

flower power HIPPOS

amigurumi pattern by Airali design



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MATERIALS

- DMC Happy Chenille yarn (100% polyester, 15 g / 38 m)
[see yarn colors on page 3]
- 3 or 3.5 mm crochet hook
- a pair of 9 mm safety eyes for each hippo
- black embroidery thread
- tapestry needle
- pink sewing thread and needle (used only for the skirt)
- dressmaker pins
- stitch markers
- toy stuffing

DIFFICULTY

Easy/Beginner

NOTES

The pattern is mainly worked using the “amigurumi” method: working in a continuous spiral without closing off the round with a slst. Mark your rounds with a tail of yarn or use a regular stitch marker in the last stitch of each round, moving it up as you work. It is not necessary to use the recommended yarn and crochet hook to make this amigurumi. Using a smaller or larger crochet hook, and suitable yarn, the amigurumi will be smaller or larger while preserving the same proportions.

CONSTRUCTION

Head and body are worked in one piece starting from the top. Ears, muzzle, arms, legs and tail are made separately and sewn to the main piece. The rainbow shirt, skirt and dungarees are made separately.

ABBREVIATION (US crochet terms)

st: stitch/es
ch: chain
slst: slip stitch
sc: single crochet
dc: double crochet

Rnd: round/s
inc: single crochet increase
dec: single crochet decrease
img: image/s
[number]: number of stitches in the round or row

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"PEACE" HIPPO

Gray - 012 Hefalump (x2 balls)

Red - 034 Firework

Pink - 013 Fuzzy

Yellow - 025 Sparkler

Green - 027 Picnic

Blue - 026 Splash

Purple - 033 Queenie

"DANCE" HIPPO

Lime - 029 Fizzy (x2 balls)

Fuchsia - 024 Party

Pale Pink - 015 Cheeky

"SING" HIPPO

Turquoise - 030 Surfs Up (x2 balls)

Red - 034 Firework

Yellow - 025 Sparkler

White - 020 Snowflake



Happy Chenille is a super soft 100% polyester chenille yarn (it's vegan!).

The thickness of this yarn makes the work smooth and quick too, plus there is no need to work tight to get that stiff work suitable for amigurumi.

I chose this yarn to make the "Flower Power" Hippos because it is perfect for simple patterns which give immediate gratification. The chenille texture makes these funny crochet animals even more adorable!

This yarn has a good stitch definition, so it is also recommended for those who have recently learned to crochet!



TENSION

For this project it is not necessary to match the tension. However, it can be useful to compare the measures using different size crochet hooks or other types of yarn that can change in the final size of the hippo.

Rnd 1: ch2, skip the first ch from hook, 6sc in next ch [6]

Rnd 2: inc 6 times [12]

Rnd 3: (inc, 1sc) repeat 6 times [18]

Rnd 4: (inc, 2sc) repeat 6 times [24]

4.5 cm diameter over rounds 1-4

If your sample matches mine, the hippo will be 18 cm tall.



WHY DOESN'T THE PATTERN START WITH THE MAGIC RING?

To close the magic ring you have to pull tight on the thread, this is more tricky with a chenille yarn and sometimes breaks the thread. This step may not be very easy with a chenille yarn but the chenille yarn behaves very well starting the work in the round with 2 chains. Try both techniques and use your favorite!

HEAD AND BODY

With gray, lime or turquoise yarn.

Rnd 1: ch7, skip the first ch from hook, 5sc, 5sc in last ch, continue working on the other side of the foundation ch, 4sc, 4sc in last st [18] *[img 1, click here o visit www.airalidesign.com/en/how-to-crochet-oval-shape for a tutorial]*

Mark the last st of the round and move the stitch marking while working *[img 2-3, click here o visit www.airalidesign.com/en/how-to-mark-the-rounds-in-crochet-using-a-tail-of-yarn/ for a tutorial].*

Rnd 2: (6sc, inc 3 times) repeat 2 times [24]

Rnd 3: 6sc, (inc, 1sc) repeat 3 times, 6sc, (inc, 1sc) repeat 3 times [30]

Rnd 4-8 *[5 rounds]:* sc in all sts [30]

Insert safety eyes between rounds 6 and 7, approx 9 stitches apart, parallel to the starting chain *[img 4].*

Rnd 9: (inc, 9sc) repeat 3 times [33]

Rnd 10: (5sc, inc, 5sc) repeat 3 times [36]

Rnd 11: (inc, 11sc) repeat 3 times [39]

Rnd 12: (6sc, inc, 6sc) repeat 3 times [42]

Rnd 13-21 *[9 rounds]:* sc in all sts [42] *[img 5]*

Rnd 22: (dec, 5sc) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 23: (dec, 4sc) repeat 6 times [30]

Rnd 24: (dec, 3sc) repeat 6 times [24]

Rnd 25: (dec, 2sc) repeat 6 times [18]

Add toy stuffing to head and body a little bit at time. Do not overstuff to keep the softness of the chenille!

Rnd 26: (dec, 1sc) repeat 6 times [12]

Rnd 27: dec 6 times [6]

Fasten off and weave in ends *[img 6].*

MUZZLE

With gray, lime or turquoise yarn.

Rnd 1: ch4, skip the first ch from hook, 2sc, 5sc in last ch, continue working on the opposite side of the foundation ch, 1sc, 4sc in last st [12]

Rnd 2: (3sc, inc 3 times) repeat 2 times [18]

Rnd 3-4 *[2 rounds]:* sc in all sts [18]

Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn.

Sew the muzzle between rounds 5 and 9 of the head, between the eyes.

Use a tail of black thread to stitch nostrils and mouth *[img 9-11].*



BEFORE SEWING...

all the pieces in place, use sewing pins to secure their position. A wool or tapestry needle with a blunt point - a metal or plastic one - will make it easier to stitch and unstitch! Remove the pins while sewing.



EARS

Make 2 with gray, lime or turquoise yarn.

Rnd 1: ch2, skip the first ch from hook, work all the stitches in next ch: 1sc, 2dc, 2sc, slst in first st of the round [5]

Fasten off leaving a tail of yarn for sewing the ears to the body, either side of round 2 [img 12-13].

ARMS

Make 2 with gray, lime or turquoise yarn.

Rnd 1: ch2, skip the first ch from hook, 6sc in next ch [6]

Rnd 2-6 [5 rounds]: sc in all sts [6]

Fasten off leaving a tail of yarn for sewing.

Do not stuff.

Sew the arms between rounds 11 and 12 of the body, approx 15 stitches apart on the front [img 14-15].

LEGS

Make 2 with gray, lime or turquoise yarn.

Rnd 1: ch2, skip the first ch from hook, 6sc in next ch [6]

Rnd 2: (inc, 2sc) repeat 2 times [8]

Rnd 3-6 [4 rounds]: sc in all sts [8]

Fasten off leaving a tail of yarn for sewing.

Lightly stuff.

Sew the legs to the bottom of the body [img 16-17].

TAIL

With gray, lime or turquoise yarn.

Rnd 1: ch4, skip the first ch from hook, 3sc [3]

Fasten off leaving a tail of yarn for sewing.

Sew the tail to the back of the body [img 18-19].

If you are going to make the dungarees, try them on the hippo before sewing the tail in place!



RAINBOW SHIRT

Start with red yarn, the shirt is worked from the top down. Yarn colors are indicated at the beginning of each round.

Ch36, slst in first ch to join the work in round.

Rnd 1: *[red]* 36sc [36]

Rnd 2: *[pink]* (5sc, inc) repeat 6 times [42]

Rnd 3: *[yellow]* (6sc, inc) repeat 6 times [48]

Rnd 4: *[green]* 10sc, 6ch, skip 6 st, 16sc, 6cat, skip 6 st, 10sc [48]

Rnd 5: *[blue]* 10sc, 6sc along the ch, 16sc, 6sc along the ch, 10sc [48]

Rnd 6: *[purple]* sc in all sts [48]

Slst in next st. Fasten off and weave in ends. Put on the shirt by slipping it over the head!



HIPPO'S CLOTHES...

are worked separately without sewing them to the hippos. Try on different outfits and make your hippos a colorful wardrobe. Add flowers and details to them to make fun hippie hippos!

SKIRT

Make 2 with fuchsia and pale pink. 42ch, slst in first ch to join the work in round.

Rnd 1: ch3, 2dc in all ch, slst in first st of the round [84]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

Overlap the two skirts, use sewing thread and needle to sew them together. Make little stitches to sew together the starting chains. The sewing thread will blend into the chenille yarn and it will be invisible!

FLOWER

With fuchsia yarn or your preferred color. ch6, slst in first ch, (ch5, slst in same st as the previous slst) repeat 4 times for a 5 petals flower. Fasten off leaving a tail of yarn for sewing the flower to the head.



DUNGAREES

With red yarn. The dungarees are worked from the bottom up.

Leave a tail of yarn before starting the chain.

Ch30, slst in first ch to join the work in round [img 20]

***Make sure to not twist the chain.**

Rnd 1: 30sc along the ch [30] [img 21]

Rnd 2: (inc, 4sc) repeat 6 times [36]

Rnd 3: (inc, 5sc) repeat 6 times [42]

Rnd 4: (inc, 6sc) repeat 6 times [48]

Rnd 5: sc in all sts [48]

Rnd 6: 1sc, ch2, skip 2 st, 45mb [48]

Rnd 7-12 [6 rounds]: sc in all sts [48] [img 22]

Rnd 13: 33sc, turn the work leaving the remaining stitches unworked [img 23] Continue working in rows to make the bib.

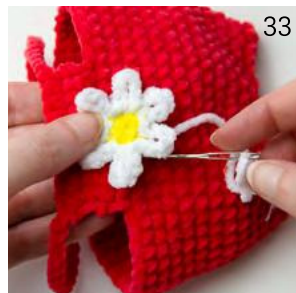
Row 14-16 [3 rows]: ch1, 10sc, turn [10]

Make the first strap of the dungaree starting from the corner of the bib [img 24].

Ch18, skip 17 stitches from round 13 [img 25], make 4sc (working on the wrong side) [img 26], ch18 to make the second strap, slst on the other corner of the bib [img 27]. Fasten off and weave in ends.

Put on the dungarees [img 28], pinch the first round between the legs and use the starting tail to make a few stitches to shape the legs [img 29-30].

Use a pin to mark the position of the tail then take off the dungaree before sewing the tail in place [img 31].



DAISY

With yellow yarn.

Rnd 1: ch2, skip the first ch from hook, 6sc in next ch [6]

Slst in first st of the round. Fasten off and weave in ends.

Join white yarn in one of the stitches of the previous round.

Rnd 2: (ch5, slst in same st, slst in next st) repeat 6 times [6 petals] [img 32]

Fasten off leaving a tail for sewing the daisy to the dungarees [img 33-34].

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