

ALEXANDER THE ELEPHANT



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Materials & Supplies:

App. 2 oz worsted weight yarn
Crochet Hooks G and F
Polyfil or other stuffing
Small scrap of pink felt
15mm Animal Eyes (or your own choice of eyes)

All pieces are worked in rounds, do not join at end of round.
Place marker & continue on to the next stitch

HEAD & BODY

Use hook G

- 1) Ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook (6 st)
- 2) 2 sc in ea sc (12 st)
- 3) *Sc, 2 sc in next sc*, repeat * around (18 st)
- 4) *2 sc, 2 sc in next sc*, repeat * around (24 st)
- 5) *3 sc, 2 sc in next sc*, repeat * around (30 st)
- 6) *4 sc, 2 sc in next sc*, repeat * around (36 st)
- 7-10) Sc in ea sc around (36 st)
- 11) *4 sc, dec*, repeat * around (30 st)
- 12) *3 sc, dec*, repeat * around (24 st)
- 13) *2 sc, dec*, repeat * around (18 st)
- 14) Sc in ea sc around (18 st)

If you are using eyes that require snap-inside washers, insert them now, between rows 9 and 10, app. 1 1/2 inches apart, or at your desired spacing & location. Stuff head to desired firmness. Continue on with body:

- 15) *2 sc, 2 sc in next sc*, repeat * around (24 st)
- 16) *3 sc, 2 sc in next sc*, repeat * around (30 st)
- 17-21) Sc in ea sc around (30 st)
- 22) *3 sc, dec*, repeat * around (24 st)
- 23) *2 sc, dec*, repeat * around (18 st)

Stuff body to desired firmness

- 24) *Sc, dec*, repeat * around (12 st)
- 25) *Sc, dec*, repeat * around (8 st)
- 26) Dec around, sl st in opposite side of hole, fasten off, weave in ends

TRUNK

Use Hook F

- 1) Ch 2, 8 sc in 2nd ch from hook (8 st)
 - 2) In back loops only, sc in ea sc around (8 st)
 - 3) Sc in ea sc around (8 st)
 - 4) 4 sc, 4 hdc (8 st)
 - 5) Sc in next 4 sc, hdc in next 4 hdc (8 st)
 - 6-8) Repeat row 5
 - (ALTERNATE OPTION: If you want a stronger curve to your elephant's trunk, substitute 4 sl st for the 4 sc in one or more of these rows)
 - 9-10) Sc in ea st around (8 st)
 - 11) 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc, repeat (10 st)
 - 12) 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc, repeat (12 st)
- Sl st in next sc, fasten off leaving long end for sewing.
Stuff trunk to desired firmness

EAR (Make 4 pieces)

Use Hook G

- 1) Ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook (6 st)
 - 2) 2 sc in ea sc (12 st)
 - 3) *Sc, 2 sc in next sc*, repeat * around (18 st)
 - 4) *2 sc, 2 sc in next sc*, repeat * around (24 st)
 - 5) *3 sc, 2 sc in next sc*, repeat * two more times (you should now have 15 st)
- continue with 3 sc, 2 hdc in next sc, 3 dc in each of next 2 sc, 2 hdc in next sc,
5 sc to end of round (33 st)

Sl st in next sc, fasten off, weave in ends

Set ears aside for later assembly

LEGS (Make 4)

Use Hook G

- 1) Ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook (6 st)
- 2) 2 sc in ea sc (12 st)
- 3) In back loops only, sc in ea sc around (12 st)
- 4-7) Sc in ea sc (12)

Sl st in next sc, fasten off leaving long end for sewing
Stuff legs to desired firmness

TAIL

Use Hook G

1) Ch 10, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in ea chain to end

Fasten off, leaving long end for sewing.

ASSEMBLY & FINISHING

Ear Assembly:

Place two ear pieces wrong sides together, matching up stitches. Using outermost loops only, join yarn to ear with a sl st. Slip stitch around as follows: insert hook through outermost loops on both ear pieces, YO, draw through all 3 loops on hook. Continue around until the two ear halves (front & back) are completely joined. Fasten off, weave in ends.

Trunk -- sew trunk to head at the center of the face

Legs -- sew legs in desired position on body

Tail -- sew tail to the rear of elephant

Ears -- sew ears to sides of elephants head in desired location. App. 2/3 on one long side of ear should be stitched to the head. If you create a gentle curve in the stitching line, it will give a nice shape to the finished ear.

Hair -- cut several scrap pieces of yarn, app. 3-4" in length. Insert 3-4 pieces at the top of the elephants head, with both ends of yarn sticking out, knot off. Unravel the yarn so that you get his fuzzy hair on his head. Follow the same process for the end of his tail. Clip hair to desired length.

Eyes -- Fasten eyes to elephant, if they were not inserted earlier.

Mouth -- Cut a small rounded triangle from pink felt, glue below elephants' trunk

Enjoy your finished elephant!!

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