

CROCHET PATTERN ELEPHANT ELF



STORY



Meet this elephant named Elf. He is a little sad because he is lonely. Elf believes in love and dreams of meeting his soul mate. He even has a gift - a balloon on his trunk.

Who wants to help the lonely elephant and crochet a mate for him? Elf will frame her picture and look at it dreamily at night. And one day he'll get up the courage, pack a suitcase and go to propose.

Elephants don't have to be lonely. Let's crochet this little charmer together!



YOU WILL NEED

Yarn	Color	Brand	Weight
A		«Alize Cotton Gold Batik» 330 m/100 gr	Sport (12 wpi)
B		«Yarnart Jeans» 160 m/50 gr	Sport (12 wpi)
C		«Yarnart Jeans» 160 m/50 gr	Sport (12 wpi)

Materials and tools

- Hook 2,0 mm (for crocheting elephant), hook 1,5 mm (for crocheting cheeks);
- 10 mm safety eyes;
- Black, white and pink threads mouline;
- 5 pins or 5 markers;
- Needles for cutting - with a bead on the end (for fixing parts before sewing);
- Synthepus for filling;
- Yarn needle (thick needle with blunt end);
- Scissors;
- Needle;

- Round-nosepliers;
- Floral wire, diameter 1.2 mm and electrical tape (optional – for movable trunk and balloon rope);
- Small piece of white felt;
- Glossy glaze “Sculpey” (you can use transparent varnish or acrylic for textile);
- Round 1 synthetic paint brush;
- Super Glue "Moment";
- Weighting agent for counterweight 2-3 cm in diameter (round stone or small round metal thing).

ON A NOTE

My finished toy was 11 cm (4,3 inches) high (without a balloon).

The wire in this toy is optional and should be used with caution as it is not safe for babies and young children. The wire makes the trunk movable and also make a realistic balloon rope, but is not necessary.

For convenience, mark the first single crochet with pin or marker at the beginning of each round. Check the number of loops after each crocheted round (it is indicated in round brackets).

You can choose a completely different yarn than suggested here. In this case, you need to choose the size of the hook yourself.

Try to crochet so that the stuffing material is not visible in the toy. If you can't crochet more tightly, take a smaller hook.

CONVENTIONS

l – loop = chain;
sc – single crochet;
dc – double crochet;
sl st – slip stitch;
P – picot (small and big, see section “EARS”)

inc – increase;
dec – decrease;
(...l) – total number of loops in a round;
[...]xN – repeat what is indicated in round brackets N times.

TRUNK & FACE (Yarn A)

1: 2 loops, 6sc in 2nd loop from hook (amigurumi ring) (6l)

2-6: 6sc (6l)

7: [2sc, inc]x2 (8l)

8-10: 8sc (8l)

11: [3sc, inc]x2 (10l)

12: 10sc (10l)

13: [4sc, inc]x2 (12l)

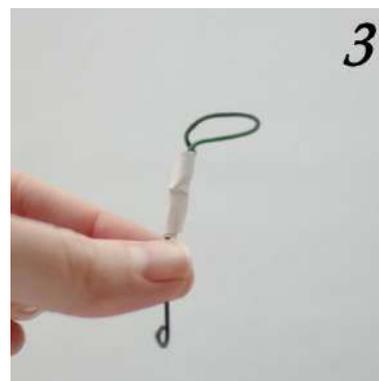
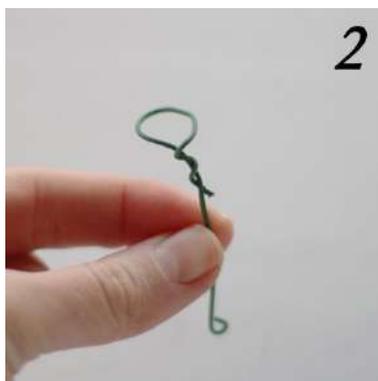
14: 12sc (12l)

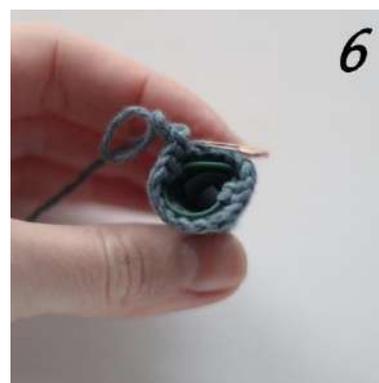
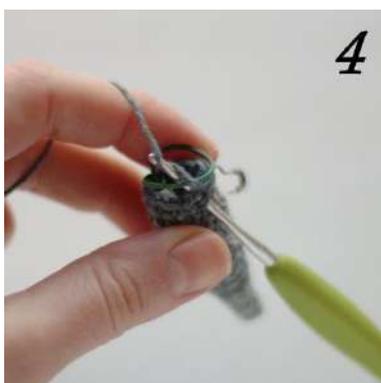
15: [5sc, inc]x2 (14l)

16: [6sc, inc]x2 (16l)

Cut a piece of decorative wire 2 - 3 cm (0,8 - 1,2 inches) longer than the trunk (see photo 1). Twist one end of the wire into a loop, and twist the other end into the ring (of diameter equal to the trunk opening) with the help of round nose pliers (see photo 2). Wrap the place of twisting with electrical tape (see photo 3). Insert crochet trunk to the wire.

Crochet and fix the wire on two points to the trunk – before every increase, crocheting the next round (see photos 4-6). If you decide not to use wire, then skip these steps and continue crochet.





17: [7sc, inc]x2 (18l)

18: 3sc, [sc, inc]x6, 3sc (24l)

19: 3sc, [2sc, inc]x6, 3sc (30l)

20: 3sc, [3sc, inc]x6, 3sc (36l)

21: [5sc, inc]x6 (42l) Fill the trunk with synthepus. Cut and fix the thread.

LEGS 4 pcs (Yarn A)

1: 2 loops, 8sc in 2nd loop from hook (amigurumi ring) (8l)

2: [sc, 3sc in the next loop]x4 (16l)

3: 2sc, inc, [3sc, inc]x3, sc (20l)

4: 20sc only through back loops (20l)

5: [dec]x2, 4sc, [inc]x4, 4sc, [dec]x2 (20l)

6-9: 20sc (20l)

Cut and fix the thread. Don't remove the pins of the round's beginning, they also note the place of the legs' and the belly's connection (see photo 7).

BELLY (Yarn B)

1: 4 loops, turning, 3sc (starting from the 2nd loop from the hook) (3l)

2-3: 1 loop, turning, 3sc (3l)

Crocheted the belly around the perimeter in a counter-clockwise direction from the point "Start" (see photo 8).

4: 3sc in the corner, 1sc down the side, 3sc in the corner, 3sc across, 3sc in the corner, 1sc up the side, 3sc in the corner, 3sc across (20l)

In the next round you need to crochet the belly around the perimeter in a counter-clockwise direction from the point "Start" and join the legs (see photo 9). To connect the details insert the hook initially into the leg, and then into the belly.

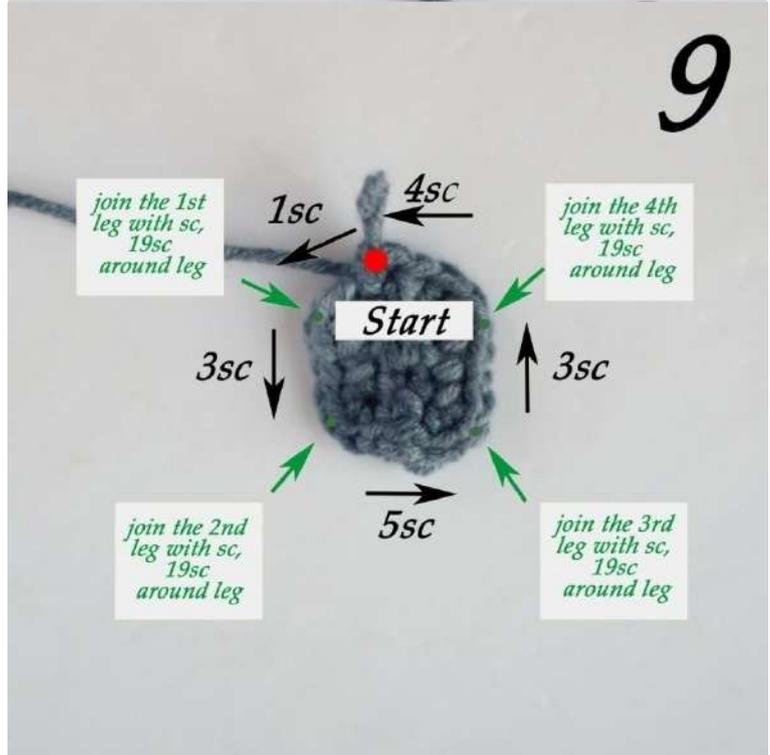
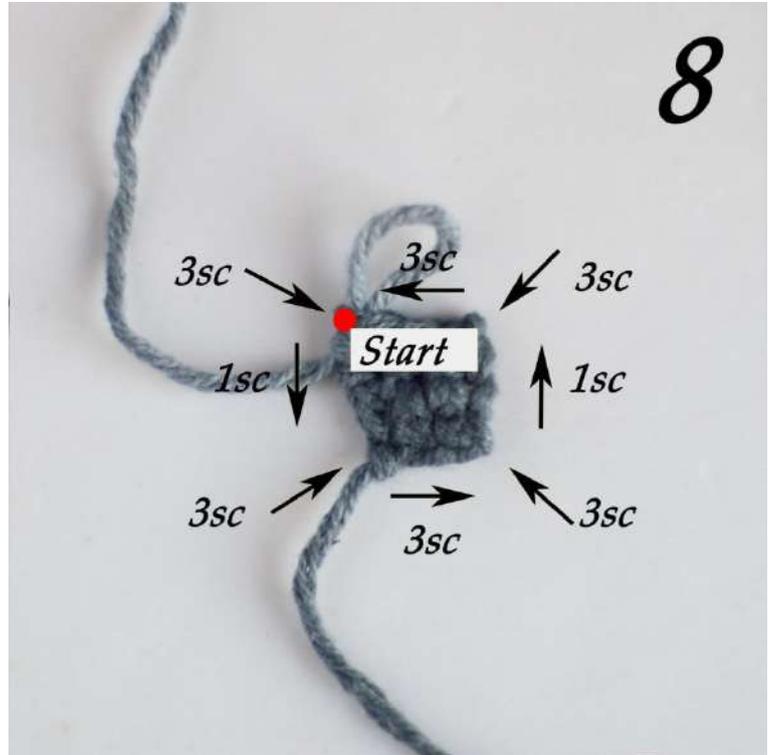
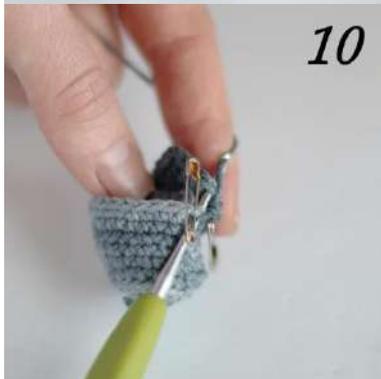
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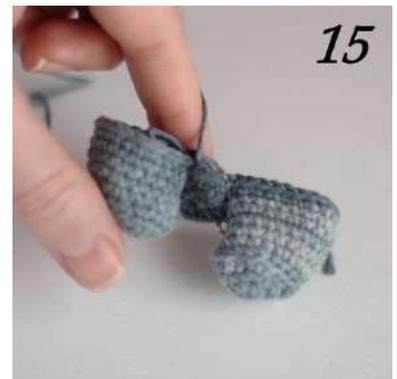
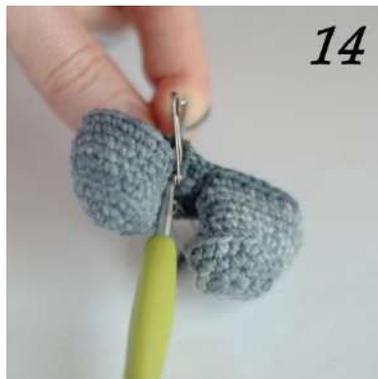
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5: 1sc, join the 1st leg with sc, 19sc around the leg (see photos 10-13); 3sc down; join the 2nd leg with sc, 19sc around the leg (see photos 14, 15); 5sc across; join the 3rd leg with sc, 19sc around the leg (see photos 16, 17); 3sc up; join the 4th leg with sc, 19sc around the leg (see photos 18, 19); 4sc across (see photos 20) (96l)

Don't cut the thread. Sew holes under the thighs of both legs using extra thread (see photo 21). Start crocheting the body.





BODY & HEAD (Yarn A)

Continue crocheting from where you left off.

1-7: 96sc (96l)

Mark with a pin the junction of the face with the body. To do this, move the pin on the 18th loop from the beginning of the face round (see photo 22).

Crocheted the next round from the point "Start" and attach the face to the body. To connect the details insert the hook initially into the face (from the inside to the outside), and then into the body (from the outside to the inside) (see photos 23, 24).

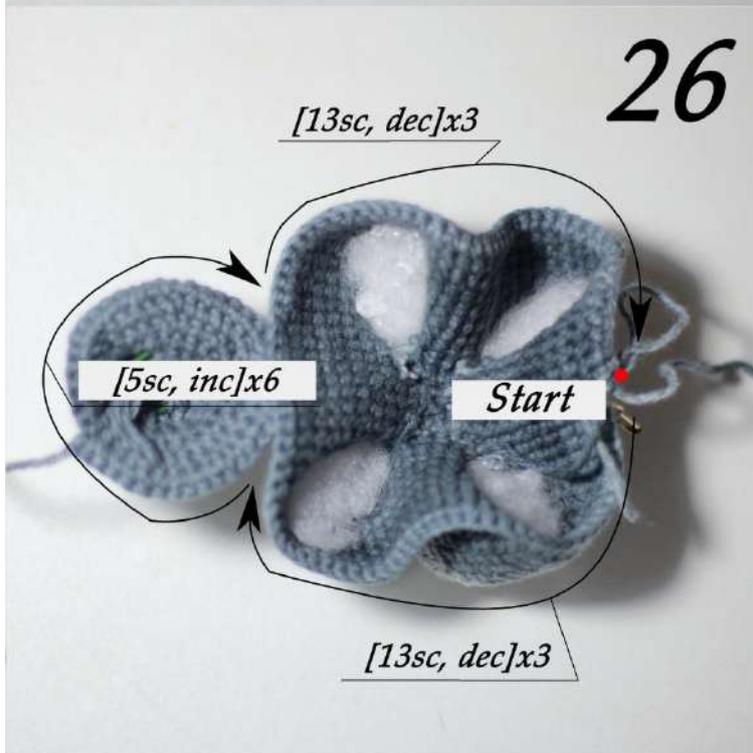
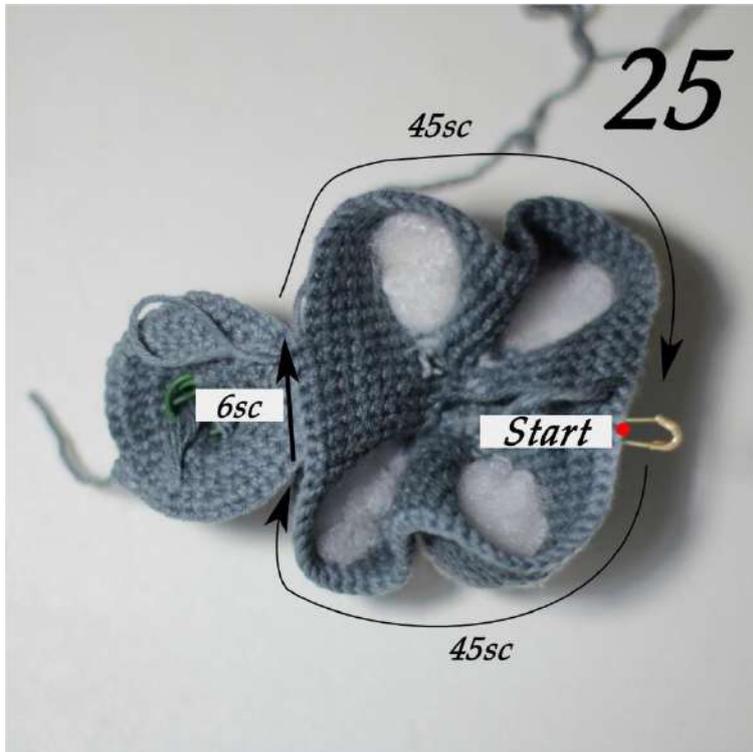
8: 45sc along the body, crochet 6sc of the face together with 6sc of the body, then crochet 45sc along the body (see photo 25)

9: [13sc, dec]x3, [5sc, inc]x6, [13sc, dec]x3 (126l) (see photo 26)

10: [12sc, dec]x3, [2sc, dec]x3, [2sc, inc]x6, [2sc, dec]x3, [12sc, dec]x3 (120l)

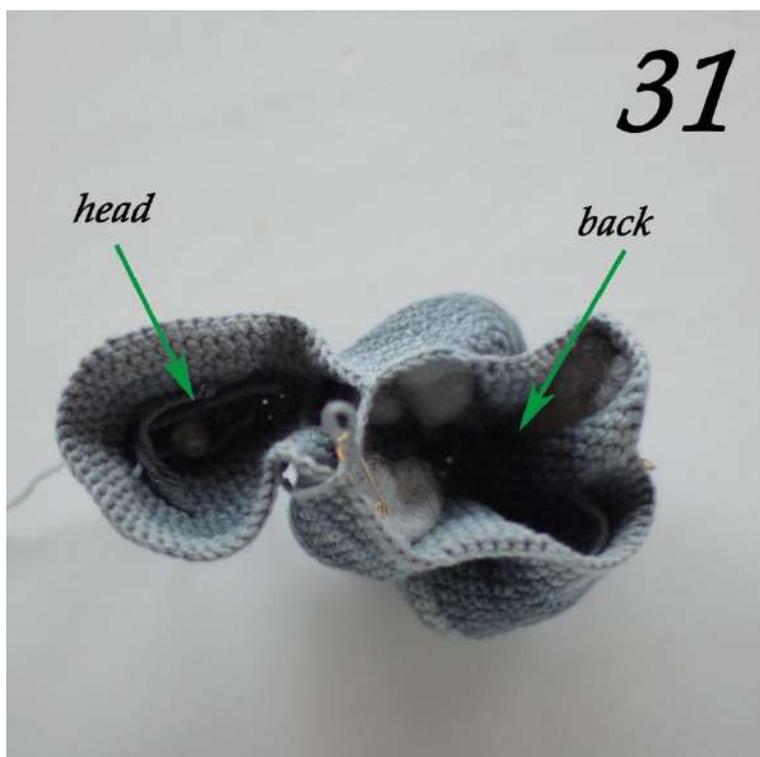
11: [11sc, dec]x3, 42sc, [11sc, dec]x3 (114l)

Put an extra pin on the 32nd loop clockwise from the round's beginning (see photo 27).



12: 86sc, 6 loops, sc in the loop marked with a pin (the last sc becomes the beginning of the new round, you need to move the pin) (see photos 28-30).

After 12th round, the shape has two holes (see photo 31) - hole for the head (left) and hole for the back (right). We continue to work with the left hole for the head (see photos 32, 33).



13: 60sc (60l)

14: [sc, dec]x2, 42sc, [sc, dec]x4 (54l)

15: [dec]x2, 42sc, [dec]x4 (48l)

16-17: 48sc (48l)

18: [6sc, dec]x6 (42l)

19: [5sc, dec]x6 (36l)

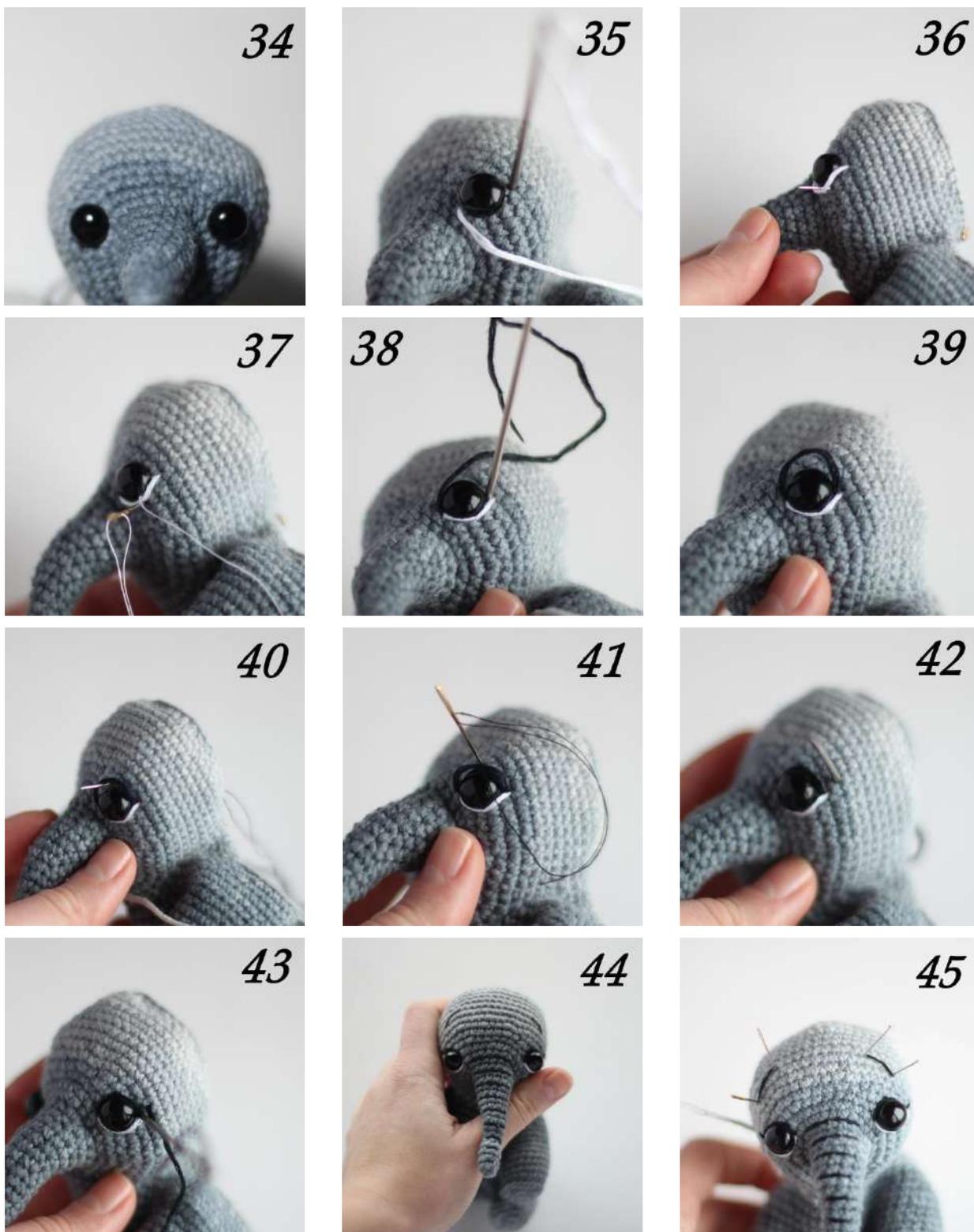
Insert safety eyes between the rounds 20 and 21 (count from the top of the trunk), the distance between them is approximately 14 stitches, don't fix yet (see photo 34).

Using yarn needle to do around the eye «loose stitch» with white threads of mouline (see photo 35). Separate one thread and fasten with a needle «loose stitch» (see photos 36, 37).

Make a «loose stitch» with black threads of mouline around the upper half of the eye (see photos 38, 39). Separate one thread and fasten with a needle «loose stitch» (see photos 40, 41).

Embroider a cilia (see photos 42, 43). Press the eye to the embroidered line and fasten it.

Embroider the stripes on the trunk (see photo 44).



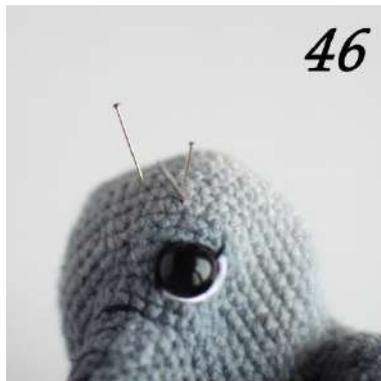
Cut 2 pieces of the thread about 1 cm (0,4 inches) long. Attach to the forehead and arrange symmetrically, mark with the pins the beginning and end of the segment. Embroider eyebrows (see photo 45-49).

CHEEKS, 2 pcs (Pink threads mouline)

Cheeks crochet with a hook 1,5 mm.

1: 2 loops, 6sc in 2nd loop from hook (amigurumi ring), sl st in 1st sc (6l)

Cut and fix the thread, leaving a long end for sewing. Sew the cheeks to the head with the wrong side outward (see photos 50, 51).



TUSKS, 2 pcs (Yarn B)

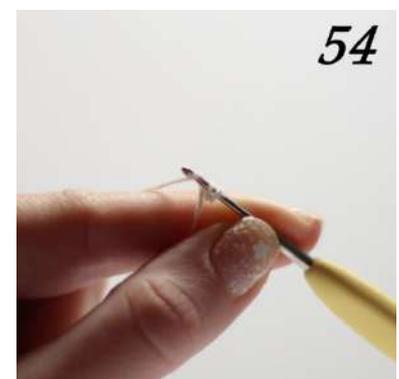
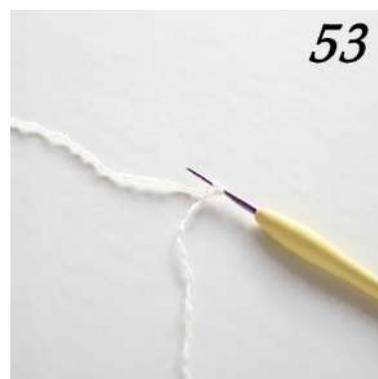
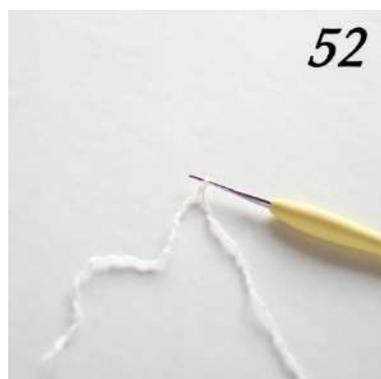
Tusks are crocheted the form of a cord of two threads at once. At the beginning leave the long end of the thread (see photo 52). Put the end of the thread on the hook (see photo 53), then grab the working thread and pull it through two loops on the hook (see photo 54, 55). Crochet 5 more loops in the same way (see photo 56). Trim and secure the thread, leaving a long end for sewing (see photo 57).

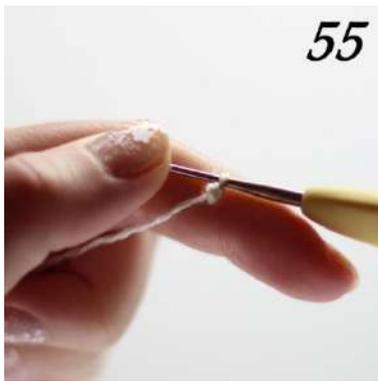
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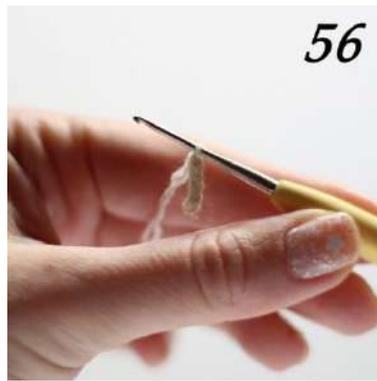


Sew the tusks to the head (see photos 58-60).





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FORELOCK (Yarn A)

Forelock positioned in the top of the head. Insert the needle and pull out the thread, then insert it in the same place (see photo 61). Do not tighten the thread to the end, but leave a 1 cm (0,4 inches) long «loose stitch» (see photo 62). Secure the «loose stitch» from the wrong side, making a knot . Make another 4 loops in the same way (see photo 63, 64). Swipe your scissors through all loops and cut it in half (see photo 65). Trim the forelock from both sides to get a triangular shape (see photos 66).



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Start stuffing the head with synthepus and continue crocheting.

20: [4sc, dec]x6 (30l)

21: [3sc, dec]x6 (24l)

22: [2sc, dec]x6 (18l)

23: [sc, dec]x6 (12l)

Completely fill the head.

24: [dec]x6 (6l)

Cut a circle out of white felt, it should be a little larger than the resulting hole (see photo 67, 68). Insert it into the hole in order to synthepus does not cling to the needle during closing the detail.

Trim the thread. Pass the thread through all the loops using the yarn needle. Tighten and secure. See the holes between the neck and the head (see photo 69).



BACK (Yarn A)

Attach a new thread to the large hole as shown in photos 70-72 and crochet the back in continuous rounds.

1: [9sc, dec]x6 (60l)

2: [8sc, dec]x6 (54l)

3: 54sc (54l)

4: [7sc, dec]x6 (48l)

Fill the legs with synthepus.

5: [6sc, dec]x6 (42l)

6: [5sc, dec]x6 (36l)

7: [4sc, dec]x6 (30l)

Start stuffing the body with synthepus. Place the counterweight in the hole in the back (so that the head does not outweigh and the elephant stands steadily, see photo 73). You can use a round heavy object (stone or metal detail wrapped with electrical tape) as a counterweight.

8: [3sc, dec]x6 (24l)

9: [2sc, dec]x6 (18l)

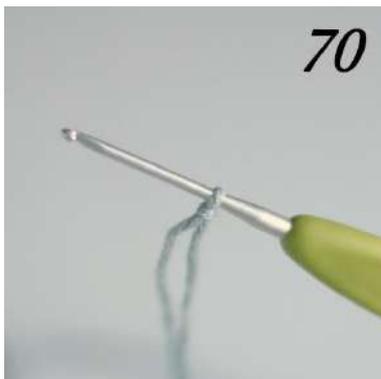
10: [sc, dec]x6 (12l)

Completely fill the body.

11: [dec]x6 (6l)

Cut a circle out of white felt, it should be a little larger than the resulting hole. Insert it into the hole in order to synthepus does not cling to the needle during closing the detail (see photo 74).

Trim the thread. Pass the thread through all the loops using the yarn needle. Tighten and secure. See the holes between the neck and the back (see photo 75).



THOES, 3 pcs on each leg (Yarn B, in two folds)

Embroider 3 toes on each leg with French knot (see photos 76-81).

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TAIL (Yarn A)

Leave the long end of the thread, it will be needed for sewing. Crochet 10 loops (see photo 82). Make a brush at the end of the tail: use the hook to pull out the loop on 1 cm (0,4 inches). Wrap the thread around the loop and tighten it tightly, creating a knot (see photos 83, 84). In the same way make 4 more loops (see photo 85-87). Swipe your scissors through the loops and cut it in half one by one (see photo 88). Cut the thread and trim the brush and fluff it with the needle (see photo 89). Sew the tail to the body (see photo 90).

Don't cut the thread, but "squeeze" the head to the body with a few stitches (see photo 91-93).



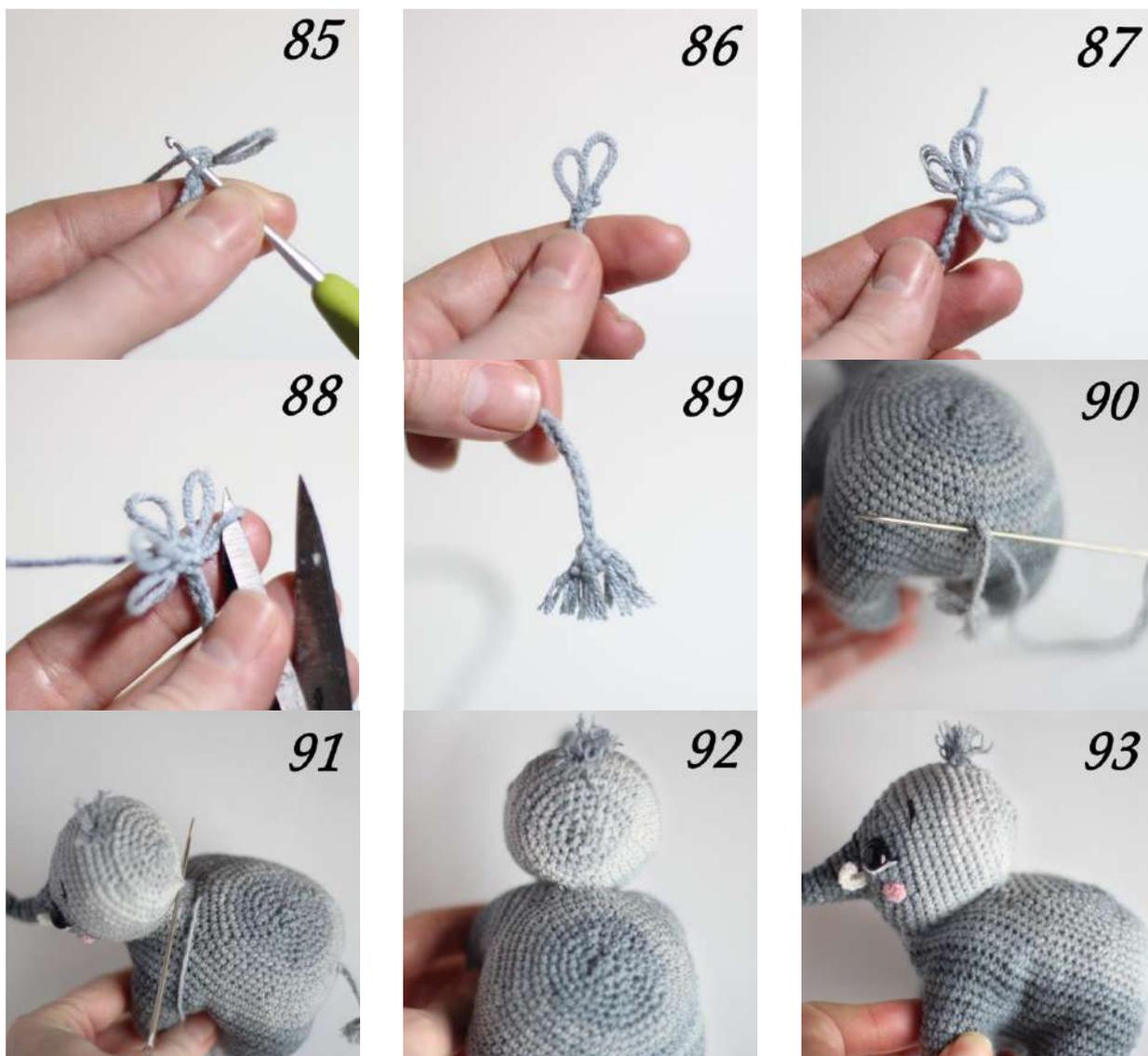
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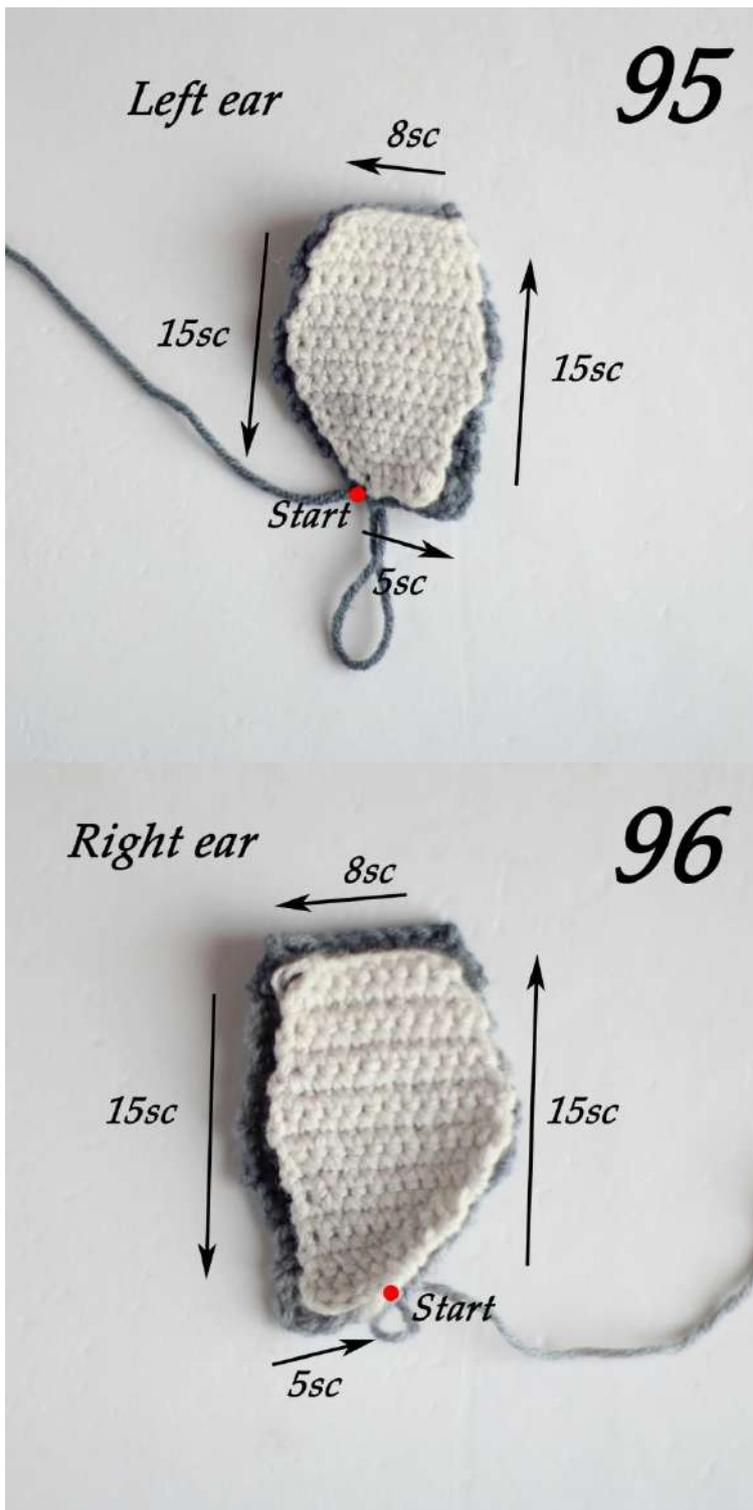


EARS (2 pcs)

The inner part of the ear is crocheted with Yarn B, and the outer part with Yarn A according to the same pattern (see photo 94).

- 1: 9 loops, turning, 8sc (starting from the 2nd loop from the hook) (8l)
- 2: inc, 6sc, inc (10l)
- 3-5: 10sc (10l)
- 6: inc, 8sc, inc (12l)
- 7-9: 12sc (12l)
- 10: dec, 8sc, dec (10l)
- 11: 10sc (10l)
- 12: 8sc, dec (9l)
- 13: dec, 7sc (8l)
- 14: 6sc, dec (7l)
- 15: dec, 5sc (6l)

16: 2dc, 2sc, dec (5l) Cut and fasten the thread on the inner ear, and do not cut on the outer ear. Fold the left and right ears as shown in photos 95, 96.



Crochet the ears around clockwise. First, insert the hook into the outer part of the ear (white), and then into the inner part (grey), so that the crocheting is turned on the front side.

RIGHT EAR (by the observer, see photos 96-99):

17: 15sc up, 8sc straight, 15sc down, 5sc straight (43l)

18: 3 sl st, [P* small]x2, [P* big]x3

P* - picot.

Picot small = 3 loops, dc in the 1st loop, skip 1sc, sl st into the next sc (see photos 100-103)

Picot big = 5 loops, dc in the 1st loop, skip 2sc, sl st into the next sc (see photos 104-108)

Cut and fix the thread, leaving a long end for sewing.

LEFT EAR (by the observer, see photo 95):

17: 5sc straight, 15sc up, 8sc straight, 15sc down (43l)

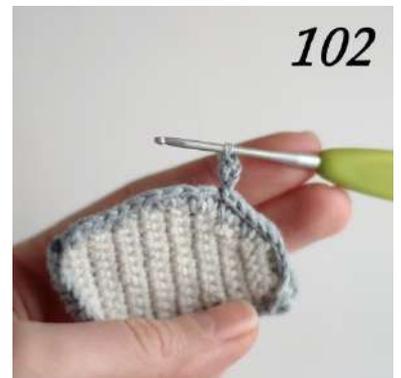
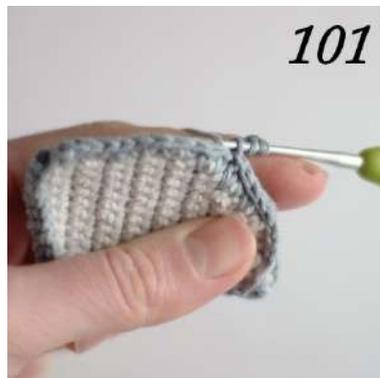
18: 1 loop, turning, 3 sl st, [P* small]x2, [P* big]x3

P* - picot.

Picot small = 3 loops, dc in the 1st loop, skip 1sc, sl st into the next sc.

Picot big = 5 loops, dc in the 1st loop, skip 2sc, sl st into the next sc.

Cut and fix the thread, leaving a long end for sewing. Sew the ears to the head, pre-fixing them with needles for cutting, in order to achieve perfect symmetry (see photos 109-111).





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BALLOON

HEART (Yarn C)

The top of the heart is crochet in two identical details. Crochet the first detail as follows below:

- 1: 2 loops, 6sc in 2nd loop from hook (amigurumi ring) (6l)
- 2: [inc]x6 (12l)
- 3: [sc, inc]x6 (18l)
- 4: 18sc (18l)
- 5: [2sc, inc]x6 (24l)
- 6: 24sc (24l)

Cut and fix the thread. Crochet the second detail according to the same scheme, do not cut the thread. To connect the details insert the hook initially into the first detail (from the inside to the outside), and then into the second detail (from the outside to the inside) (see photos 112).

7 (incomplete round): crochet 6sc of the first detail together with 6sc of the second detail, then crochet 18sc along the second detail (see photo 113)

8: crochet 18sc on the first part, crochet 18sc on the second part (36l) (see photo 114)

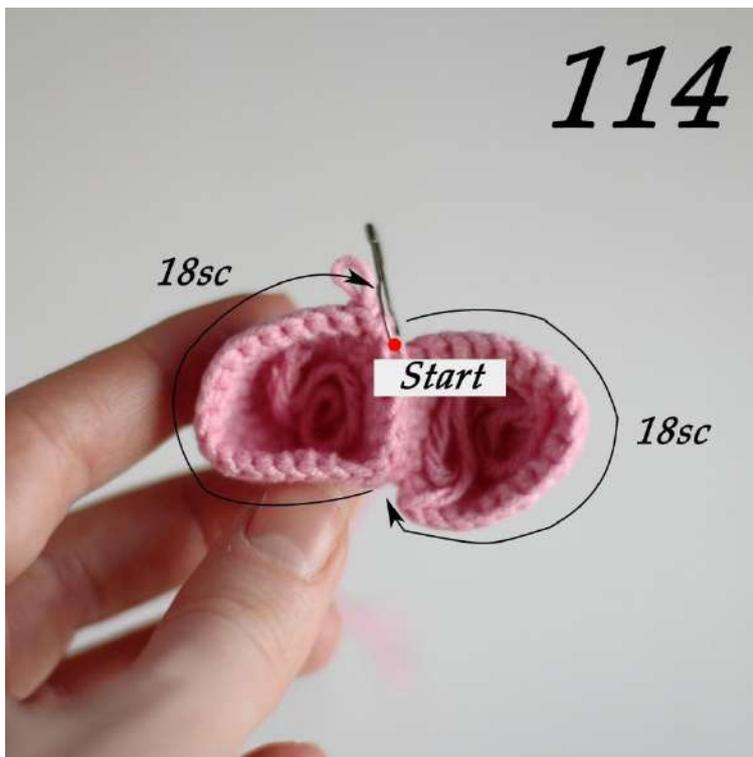


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Continue crochet the heart along rounds (see photos 115, 116).

9: [4sc, dec]x6 (30l)

10: [3sc, dec]x6 (24l)

11: [2sc, dec]x6 (18l) Start stuffing the heart with synthepus.

12: [sc, dec]x6 (12l)

13: 12sc (12l) Completely fill the heart.

14: [dec]x6 (6l)

15: 6sc (6l)

16: [inc]x6, sl st in 1st sc (12l)

Cut and fix the thread, push the end of the thread into the heart (see photo 117).

BALLOON ROPE (Yarn B)

Cut off a piece of wire approximately 20 cm (7,9 inches) long (see photo 118). Wrap the wire with a thread as follows: Glue the thread to the wire leaving the long end of the thread free (see photo 119). Spread a small section of the wire with glue and wrap it tightly with the thread in a spiral (see photo 120). Repeat until all the wire is wrapped to the end (see photo 121).

Using a paint brush to cover the wire with the thread with transparent glossy acrylic glaze and leave it to dry completely (see photo 122).

Using a hook to pull the free long end of the thread through the bottom of the heart and pull the wire inward (see photo 123). Wrap the bottom of the ball with the thread and make a bow (see photos 124-127).

Attach the balloon rope to the leg or to the trunk (see photos 128, 129). Embrace your elephant!

