

AMIGURUMI PARTY LION

MATERIALS

Scheepjes Catona (100% Mercerised Cotton; 50g/125m)

Yarn A 249 Saffron x 3 balls

Scheepjes Catona (100% Mercerised Cotton; 25g/62m)

Yarn B 502 Camel x 1 ball

Scheepjes Catona (100% Mercerised Cotton; 10g/25m)

Yarn C 110 Jet Black x 1 ball

Yarn D 157 Root Beer x 1 ball

Yarn E 130 Old Lace x 1 ball

Yarn F 256 Cornelia Rose x 1 ball

Yarn G 222 Tulip x 1 ball

Scheepjes Chunky Monkey (100% Premium Acrylic; 100g/116m)

Yarn H 1420 Mellow x 1 ball

2.5mm hook

2 x 8mm safety eyes

Stitch markers

Polyester stuffing

Felted ball for top of Hat (optional)

GAUGE/TENSION

Tension is not critical, but different measurements may result in different Yarn And stuffing amounts needed; keep sts tight to prevent stuffing from showing through fabric

MEASUREMENTS

Approx. 33cm height

ABBREVIATIONS (UK TERMS)

[] number of sts on a given round

blo back loop(s) only: insert hook under back loop(s) only

ch(s) chain(s) or chain stitch(es)

dc double crochet

dc2tog double crochet 2 sts together to decrease by 1 st

flo front loop(s) only

rep repeat(ing)

RS right side

ss slip stitch(es)

st(s) stitch(es)

(.....) x times/to end work instructions between brackets the *total* number of times stated

PATTERN NOTES

Party Lion is made using amigurumi method (working in a spiral in continuous rounds without joining with ss) and joined rounds (join to first st of round with ss).

Change to new colour on last pull through of last stitch in previous colour.

Beginning ch does not count as st throughout.

INSTRUCTIONS

HEAD

Using Yarn A, make magic ring.

Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc in ring [6 dc]

Round 2 (RS) 2dc in each dc around. [12 dc]

Round 3 (2dc in next dc, 1dc) around. [18 dc]

Round 4 (2dc in next dc, 2dc) around. [24 dc]

Round 5 (2dc in next dc, 3dc) around. [30 dc]

Round 6 (2dc in next dc, 4dc) around. [36 dc]

Attach two safety eyes between Rounds 3-4, leaving 9 sts between eyes.

Round 7 (2dc in next dc, 5dc) around. [42 dc]

Round 8 (2dc in next dc, 6dc) around. [48 dc]

Round 9 (2dc in next dc, 7dc) around. [54 dc]

Round 10 (2dc in next dc, 8dc) around. [60 dc]

Round 11 (2dc in next dc, 9dc) around. [66 dc]

Round 12 (2dc in next dc, 10dc) around. [72 dc]

Rounds 13-24 1dc in each st around.

Round 25 (Dc2tog, 10dc) around. [66 dc]

Round 26 (Dc2tog, 9dc) around. [60 dc]

Round 27 (Dc2tog, 8dc) around. [54 dc]

Round 28 (Dc2tog, 7dc) around. [48 dc]

Begin to stuff piece firmly as you go.

Round 29 (Dc2tog, 6dc) around. [42 dc]

Round 30 (Dc2tog, 5dc) around. [36 dc]

Round 31 (Dc2tog, 4dc) around. [30 dc]

Round 32 (Dc2tog, 3dc) around. [24 dc]

Round 33 (Dc2tog, 2dc) around. [18 dc]

Round 34 (Dc2tog, 1dc) around. [12 dc]

Round 35 (Dc2tog) around. [6 dc]

Fasten off, leaving 20cm tail to sew last 6 sts closed.

Weave in ends.

BODY

Using Yarn A, make magic ring.

Rounds 1-12 Rep Rounds 1-12 of Head. [72 dc]

Rounds 13-27 1dc in each st around.

Round 28 (Dc2tog, 22dc) 3 times. [69 dc]

Rounds 29-31 1dc in each st around.

Round 32 (Dc2tog, 21dc) 3 times. [66 dc]

Rounds 33-35 1dc in each st around.

Round 36 (Dc2tog, 20dc) 3 times. [63 dc]

Rounds 37-39 1dc in each st around.

Round 40 (Dc2tog, 19dc) 3 times. [60 dc]

Rounds 41-43 1dc in each st around.

Round 44 (Dc2tog, 18dc) 3 times. [57 dc]

Rounds 45-46 1dc in each st around.

Round 47 (Dc2tog, 17dc) 3 times. [54 dc]

Rounds 48-49 1dc in each st around.

Round 50 (Dc2tog, 16dc) 3 times. [51 dc]

Rounds 51-52 1dc in each st around.
Round 53 (Dc2tog, 15dc) 3 times. [48 dc]
Rounds 54-55 1dc in each st around.
Round 56 (Dc2tog, 14dc) 3 times. [45 dc]
Rounds 57-58 1dc in each st around.
Round 59 (Dc2tog, 13dc) 3 times. [42 dc]
Rounds 60-61 1dc in each st around.
Fasten off.

FRONT LEGS (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn B, make magic ring.

Rounds 1-6 Rep Rounds 1-12 of Head. [36 dc]

Rounds 7-11 1dc in each st around.

Round 12 (Dc2tog, 4dc) 3 times, 18dc. [33 dc]

Round 13 (Dc2tog, 3dc) 3 times, 18dc. [30 dc]

Round 14 (Dc2tog, 2dc) 3 times, 18dc. [27 dc]

Round 15 (Dc2tog, 1dc) 3 times, 18dc. [24 dc]

Begin to stuff piece firmly as you go.

Rounds 16-20 1dc in each st around.

Fasten off.

Join Yarn A with ss to any flo from previous round.

Round 21 (1dc flo, 1ss flo) in each dc around, ss to first dc to join. [48 sts]

Round 22 Working through blo left over from Round 20, 1dc blo in each st around. [24 dc blo]

Rounds 23-50 1dc in each st around. [24 dc]

Fasten off.

Make second piece.

Do not fasten off second Front Leg.

Cont to join Legs.

Join Legs

Place Front Legs side by side with feet facing forward.

Mark 6 sts between centre of Legs with st markers.

Work any remaining sts of second Front Leg until reaching marked sts.

Work 6dc passing hook through sts of BOTH pieces to join.

New round starts here, working around outside of both pieces and NOT in 6 dc join across centre.

Rounds 1-5 1dc in each st around. [36 dc]

JOIN LEGS TO BODY

Position Legs on Body with feet facing forward. Mark 12 sts between Legs and Body with st markers. Work any rem sts of Legs until reaching marked sts.

Work 12dc passing hook through sts of BOTH pieces to join.

New round starts here, working around outside of both pieces and NOT in 12 dc join.

Rounds 1-2 (RS) 1dc in each st around. [54 dc]

Round 3 (Dc2tog, 16dc) 3 times. [51 dc]

Rounds 4-5 1dc in each st around.

Round 6 (Dc2tog, 15dc) 3 times. [48 dc]

Rounds 7-8 1dc in each st around.

Round 9 (Dc2tog, 14dc) 3 times. [45 dc]

Rounds 10-11 1dc in each st around.

Round 12 (Dc2tog, 13dc) 3 times. [42 dc]

Rounds 13-14 1dc in each st around.

Fasten off, leaving 30cm tail for joining.

SNOUT

Using Yarn A, make magic ring.

Rounds 1-7 Rep Rounds 1-7 of Head. [42 dc]

Rounds 8-13 1dc in each st around.

Fasten off, leaving 30cm tail for joining.

NOSE

Using Yarn C, make magic ring.

Rounds 1-3 Rep Rounds 1-3 of Head. [18 dc]

Fasten off, leaving 20cm tail for joining.

CHEEK (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn B, make magic ring.

Rounds 1-5 Rep Rounds 1-3 of Head. [30 dc]

Round 6 1dc in each st around.

Change colour to Yarn C.

Work 10dc, ss (or invisible join) to next st.

Fasten off, leaving 30cm for joining.

EAR (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A, make magic ring.

Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc in ring [6 dc]

Round 2 (RS) 1dc in each st around.

Round 3 (2dc in next dc, 1dc) around. [9 dc]

Round 4 (2dc in next dc, 2dc) around. [12 dc]

Round 5 (2dc in next dc, 3dc) around. [15 dc]

Rounds 6-11 1dc in each st around.

Fasten off, leaving 30cm tail for joining.

HAT

Using Yarn F, make magic ring.

Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc in ring [6 dc]

Round 2 (RS) 1dc in each st around.

Round 3 (2dc in next dc, 1dc) around. [9 dc]

Round 4 1dc in each st around.

Round 5 (2dc in next dc, 2dc) around. [12 dc]

Round 6 1dc in each st around.

Round 7 (2dc in next dc, 3dc) around. [15 dc]

Round 8 1dc in each st around.

Round 9 (2dc in next dc, 4dc) around. [18 dc]

Round 10 1dc in each st around

Round 11 (2dc in next dc, 5dc) around. [21 dc]

Round 12 1dc in each st around.

Round 13 (2dc in next dc, 6dc) around. [24 dc]

Round 14 1dc in each st around.

Round 15 (2dc in next dc, 7dc) around. [27 dc]

Round 16 1dc in each st around.

Round 17 (2dc in next dc, 8dc) around. [30 dc]

Round 18 1dc in each st around.

Change to Yarn G.

Round 19 1dc blo in each st around.

Rounds 20-23 1dc in each st around.

Round 24 Working through flo left over from Round 18 as well as sts from previous Round (folding piece and fastening rim of hat), 1dc flo in each st around.

Round 25 (1dc, 1ss) in each st around, ss to first dc to join. [60 sts]

Fasten off, leaving 30cm tail for joining.

POLKA DOT (MAKE 6)

Using Yarn G, make magic ring.

Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc in ring, ss to first dc to join. [6 dc]

Fasten off, leaving 20cm tail for joining.

HIND LEG (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn A, make magic ring.

Rounds 1-7 Rep Rounds 1-7 of Head. [42 dc]

Rounds 8-15 1dc in each st around.

Round 16 (Dc2tog, 12dc) 3 times. [39 dc]

Round 17 (Dc2tog, 1 dc) 6 times, 21dc. [33 dc]

Round 18 (Dc2tog) 6 times, 21dc. [27 dc]

Round 19 (Dc2tog) 3 times, 21dc. [24 dc]

Round 20 (Dc2tog, 6dc) 3 times. [21 dc]

Rounds 21-25 1dc in each st around.

Begin to stuff piece firmly as you go.

Round 26 (1dc, 1ss) in each dc around, ss to first st to join. [42 sts]

Fasten off.

Join Yarn B with ss to any back loop from Round 26.

Round 27 1dc blo in each st around.

Rounds 28-31 1dc in each st around.

Round 32 (Dc2tog, 5dc) 3 times. [18 dc]

Round 33 (Dc2tog, 1dc) around. [12 dc]

Round 34 (Dc2tog) around. [6 dc]

Fasten off, leaving 20cm tail to sew last 6 sts closed.

Weave in ends.

SMALL FOOT PAD (MAKE 6)

Using Yarn D, make magic ring.

Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc in ring, ss to first dc to join. [6 dc]

Fasten off, leaving 20cm tail for joining.

LARGE FOOT PAD (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn D, make magic ring.

Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc in ring, ss to first dc of Round to join. [6 dc]

Round 2 (RS) Ch1, 2dc in each dc around, ss to first dc of Round to join. [12 dc]

Round 3 Ch1, (2dc in next dc, 1dc) around, ss to first dc of Round to join. [18 dc]

Fasten off, leaving 20cm tail for joining.

TAIL

Using Yarn A, make magic ring.

Round 1 (RS) Ch1, 6dc in ring. [6 dc]

Rounds 2-50 1dc in each st around.

ASSEMBLY

Use photos as a guide.

Attach Hair

Using Yarn H, cut lengths of 30cm-long Hair.

Fold Hair pieces in half. Using crochet hook, pull loops of Hair through gaps between sts and thread tail ends through loops to fasten (see photo as guide).

Rep over entire Head piece, leaving space at front for Lion's face.

Goatee

Using Yarn E, cut lengths of 10cm-long hair.

Fold Hair pieces in half and rep joining process (as given in Attaching Hair section) under chin of Lion.

Join Lion

Sew Snout to Head, just below safety eyes. Stuff firmly before fully joining.

Sew Nose to Snout.

Sew Cheeks to Snout overlapping Nose and aligning black section to form Mouth.

Sew Head onto Body, stuffing firmly before fully joining. Sew Hind Legs to lower section of Body.

Sew Foot Pads to bottom of front feet.

Sew Tail to back of Body between Hind Legs and add lengths of Yarn H to end of Tail, rep instructions for attaching Hair.

Using Yarn D, embroider two little eyebrows above safety eyes and foot detail to all four feet.

Sew Polka Dots onto Party Hat.

Using Yarn G, make a miniature pom-pom (or use pre-made felted ball) and sew to top of Party Hat.

Sew Party Hat to top of Head.

Comb Goatee and Tail with brush to split yarn. Cut Hair and Goatee to desired length.

TO FINISH

Weave in remaining ends.