elephant, visit my website www.pipsrainbow.com And go to my tutorials page.

Tail

Step 1: Using grey yarn, place slip knot on hook.

Step 2: Insert hook under a st where you want tail to be, yrh and draw through.

Step 3: Using working yarn and tail end of yarn, 1ch.

Step 4: [20ch, ss into body close to start of ch] 3 times.

Fasten off and sew in ends.

Care

When washing, ensure you follow the instructions on the label of the yarn you are using & be as gentle as you can.

Reshape where applicable.

Alternatives

Create your elephant using a 5.5mm hook and Aran weight wool or 3 x 4ply yarns worked together. This will create an elephant that is 60cm high. You'll need roughly 250-300g of yarn.

All you need to do now, is give it to a loved one to snuggle & don't forget to share any pics with us on the good old fashioned net. Tag us in on Instagram, Facebook, You Tube & Twitter @pipsrainbow & #pipsrainbow.

Happy hooking. Xx