CROCHET SKILL LEVEL EASY

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Super Saver®:
1 skein each 0512 Turqua **A**, 0672 Spring Green **B**, 0312 Black **C**

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook:
3.75mm [US F-5]

Stitch marker, polyester fiberfill, yarn needle

GAUGE: 22 sc = 4" (10 cm); 20 rows = 4" (10cm). **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

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RED HEART® Super Saver®, Art. E300 available in solid color 7 oz (198 g), 364 yd (333 m); multicolor, heather and print 5 oz (141 g), 244 yd (223 m), flecks 5 oz (141 g), 260 yds (238 m) skeins

Zippy Zebra Ornament

Not your everyday, ordinary zebra! Use colors you love to crochet this colorful creature for your Christmas tree.

SHOP KIT

Zebra measures 7" (18 cm) tall

Notes
Piece is worked in a continuous spiral; do not join rounds unless indicated. Change colors every round in last stitch of round. Carry color not is use up as work progresses, do not cut yarn.

EARS (make 2)
With **A**, ch 5.
Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across—4 sts.
Row 2: Working on opposite side, sc in 3 sts, slip st in last st, adding **B** at end of last st, fasten off **A**.
Row 3: With **B**, ch 1, slip st in same st and in next 3 sts, ch 1, sc in same st, rotate and working along opposite side, slip st in each st across.
Fasten off, leaving long tail for sewing.

HEAD
Round 1: Begin at muzzle; with **C**, ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook, do not join—6 sc.
Round 2: Place marker, *2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around—12 sts.
Round 3: *Sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around—18 sts.
Rounds 4-5: Sc in each st around, change to **A** in last st of Round 5.
Round 6: *Sc, sc2tog; repeat from * around, change to **B** in last st—12 sts.
Round 7: *Sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around, change to **A** in last st—18 sts.
Round 8: *2 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from *around, change to **B** in last st—24 sts.
Round 9: *3 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from *around, change to **A** in last st—30 sts.
Round 10-11: Maintaining stripe pattern, *sc in each st around, change to A in last st of Round 11—30 sts.

Round 12: *3 sc, sc2tog; repeat from * around, change to **B** in last st—24 sts.
Round 13: Add ears; sc in 5 sts, holding bottom edge of ear in place, join to next st with sc through all layers, sc in next 4 sts, holding 2nd ear along edge join with sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts, change to **A** in last st—24 sts.
Round 14: Sc in each st around, change to **B** in last st—24 sts.
Round 15: *2 sc, sc2tog; repeat from *around, change to **A** in last st—18 sts.
Round 16: *Sc, sc2tog; repeat from *around, change to **B** in last st, stuff head firmly—12 sts.
Round 17: *Sc2tog; repeat from *around—6 sts. Fasten off, weaving tail through opening and pulling tightly to close. Set aside.

BODY
With **A**, ch 14, join with slip st.
Round 1-2: Working in stripe pattern throughout, sc in each st around—14 sts.
Round 3: *6 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * 2 times—16 sts.
Round 4: *7 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * 2 times—18 sts.
Round 5: Sc in each st around—18 sts.
Round 6: *2 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around—24 sts.
Round 7-11: Sc in each st around—24 sts.
Round 12: *2 sc, sc2tog; repeat from * around—18 sts.
Round 13: Sc in each st around—18 sts.
Round 14: Divide sts for legs; sc in 4 sts, skip 10 sts, sc in last 4 sts, first leg opening made—8 sc worked. Stuff torso.
Round 15-20: Leaving skipped sts unworked, sc in each of the 8 leg sts around, join **C** in last st of Round 20, fasten off **A** and **B**—8 sts. Stuff legs as rounds are completed.
Round 21: 2 sc in each st around—16 sts.
Round 22: Sc in each st around.

Round 23: *Sc, sc2tog; repeat from * around, end sc—11 sts. Continue to stuff leg.

Round 24: *3 sc, sc2tog; repeat from * twice, end sc—9 sts.

Round 25: *Sc, sc2tog; repeat from * 3 times —6 sts. Fasten off, weaving tail through hole and pulling tightly to close. Trim excess yarn.

Round 26: Begin 2nd leg; Skip 1 st from leg just made (these sts will be sewn closed after making 2nd leg), join yarn to next st, ch 1, sc in st and in next 7 sts around—8 sts.

Round 27: Repeat Rounds 14-25 for 2nd leg. Fasten off as for first leg. Sew opening closed. Weave in ends.

ARMS (make 2)

With **A**, Ch 6, join with slip st.

Round 1-7: Working in stripe pattern, sc in each st around, adding **C** in last st of last round, fasten off **A** and **B**—6 sts.

Round 8: 2 sc in each sc around—12 sts.

Round 9: Sc in each st around.

Round 10: *Sc, sc2tog; repeat from * 4 times—8 sts. Stuff arm.

Round 11: *2 sc, sc2tog; repeat from * 2 times—6 sc. Fasten off, weaving tail through hole and pulling tightly to close.
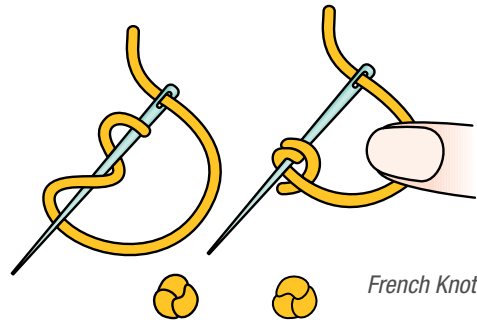
MANE

With **A** ch 14, fasten off.

Cut several 4" (10cm) lengths of yarn in **A** and **B**. Hold one strand of each together, fold in half. Insert hook through chain, pull strands through to make a loop, pull ends through loop to secure. Repeat until mane is full. Sew to back of head and neck, trim.

TAIL

Ch 5, slip st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Fasten off. Make fringe in end of tail as for mane. Sew in place, trim.

FINISHING

Sew head to body at neck opening and join arms at shoulders. With **C**, embroider eyes as shown, using a French Knot. Fluff mane.

French Knot

ABBREVIATIONS

A, **B** = Color A, Color B; **ch** = chain; **sc** = single crochet; **sc2tog** = single crochet 2 stitches together; **sl st** = slip stitch; **st(s)** = stitch (es); **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; ***** = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.