
Valentin, The Baby Dragon

Materials

Dk or sports acrylic yarn in the following colors: goldenrod yellow, olive green, dark-green, white, black, brandeis blue and sky blue.

C hook (2.5 mm), a tapestry needle, sewing pins, stuffing and scissors.

Stitches used in the project

Double adjustable ring, chain stitch, slip stitch, single crochet, double crochet and popcorn.

Finished Size

10.5 inches tall



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Realization

Head and upper half of the body:

The head and upper half of the body are crocheted in a single piece and have to be filled with stuffing as you go.



To avoid a hole at the beginning of your project, you need to start it with a double adjustable ring (loop twice the yarn on your finger and when you finish the round pull the remaining yarn to close the hole):

Rnd 1: 6 single crochet stitches.

Rnd 2: 2 single crochet in each stitch from last round (12 stitches).

Rnd 3: *1 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (18 stitches).

Rnd 4: *2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (24 stitches).

Rnd 5: *3 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (30 stitches).

Rnd 6: *4 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (36 stitches).

Rnd 7: *5 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (42 stitches).

Rnd 8: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 9: *6 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (48 stitches).

Rnd 10: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 11: *7 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (54 stitches).

Rnd 12 to 21: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 22: *7 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (48 stitches).

Rnd 23: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 24: *6 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (42 stitches).

Rnd 25: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 26: *5 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (36 stitches).

Rnd 27: *4 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (30 stitches).

Rnd 28: *3 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (24 stitches).

Rnd 29: Single crochet in each stitch through **FRONT LOOPS ONLY** (24 stitches).

Rnd 30 to 54: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 55: *3 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 time (30 stitches).

Since next round you will start crocheting the increases for the back:

Rnd 56: 14 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch twice, 14 single crochet (32 stitches).

Rnd 57: 16 single crochet, 3 single crochet in next stitch, 15 single crochet (34 stitches).

Rnd 58: 16 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 1 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 15 single crochet (36 stitches).

Rnd 59: 16 single crochet, *2 single crochet in next stitch, 1 single crochet* repeat from *to* twice, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 15 single crochet (39 stitches).

Rnd 60: 20 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch 3 times, 16 single crochet (42 stitches).

Rnd 61: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 62: 21 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch twice, 19 single crochet (44 stitches).

Rnd 63: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 64: 22 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 1 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 19 single crochet (46 stitches).

Rnd 65: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 66: 23 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 1 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 20 single crochet (48 stitches).

Rnd 67 & 68: Single crochet in each stitch.

Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors.

Legs (Make 4):

Into a double adjustable ring crochet:

Goldenrod yellow color:

Rnd 1: 6 single crochet stitches.

Rnd 2: 2 single crochet in each stitch from last round (12 stitches).

Rnd 3: *1 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (18 stitches).

Rnd 4: *2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (24 stitches).

Switch to olive green color:

Rnd 5: Single crochet in each stitch through **BACK LOOPS ONLY**.

Rnd 6 to 11: Single crochet in each stitch.

Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors.

Crochet the remaining 3 legs following the above instructions. Once you've finished crocheting the 4 legs, first sew them together in pairs by 6 stitches of their borders.



Align the 2 pairs of legs and sew them together by 12 stitches of their borders. You will get the 4 legs sewed together and the stitching in cross. Then, with olive green, continue crocheting the lower part of the body around the 4 legs:

Rnd 1: 48 single crochet.

Rnd 2 to 4: Single crochet in each stitch.

Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors.

Sew together the upper and lower parts of the body by 36 stitches of their openings, leaving on the back side of the body a 24 stitches opening (that 24 stitches opening is formed by 12 stitches of upper half of body plus 12 stitches of lower part of the body). Fill with stuffing.



Tail (olive green color):

The tail is crocheted directly on the 24 stitches opening on the back side of the body, and has to be filled with stuffing as you go:

Rnd 1: 24 single crochet stitches.

Rnd 2 to 6: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 7: *2 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (18 stitches).

Rnd 8 to 14: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 15: *1 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (12 stitches).

Rnd 16 to 19: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 20: 6 decreases (2 single crochet closed together 6 times) (6 stitches).

Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors. With the sewing needle sew up and down the yarn



around each stitch from last round and pull tightly to close.

Muzzle and chest (Goldenrod yellow color):

Work a foundation chain of 5 stitches (do not close them into a circle) and crochet around:

Rnd 1: 4 single crochet, 4 single crochet in next stitch, 3 single crochet, 3 single crochet in next stitch (14 stitches).

Rnd 2: 5 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch twice, 5 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch twice (18 stitches).

Rnd 3: 7 single crochet, 4 single crochet in next stitch, 8 single crochet, 4 single crochet in next stitch, 1 single crochet (24 stitches).

Rnd 4: 8 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 1 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 9 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 1 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 1 single crochet (28 stitches).

Rnd 5: 10 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch twice, 12 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch twice, 2 single crochet (32 stitches).

Rnd 6 to 11: Single crochet in each stitch.

Crochet 3 extra single crochet and start crocheting the chest back and forth:

Row 1: 6 single crochet.

Row 2 to 24: Single crochet in each stitch.

Row 25: 1 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 1 single crochet (8 stitches).

Row 26: 1 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 4 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 1 single crochet (10 stitches).

Row 27: 1 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 6 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 1 single crochet (12 stitches).

Row 28: 1 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 8 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 1 single crochet (14 stitches).

Row 29 to 33: Single crochet in each stitch.

Row 34: 1 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together), 8 single crochet, 1 decrease, 1 single crochet (12 stitches).

Row 35: 1 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together), 6 single crochet, 1 decrease, 1 single crochet (10 stitches).

Row 36: 1 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together), 4 single crochet, 1 decrease, 1 single crochet (8 stitches).

Row 37: 1 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together), 2 single crochet, 1 decrease, 1 single crochet (6 stitches).

Row 38: 1 single crochet, 2 decreases (2 single crochet closed together twice), 1 single crochet (4 stitches).

Row 39: Single crochet in each stitch.

Row 40: 2 decreases (2 single crochet closed together twice) (2 stitches).

Row 41: Single crochet in each stitch.

Row 42: 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together) (1 stitch).

Row 43: Single crochet in each stitch.

Without cutting the yarn off, work a single crochet round all around the whole piece.

Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors.

With sewing pins, place the superior border of the muzzle under round 18 of the head and inferior tip of the chest between the forelegs. Sew all around with invisible stitches, filling the muzzle with stuffing as you go.

Ventral portion of the tail (Goldenrod yellow color):

Work a foundation chain of 6 stitches:

Row 1: 6 single crochet.

Row 2 to 8: Single crochet in each stitch.

Row 9: 1 single crochet, 2 decreases (2 single crochet closed together twice), 1 single crochet (4 stitches).

Row 10 to 14: Single crochet in each stitch.

Row 15: 2 decreases (2 single crochet closed together twice) (2 stitches).

Row 16: 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together) (1 stitch).

Without cutting the yarn off, work a single crochet round all around the piece. Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors.

Sew the ventral portion of the tail under it, placing the base of the triangle over the superior border of the hind legs and the vertex on the tails's tip.



Nostrils (Goldenrod yellow color):

Make 2. Into a double adjustable ring crochet:

Rnd 1: 5 single crochet.

Rnd 2: 2 single crochet in each stitch (10 stitches).

Rnd 3: Single crochet in each stitch.

Join the borders together with a single crochet row of 5 stitches. Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors.

Sew the nostrils to the muzzle by their curved edge, placing them between rounds 5 and 8 of the muzzle and leaving 4 stitches of distance between them on round 5.



Eyes:

Crochet all pieces twice.

Eyeballs:

The eyeballs have to be filled with stuffing as you go.



Into a double adjustable ring crochet:

White color:

Rnd 1: 6 single crochet stitches.

Rnd 2: 2 single crochet in each stitch from last round (12 stitches).

Rnd 3: *1 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (18 stitches).

Rnd 4: *2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (24 stitches).

Switch to olive green color:

Rnd 5: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 6: *2 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (18 stitches).

Rnd 7: *1 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (12 stitches).

Rnd 8: 6 decreases (2 single crochet closed together 6 times) (6 stitches).

Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors. With the sewing needle sew up and down the yarn around each stitch from last round and pull tightly to close.

Iris (Brandeis Blue color):

Into a double adjustable ring crochet:

Rnd 1: 6 single crochet.

Rnd 2: 2 single crochet in each stitch from last round (12 stitches).

Rnd 3: *1 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch* repeat from *to* 3 times, *1 double crochet, 2 double crochet in next stitch* repeat from *to* 3 times (18 stitches).

Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors.

Pupil (Black color):

Into a double adjustable ring crochet

Rnd 1: 6 single crochet.

Rnd 2: 2 single crochet in each stitch 3 times, 2 double crochet in each stitch 3 times (12 stitches).

Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors.

On the front side of the eyeballs sew the irises first and then the pupils, matching their internal borders



with the internal border of the eye's white area. Then, with white yarn embroider two dots of different sizes on the pupils and irises to enlight the eyes.

Sew the eyeballs to the face, placing them to each sides of the muzzle between rounds 14 & 21.

Horns (Make 2):

Into a double adjustable ring crochet:

Goldenrod yellow color:

Rnd 1: 6 single crochet.

Rnd 2: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 3: 2 single crochet in each stitch (12 stitches)

Rnd 4: single crochet in each stitch.

Switch to olive green color:

Rnd 5 & 6: Single crochet in each stitch.

Without cutting the yarn off, work a foundation chain of 14 stitches and over it, crochet a single crochet row of 14 stitches, joining it to the last round of the horn with a slip stitch.

Make a knot, cut the yarn with scissors and fill the horns with stuffing.

Place the horns on top of the head, between rounds 6 and 10, and the tip of the single crochet row over the union between the head and muzzle and next to the internal border of the eyeballs. Sew all around with invisible stitches.



Pacifier:

The pacifier consists in 3 pieces: superior piece, inferior piece and pacifier's handle.

Superior piece (sky-blue color):

Rnd 1: 5 single crochet.

Rnd 2: 2 single crochet in each stitch from last round (10 stitches)

Rnd 3 & 4: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 5: Through **BACK LOOPS ONLY** *1 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 5 times (15 stitches).

Rnd 6: *2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 5 times (20 stitches).

Rnd 7: *3 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 5 times (25 stitches).

Rnd 8: *4 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 5 times (30 stitches).



Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors.

Inferior piece (white color):

Into a double adjustable ring crochet:

Rnd 1: 5 single crochet.

Rnd 2: 2 single crochet in each stitch from last round (10 stitches)

Rnd 3: *1 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 5 times (15 stitches).

Rnd 4: *2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 5 times (20 stitches).

Rnd 5: *3 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 5 times (25 stitches).

Rnd 6: *4 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 5 times (30 stitches).

Once you've finished round 6 of the inferior piece, do not cut the yarn off. Face both pieces, superior and inferior, by their wrong sides and join their borders together with a single crochet round in white color as following:

5 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, repeat from *to* 5 times (35 stitches).

Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors.

Pacifier's handle (white color):

Into a double adjustable ring crochet:

Rnd 1: 5 single crochet.

Rnd 2 to 21: Single crochet in each stitch.

Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors. Sew the handle to the superior piece of the pacifier, as you can see in the image.

Sew the pacifier to the dragon's muzzle.

Dorsal Scale Row (Dark-Green color):

The dorsal scale row is crocheted directly over the body, from tip of the head to tail. Or it could be crocheted separately and then sewed on the body.

With **dark-green color**, crochet from head to tail:

Row 1: 87 single crochet.

Row 2: *3 chain stitches and 1 popcorn stitch in first stitch, skip next 2 stitches, 1 slip stitch* repeat from *to* till the end of the row.

Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors.

Tail Spade (Dark-Green color):

Into a double adjustable ring crochet:

Rnd 1: 5 single crochet stitches.

Rnd 2: 2 single crochet in each stitch from last round (10 stitches)

Rnd 3: Single crochet in each stitch.



Rnd 4: *1 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 5 times (15 stitches).

Rnd 5: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 6: *2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 5 times (20 stitches).

Rnd 7: Single crochet in each stitch.

Without cutting the yarn off, join the borders together with a single crochet row of 10 stitches, filling it slightly with stuffing as you go.

Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors. Sew the tail spade to the tip of the dragon's tail.



Wings (Make 2).

Into a double adjustable ring crochet:

Goldenrod yellow color:

Rnd 1: 6 single crochet.

Rnd 2: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 3: 2 single crochet in each stitch (12 stitches)

Rnd 4: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 5: *1 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (18 stitches).

Rnd 6: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 7: *2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (24 stitches).

Switch to dark-green color:



Rnd 8: Single crochet in each stitch.

Without cutting the yarn off, join the borders with a single crochet row of 12 stitches and then, continue crocheting around the rest of the wing's border until you complete the round. Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors.

With **dark-green color** and a tapestry needle, embroider the divisions of the wings as you can see in the image.

Sew the wings to the back of the baby dragon by their top vertex.

Ending details

With sewing pins, place the superior border of the muzzle under round 18 of the head and inferior tip of the chest between the forelegs. Sew all around with invisible stitches, filling the muzzle with stuffing as you go.

Sew the ventral portion of the tail under it, placing the base of the triangle over the superior border of the hind legs and the vertex on the tails's tip.

Sew the nostrils to the muzzle by their curved edge, placing them between rounds 5 and 8 of the muzzle and leaving 4 stitches of distance between them on round 5.

Sew the eyeballs to the face, placing them to each sides of the muzzle between rounds 14 & 21.

Place the horns on top of the head, between rounds 6 and 10, and the tip of the single crochet row over the union between the head and muzzle and next to the internal border of the eyeballs. Sew all around with invisible stitches.

Sew the tail spade to the tip of the dragon's tail.

Sew the pacifier to the dragon's muzzle.

Sew the wings to the back of the baby dragon by their top vertex.

Enjoy!

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