

Rhinoceros Beetle

Materials

Dk or sports acrylic yarn in the following colors: beige, black, white, british racing green and red.

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

Stitches used in the project

Double adjustable ring and single crochet..

Finished Size

4.7 inches tall

6.7 inches long



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Realization

Body (beige color):

The body is crocheted in a single piece, from front to back, and has 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: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 8: *5 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (42 stitches).

Rnd 9: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 10: *6 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (48 stitches).

Rnd 11 to 15: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 16: *6 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (42 stitches).

Rnd 17: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 18: *5 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (36 stitches).

Rnd 19: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 20: *4 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (30 stitches).

Rnd 21: Single crochet in each stitch through **FRONT** loops only.

Rnd 22: *4 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (36 stitches).

Rnd 23: *5 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (42 stitches).

Rnd 24: *6 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (48 stitches).

Rnd 25: *7 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (54 stitches).

Rnd 26: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 27: *8 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (60 stitches).

Rnd 28 to 37: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 38: *8 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (54 stitches).

Rnd 39: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 40: *7 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (48 stitches).

Rnd 41: Single crochet in each stitch.

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

Rnd 43: *5 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (36 stitches).

Rnd 44: *4 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (30 stitches).

Rnd 45: *3 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (24 stitches).

Rnd 46: *2 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (18 stitches).

Rnd 47: *1 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (12 stitches).

Rnd 48: 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.

Head (black color):

Piece "A" (face):

Into a double adjustable ring crochet:

Rnd 1: 5 single crochet stitches.

Rnd 2 to 4: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 5: 2 single crochet in first stitch, 1 single crochet in each stitch (6 stitches).

Rnd 6 & 7: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 8: 2 single crochet in first stitch, 1 single crochet in each stitch (7 stitches).

Rnd 9: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 10: 2 single crochet in first stitch, 1 single crochet in each stitch (8 stitches).
Rnd 11: 2 single crochet in first stitch, 1 single crochet in each stitch (9 stitches).
Rnd 12: 2 single crochet in first stitch, 1 single crochet in each stitch (10 stitches).
Rnd 13: *4 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* twice (12 stitches).
Rnd 14: *1 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (18 stitches).
Rnd 15: *2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (24 stitches).
Rnd 16: *3 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (30 stitches).
Rnd 17: 5 single crochet, 3 single crochet in next stitch, 24 single crochet (32 stitches).
Rnd 18: *2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch* repeat from *to* 5 times, 17 single crochet (37 stitches).
Rnd 19: *3 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch* repeat from *to* 5 times, 17 single crochet (42 stitches).
Rnd 20: Single crochet in each stitch.
Rnd 21: *4 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch* repeat from *to* 6 times, 12 single crochet (48 stitches).
Rnd 22: Single crochet in each stitch.
Rnd 23: *5 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch* repeat from *to* 6 times, 12 single crochet (54 stitches).
Rnd 24: Single crochet in each stitch.
Rnd 25: *6 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch* repeat from *to* 6 times, 12 single crochet (60 stitches).
Rnd 26: Single crochet in each stitch.
Rnd 27: *7 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch* repeat from *to* 6 times, 12 single crochet (66 stitches).

Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors.

Piece "B" (hindhead):

Into a double adjustable ring crochet:

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: 1 single crochet, *2 single crochet in next stitch, 2 single crochet* repeat from *to* 5 times, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 1 single crochet (24 stitches).

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

Rnd 6: 2 single crochet, *2 single crochet in next stitch, 4 single crochet* repeat from *to* 5 times, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 2 single crochet (36 stitches).

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

Rnd 8: 2 single crochet, *2 single crochet in next stitch, 6 single crochet* repeat from *to* 5 times, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 4 single crochet (48 stitches).

Rnd 9: 3 single crochet, * 2 single crochet in next stitch, 7 single crochet* repeat from *to* 5 times, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 4 single crochet (54 stitches).

Rnd 10: *2 single crochet in first stitch, 8 single crochet* repeat from *to* 6 times (60 stitches).

Rnd 11: 1 single crochet, *2 single crochet in next stitch, 9 single crochet* repeat from *to* 5 times, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 8 single crochet (66 stitches).

Rnd 12: 4 single crochet, *2 single crochet in next stitch, 10 single crochet* repeat from *to* 5 times, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 6 single crochet (72 stitches).

Rnd 13: 7 single crochet, *2 single crochet in next stitch, 11 single crochet* repeat from *to* 5 times, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 4 single crochet (78 stitches).

Rnd 14: *12 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (84 stitches).

Rnd 15: 2 single crochet, *2 single crochet in next stitch, 13 single crochet* repeat from *to* 5 times, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 11 single crochet (90 stitches).

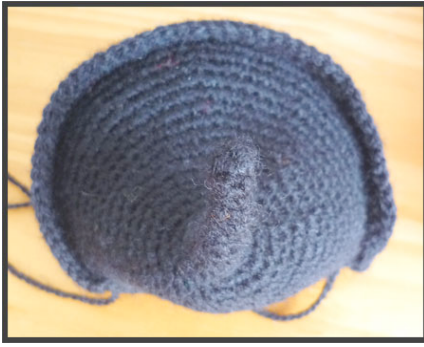
Rnd 16: 4 single crochet, *2 single crochet in next stitch, 14 single crochet* repeat from *to* 5 times, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 10 single crochet (96 stitches).

Rnd 17: 9 single crochet, *2 single crochet in next stitch, 15 single crochet* repeat from *to* 5 times, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 6 single crochet (102 stitches).

Join the borderline together with a single crochet row of 51 stitches, filling the piece with stuffing as you go. Do not cut the yarn off.

Join the superior border of Piece "A" to the curve border of Piece "B" with a single crochet row of 51 stitches, leaving the 15 stitches of the inferior border of Piece "A" loose.





Then, crochet 2 extra single crochet rows over the union of both pieces, without increasing.

Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors.

Place the front side of the body inside the head and sew it all around.

Eyeballs (white color):

The eyeballs are crocheted in a single piece and have to be filled with stuffing as you go.



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

Rnd 1: 2 single crochet in first stitch, 3 single crochet, 4 single crochet in next stitch, 3 single crochet, 2 single in next stitch (14 stitches)

Rnd 2: *1 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 4 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch* repeat from *to* twice (18 stitches).

Rnd 3: *2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 5 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* twice (22 stitches).

Rnd 4: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 5: *1 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 7 times,

1 single crochet (15 stitches).

Rnd 6: 7 decreases (2 single crochet closed together 7 times), 1 single crochet (8 stitches).

Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors. Thread a tapestry needle with black yarn and make a stitch on the middle of the back side of the eyeball. Wrap the yarn twice around the eyeball in order to divide it in 2 and make another stitch in the back side in order to keep this secure.

Then, over the front side of the eyeballs and with black yarn, embroider 2 french knots as pupils.

Sew the eyeballs to the face, centered 3 rounds above the horn's base.

Cheeks (red color):

Make 2. Into a double adjustable ring crochet a single crochet round of 6 stitches. Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors.

Sew the cheeks to both sides of the horn, leaving 3 rounds of distance between each of them and the horn's base.



With white yarn and chain stitches embroider the mouth in "U" shape, 3 rounds below the horn's base.

With black yarn embroider the ribs on the lower half of the body. Then, with black yarn and chain stitches, embroider a round across halfway up of the body in order to divide it in two halves.



Front wings (Make 2):

Into a double adjustable ring crochet:

Black 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).

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.

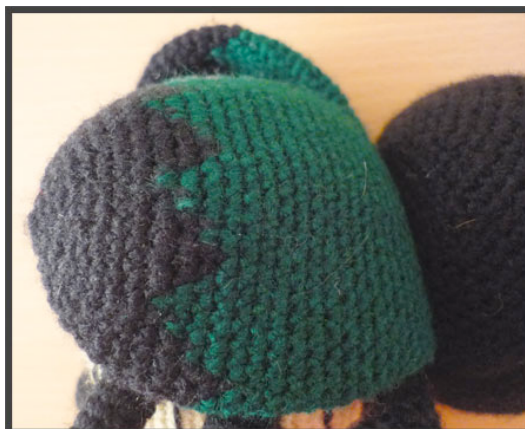
Rnd 9: *6 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 6 times (48 stitches)

Rnd 10: *3 **black** single crochet, 1 **british racing green** single crochet, 2 **black** single crochet* repeat from *to* 8 times (48 stitches)

Rnd 11: *2 **black** single crochet, 3 **british racing green** single crochet, 1 **black** single crochet* repeat from *to* 8 times (48 stitches)

Rnd 12: *1 **black** single crochet, 5 **british racing green** single crochet* repeat from *to* 8 times (48 stitches)

Since next round continue crocheting with british racing green only:



Rnd 13 to 19: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 20: *6 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (42 stitches).

Rnd 21 & 22: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 23: *5 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (36 stitches).

Rnd 24 & 25: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 26: *4 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (30 stitches).

Rnd 27 & 28: Single crochet in each stitch.

Join the borderline together with a single crochet row of 15 stitches.

Hind wings (white color):

Make 2. Into a double adjustable ring crochet:

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: Single crochet in each stitch.

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Rnd 24: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 25: *3 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (24 stitches).

Join the borderline together with a single crochet row of 12 stitches. Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors.





With black yarn embroider the wings ribbing over the top surface of the hind wings.

Then, sew the superior border of the hind wings to the internal surface of the front wings. Sew the front wings by their superior borders to the neck, behind the nape.

Legs (black color):

Make 6. The legs are crocheted from bottom to top and have to be filled with stuffing as you go.

Into a double adjustable ring crochet:



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: Single crochet in each stitch through **BACK** loops only.

Rnd 6 & 7: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 8: *2 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (18 stitches).

Rnd 9: *1 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (12 stitches).

Rnd 10: *1 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 4 times (8 stitches).

Rnd 11: Single crochet in each stitch through **FRONT** loops only.

Rnd 12 to 21: Single crochet in each stitch.

Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors.

Sew 3 legs to each side of the body, under the black line which divides the body in 2, placing the first set of legs under the union between the head and front wings.

Ending details

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Sew the cheeks to both sides of the horn, leaving 3 rounds of distance between each of them and the horn's base.

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Enjoy!

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