

Stella the Elephant

By Michele Wilcox Level: Intermediate



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Height: 6½"

MATERIALS

Deborah Norville Collection® Everyday Soft Worsted Solid for Premier Yarns® (100% anti-pilling acrylic; 113gm/203 yds)

- #ED100-07 Really Red (A) 1 ball
- #ED100-01 Snow White (B) 1 ball

Hook: US Size F-5 (3.75 mm) hook *or size needed to obtain gauge*

Notions: Tapestry needle, 2 yards black embroidery floss, polyester fiberfill for stuffing

GAUGE

9 sc x 9 rnds = 2"

While gauge is not crucial for this project, work evenly and consistently throughout. Stitches should be firm and even, with no gaps for stuffing to show through. Change hook size if necessary to obtain a firm crochet fabric.

Directions:

PATTERN NOTES

Do not join rnds unless otherwise specified. Insert a contrasting piece of yarn or movable stitch marker in the last st of rnd and move this up with each rnd completed.

Stuff pieces firmly, but do not overstuff and distort stitches so that stuffing shows through.

To change colors in sc, use working color to pull up a loop in next st, drop working color, yo with new color and pull through 2 lps on hook. Cut original working color and secure ends with a small knot.

ELEPHANT

Head

Beg at top of Head, with A, ch 2.

Rnd 1: 6 Sc in 2nd ch from hook.

Rnd 2: 2 Sc in each sc around - 12 sc.

Rnd 3: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 4: * Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from * around – 18 sc.

Rnd 5: * Sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from * around – 24 sc.

Rnd 6: * Sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from * around – 30 sc.

Rnds 7-9: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 10: Sc in each of next 6 sc, [2 sc in each of next 6 sc, sc in each of next 6 sc] twice – 42 sc.

Mark 21st st of last rnd as center front.

Rnds 11-17: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 18: Sc in each of next 6 sc, * sc2tog 6 times, sc in each of next 6 sc; rep from * once more – 30 sc.

Rnds 19 and 20: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 21: * Sc in each of next 3 sc, sc2tog; rep from * around – 24 sc.

Rnd 22: * Sc in each of next 2 sc, sc2tog; rep from * around – 18 sc. Stuff head firmly.

Rnd 23: * Sc in next sc, sc2tog; rep from * around – 12 sc.

Rnd 24: Sc2tog around, sl st in next sc; fasten off leaving a 12" yarn end – 6 sc.

Finish stuffing Head. Thread yarn end through yarn needle and weave through each st. Pull tightly to close opening. Knot yarn securely and thread yarn inside Head; cut.

Body

Beg at bottom of Body with A, ch 2.

Rnd 1: 6 Sc in 2nd ch from hook.

Rnd 2: 2 Sc in each sc around – 12 sc.

Rnd 3: * Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from * around – 18 sc.

Rnd 4: * Sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from * around – 24 sc.

Rnds 5 and 6: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 7: * Sc in each of next 2 sc, sc2tog; rep from * around – 18 sc.

Rnds 8-11: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 12 (neck opening): * Sc in next sc, sc2tog; rep from * around, sl st in next sc; fasten off leaving a 12" yarn end – 12 sc.

Stuff Body. Thread yarn end through needle and sew neck opening to Head.

Leg (Make 4)

With A, ch 2.

Rnd 1: 6 Sc in 2nd ch from hook.

Rnd 2: 2 Sc in each sc around - 12 sc.

Rnd 3: * Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from * around – 18 sc.

Rnd 4: Working this rnd only in back loops, sc in each sc around.

Rnd 5: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 6: * Sc in next sc, sc2tog; rep from * around – 12 sc.

Rnd 7: * Sc in each of next 2 sc, sc2tog; rep from * around – 9 sc.

Rnd 8: Sc in each sc around, sl st in next sc; fasten off leaving a 12" yarn end.

Stuff each Leg firmly and sew in place, using photo as a guide.

Trunk

With A, ch 2.

Rnd 1: 6 Sc in 2nd ch from hook.

Rnd 2: * Sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from * around – 8 sc.

Rnd 3: Working this rnd only in back loops, sc in each sc around.

Rnds 4 and 5: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 6: * Sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from * around – 10 sc.

Rnds 7-12: Sc in each sc around.



Rnd 13: * Sc in each of next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from * around – 12 sc.

Rnds 14-16: Sc in each sc around; at end of Rnd 16, sl st in next sc; fasten off leaving a 12" yarn end. Stuff Trunk lightly. Pinch Rnd 16 closed flat and sew Trunk in place on Head, using photo as a guide.

Mouth

With A, ch 2.

Rnd 1: 6 Sc in 2nd ch from hook.

Rnd 2: * Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from * around – 9 sc.

Rnds 3 and 4: Sc in each sc around; at end of Rnd 4, sl st in next sc; fasten off leaving a 12" yarn end.

Do not stuff. Pinch Rnd 4 closed flat and sew in place under Trunk, using photo as a guide.

Ear (Make 2)

With A, ch 2.

Rnds 1-3: Rep Rnds 1-3 of Body - 18 sc.

Rnd 4: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 5: * Sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from * around – 24 sc.

Rnds 6-9: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 10: * Sc in each of next 2 sc, sc2tog; rep from * around – 18 sc.

Rnd 11: * Sc in next sc, sc2tog; rep from * around, sl st in next sc; fasten off leaving a 12" yarn end – 12 sc.

Do not stuff. Pinch Rnd 11 closed flat and sew in place on sides of Head, using photo as a guide.

Tusk (Make 2)

With B, ch 2.

Rnd 1: 6 Sc in 2nd ch from hook.

Rnd 2: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 3: 2 sc in first sc, sc in each rem sc around – 7 sc.

Rnd 4: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 5: Rep Rnd 3, sl st in next sc; fasten off – 8 sc.

Stuff each Tusk lightly and sew in place on either side of Trunk, using photo as a guide.

Tail

With A, ch 10, sl st in 5th ch from hook, [ch 4, sl st in same st as last sl st] twice, sl st in each rem ch of original ch.

Sew Tail to back of Body.

FINISHING

Using photo as a guide, embroider eyes using a doubled length of black embroidery floss.

Weave in ends.

Abbreviations

beg beginningbef before

B contrasting color

ch chain

A main color

sc single crochet

sc2tog single crochet the next 2 sts together (1 st dec'd)

A main color

Dec'd decreased

Lps loops

rem remain(ing)

State slip stitch

st(s) stitch(es)

yo yarn over

rep repeat(ing)

