

Gerri the Giraffe Amigurumi by Auburn Elephant

Supplies Needed:

Worsted Weight Yarn in 2 coordinating colors
G Hook
Tapestry Needle
10mm Safety Eyes
Polyfil Stuffing

Stitches Used:

CH- Chain
SC- Single Crochet
MR- Magic Ring
2SC- SC increase. Do 2 SC in the same stitch to increase.
DEC- Single Crochet 2 stitches together. I like to use an invisible decrease. Insert hook up through the front loop of the next 2 stitches, Yarn Over, Pull through both front loops, Yarn over, pull through to finish the single crochet.
HDC- Half Double Crochet
DC- Double Crochet
Loop Stitch (optional)



Legs

Make 4

These are worked in joined rounds. Each round begins with a chain 1 and ends with a slip stitch to the top of the first single crochet. Chains do not count as stitches.

- 1) MR 6 SC (6)
- 2) 2SC around (12)
- 3) *SC in next stitch, 2SC in next* Repeat from * to * around (18)
- 4-6) SC around (18)
- 7) *SC in next 4, SC DEC* Repeat from * to * around (15)
- Change Colors
- 8) SC around (15)
- 9) *SC in next 3, SC DEC* Repeat from * to * around (12)



10) SC around (12)

11) *SC in next 4, SC DEC* Repeat from * to * around (10)

12-17) SC around (10)

Finish Off. Stuff.

Body

Here you'll be working in continuous rounds, do not join. You will need a stitch marker (or scrap piece of yarn) to keep track of your rounds. And I suggest leaving a long tail so that you can stitch close any gaps you might notice.

1) Ch 4, In 2nd chain from hook 2SC, in next chain SC, 3SC in last chain, (continue onto other side of the starting chain), SC, SC (8)

2) 2SC, 2SC, SC, 2SC, 2SC, 2SC, SC, 2SC, SS to top of first SC of round. (14)

Here you'll connect the legs. To do this, insert the hook from the inside to the outside of the leg (it doesn't make a huge difference which stitch you start in, I usually try to put the seam toward the inside though), then through the next stitch on the body, yarn over and pull through all the way to complete a SS. Follow instructions in Round 3.



To attach legs, insert hook from inside to outside of a leg, then insert hook through next stitch on body. Yarn Over and pull through.

3) SS 3 through leg, 2SC in next stitch on the belly, SS 3 through next leg, SS 3 through next leg, 2SC in next stitch on the belly, SS 3 through leg. (4 SC, 12 SS).

4) The first stitch of this round will be on the first leg you attached. Each leg has 10 stitches around the top. We used 3 to SS to the belly piece leaving 7 unworked. SC around the leg in each of the unworked stitches, then SC into the 2 that you put directly on the belly piece. Continue SC around in the unworked stitches on the legs and onto the 2 SC on the belly. (32 total- 7 SC around Leg 1, 2 SC on belly, 7 SC around Leg 2, 7 SC around Leg 3, 2 SC on belly, 7 SC around Leg 4)

5-6) SC around (32)

7) *SC 4, 2SC* around. SC in last 2 (38)

8) SC around (38)

9) *SC 5, 2SC* around. SC in last 2 (44)

10-11) SC around (44)

12) *SC 5, DEC* around. SC in last 2 (38)

13) SC 3, DEC, *SC 4, DEC* Repeat from * to * around. SC in last 3. (32)

14) SC 2, DEC, DEC, SC 22, DEC, DEC (28)

15) SC 11, CH 5, Skip 10, SC 7 (18 SC, 5 Chains, 10 unworked)

16) *SC 2, DEC* repeat around. SC in last 3 (18) (Be sure to work into the Chains instead of the chain space-you'll need the other side of the chain for the neck. You'll have a decrease on the chain section, you may find it easiest to just skip instead of trying to do the invisible decrease on that part.)

17) *SC, DEC* repeat around. (12)

18) SC3TOG, DEC, SC, SC3TOG, SC, DEC (6)

Finish Off. Leave tail to close hole.



Neck and Head

Attach Yarn at the left-hand corner of the opening- the 1st unworked SC on Round 15.

1) SC around (There were 10 unworked SC from Round 15 of the body plus the 5 Chains. You'll work one SC in each of those PLUS 2 SC in each corner. See *Photo*. Should end up with 19 SC)

2-10) SC around (19)

11) SC 4, loosely Slip Stitch in next 6 stitches, SC 10 (SS loosely so that you can go through the slip stitch in the next round too.) (14 SC, 6 SS)

12) SC 4, SS 6 in the SS of last round, SC 4, 2SC, SC 3, 2SC (14 SC, 6 SS)

13) SC 3, Ch 5, Skip 8 stitches (skipping 1 SC, 6 SS, 1 SC), SC 10 (Your skipped stitches should be centered on the front of the chest, make adjustments if needed.) (13 SC, 5 Chains)

14) SC in each chain and around (Just like on the body to start the neck, be sure to crochet into the chain and not the space, you'll need the other side of the chain when you start the nose.) (18)

15) *SC 3, 2SC* around, SC in last 2 (22)

16-18) SC around (22)

13) *SC 3, DEC* around, SC in last 2 (18)

14) *SC 2, DEC* around, SC in last 2 (14)

15) *SC, DEC* around, SC in last 2 (10)

16) DEC around (5)

Finish Off. Stuff Neck and top of head. You can place eyes at this point or wait until you have part of the nose made. (your choice, just try to make them even.)



Muzzle/Nose

Attach Yarn at the corner of the opening- the 1st unworked SC on Round 7

1) SC around (There were 8 unworked stitches from Round 7 of the neck [1 SC, 6 SS, 1 SC] plus 5 Chains. You'll work one SC in each of those PLUS 2 SC in each corner. (The same as you did to start the neck.) (Should end up with 17 SC)

2-4) SC around (17)

5) SC 5, change colors, SC 12 (this puts the color change seam under the muzzle so it isn't as noticeable) (17)

6-7) SC around (17)

8) *SC 2, DEC* around. SC in last 1 (13)

If you haven't placed the eyes yet, be sure to do so before the opening gets too small.

Finish Stuffing

9) *SC, DEC* around, SC in last 1 (9)

10) DEC 4 times, leave last stitch unworked (5)

Finish off, leave tail to sew hole shut. Weave in ends.

Ears

Decide where you want your ears to be. They should be about evenly spaced on the sides of the head.

- 1) Insert your hook around the post of the single crochet of the round you chose. SC around that stitch. SC around the post of the stitch above that one. Chain 1, turn. (2)
 - 2) 2SC across. Ch 1, turn. (4)
 - 3) SC 4 across. Ch 1, turn.(4)
 - 4) SC 2, skip next, SC. Ch 1, turn. (3)
 - 5) SC, skip next, SC, Ch1, turn. (2)
 - 6) SC2TOG. Finish Off. (1)
- Repeat for the other side.

I try my very best in my amigurumi to not have to sew on pieces, especially little ones. I find it tedious and I'm always worried that they'll come off. I do a lot of details like this- stitching right into the project. If you aren't a fan (or can't understand my directions.) You can start with a Chain and then follow the rest of the steps and then sew it on.

Horns (I think that's what you call them on a giraffe. lol)

Similar to the way you did the ears.

Around the post of a single crochet near the top of the head, insert your hook around pull up a loop and chain 5. In second chain from the hook, 2SC. Slip stitch 3 down to the base. Leave a tail to tighten it down. Repeat for the second horn.

Again, these could be made and then sewn on if you prefer.

Tail

Same as before, choose the spot on the rump that you want the tail to start. Insert hook around post of the stitch, pull up a loop and chain 12, In second chain from hook, Slip Stitch. SS in each stitch down to the base.

Cut 3 lengths of yarn about 8-10" long. Pull them through the end loop of the tail and tie them together. Then you can trim off to the length you want. I leave about an inch or so. Optional- You can separate the cut ends to fray the tail too.

Optional Extras

Mane

For a short little giraffe mane I used one row of loop stitch cut and frayed. You could do individual ties if you'd like or leave it off entirely. (I didn't include this in the first version but I kind of like how it looks!)

Start with a Chain of 19 (long enough to go down the neck), starting in the 2nd chain from the hook, Loop stitch down. Your loop doesn't need to be very long. I used my finger. (18 Loop stitches). Finish off the strip. Then you can cut each loop and separate the strands on

the yarn. I trimmed these a bit and then sewed the strip onto the back of my giraffe's neck. After it was attached I trimmed the hair a little more.

If you are well-versed in the loop stitch and are able to get consistent and small loops, it would look super cute just left as loops too. I am not great at keeping my loops tiny or the same size so I like to cut and fray.

Heart "spots"

In a Magic Ring, ch 1, HDC, DC, HDC, SC 4, HDC, DC, HDC, SS into MR. Pull ring tight. Weave in one end, helping to shape the heart if needed. Leave the other end to sew in place. You can do just one of these or as many as you'd like to cover the giraffe.

Other details

It's up to you if you want to add eyelashes or nostrils.

Change the color combos and you'll have tons of cute little giraffes to hang out with!

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