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## Patterns



## Bella, The Ballerina Hippo

### *Materials:*

Remains of acrylic yarn in the following colors: purple, lilac, pink, black and white.  
C hook (2.5 mm), a tapestry needle, stuffing and scissors.

### *Stitches used in the Project:*

Double adjustable ring, chain stitch, single crochet and half double crochet.

### *Finished size:*

Height: 21 cm/ 8.27 inches tall

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# Realization



## *Head (purple color):*

The head is crocheted from muzzle to back of the head. You have to fill this piece with stuffing while you're crocheting it.

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

Rnd 9: \*7 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch\*, repeat from \*to\* 6 times (54 stitches).

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

Rnd 11 to 14: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 15: \*13 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)\*, repeat from \*to\* 4 times (56 stitches).

Rnd 16: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 17: \*12 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)\*, repeat from \*to\* 4 times (52 stitches).

Rnd 18: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 19: \*11 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)\*, repeat from \*to\* 4 times (48 stitches).

Rnd 20: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 21: \*10 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)\*, repeat from \*to\* 4 times (44 stitches).

Rnd 22: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 23: \*9 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)\*, repeat from \*to\* 4 times (40 stitches).

Rnd 24: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 25: \*8 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)\*, repeat from \*to\* 4 times (36 stitches).

Rnd 26 to 29: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 30: 16 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 16 single crochet (38 stitches)

Rnd 31: 17 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 3 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 16 single crochet (40 stitches)

Rnd 32: 18 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 4 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 16 single crochet (42 stitches)

Rnd 33: 16 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 5 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 13 single crochet (46 stitches)

Rnd 34: 17 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 3 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 6 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 3 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 13 single crochet (50 stitches)

Rnd 35 to 40: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 41: \*8 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)\*, repeat from \*to\* 5 times (45 stitches).

Rnd 42: \*7 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)\*, repeat from \*to\* 5 times (40 stitches).

Rnd 43: \*6 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)\*, repeat from \*to\* 5 times (35 stitches).

Rnd 44: \*5 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)\*, repeat from \*to\* 5 times (30 stitches).

Rnd 45: \*4 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)\*, repeat from \*to\* 5 times (25 stitches).

Rnd 46: \*3 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)\*, repeat from \*to\* 5 times (20 stitches).

Rnd 47: \*2 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)\*, repeat from \*to\* 5 times (15 stitches).

Rnd 48: \*1 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)\*, repeat from \*to\* 5 times (10 stitches).

Rnd 49: 5 decreases (2 single crochet closed together 5 times) (5 stitches).

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



### *Ears (Make 2):*

#### **Purple color:**

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: Single crochet in each stitch.

#### **Since round 5 we'll start crocheting the lilac shade of the ears:**

Rnd 5: 2 **purple** single crochet, 5 **lilac** single crochet, 11 **purple** single crochet (18 stitches).

Rnd 6 to 8: 1 **purple** single crochet, 7 **lilac** single crochet, 10 **purple** single crochet (18 stitches).

Join the ear's borders with a purple single crochet row (9 stitches). Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors.

Fold the ears in half vertically (over the lilac shade) and sew the base of the ears with a few stitches. Sew the ears on the tip of the head between rounds 37 and 40 and leaving 5cm/ 2 inches of distance between them.



*Nostrils (purple 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: Single crochet in each stitch.

Join the nostril's borders with a single crochet row (6 stitches). Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors.

Sew the nostrils on the front side of the muzzle between rounds 9 and 11 of the head and leaving 5 cm/ 2 inches of distance between them.





### **Eyes:**

Crochet all pieces twice.

### **Eyeballs:**

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).

#### **Switch to purple color:**

Rnd 4: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 5: \*1 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)\*, repeat from \*to\* 6 times (12 stitches).

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

#### **Pupil (black color):**

In a double adjustable ring crochet: 2 single crochet, 3 half double crochet, 2 single crochet (7 stitches)

Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors.

#### **Eyelids (purple color):**

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).

Fold in half the circle and join the borders with a single crochet row (12 stitches). Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors.



**Eyes' assemble:** On the front side of the eyeballs (White zone) sew the pupils. With white yarn embroider a point of light on each pupil.  
Sew the eyes on the face above round 25 of the head and leaving 5 stitches of distance between them. Then place the eyelids overhead and a little bit above the eyes and sew them with invisible stitches. With black yarn and chain stitches embroider a line on the inferior borders of the eyelids as eyelashes.



**Body (purple color):**

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

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

Rnd 9: \*7 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch\*, repeat from \*to\* 6 times (54 stitches).

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

Rnd 11: \*9 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch\*, repeat from \*to\* 6 times (66 stitches).

Rnd 12 to 18: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 19: \*31 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)\*, repeat from \*to\* twice (64 stitches).

Rnd 20: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 21: \*14 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)\*, repeat from \*to\* 4 times (60 stitches).

Rnd 22: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 23: \*13 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)\*, repeat from \*to\* 4 times (56 stitches).

Rnd 24: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 25: \*12 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)\*, repeat from \*to\* 4 times (52 stitches).

Rnd 26: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 27: \*11 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)\*, repeat from \*to\* 4 times (48 stitches).

Rnd 28: Single crochet in each stitch.

**Since round 29 we'll start shaping the belly:**

Rnd 29: 15 single crochet, \*1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together), 6 single crochet\* repeat from \*to\* twice, 1 decrease, 15 single crochet (45 stitches).

Rnd 30: 14 single crochet, \*1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together), 5 single crochet\* repeat from \*to\* twice, 1 decrease, 15 single crochet (42 stitches).

Rnd 31: 14 single crochet, \*1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together), 4 single crochet\* repeat from \*to\* twice, 1 decrease, 14 single crochet (39 stitches).

Rnd 32: 13 single crochet, \*1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together), 3 single crochet\* repeat from \*to\* twice, 1 decrease, 14 single crochet (36 stitches).

Rnd 33: 13 single crochet, \*1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together), 2 single crochet\* repeat from \*to\* twice, 1 decrease, 13 single crochet (33 stitches).

Rnd 34: 12 single crochet, \*1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together), 1 single crochet\* repeat from \*to\* twice, 1 decrease, 13 single crochet (30 stitches).

Rnd 35 to 37: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 38: 4 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together), 14 single crochet, 1 decrease, 8 single crochet (28 stitches).

Rnd 39 & 40: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 41: 4 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together), 14 single crochet, 1 decrease, 6 single crochet (26 stitches).

Rnd 42 & 43: Single crochet in each stitch.

Fill the body with stuffing leaving the neck area soft. Sew the body's opening beneath the head, placing the belly to the front. With purple yarn embroider the navel above round 14 of the body,



centered on the belly.



*Tutu (pink color):*

The tutu is crocheted directly over the body. In order to do this, you just need to insert the hook in every stitch along round 30 of the body and crochet:

Rnd 1: 42 single crochet.

Rnd 2: 3 single crochet in each stitch from last round (126 stitches)

Rnd 3 to 8: Single crochet in each stitch.

Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors.



### *Arms (purple color):*

Make 2. The arms are crocheted from bottom to top, starting on the hands, and you have to fill them with stuffing while you're crocheting them.

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: \*8 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch\*, repeat from \*to\* twice (20 stitches).

Rnd 5 & 6: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 7: 9 single crochet, 5 half double crochet closed together in the next stitch, 10 single crochet (20 stitches)

Rnd 8 & 9: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 10: \*3 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)\*, repeat from \*to\* 4 times (16 stitches).

Rnd 11: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 12: \*7 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch\*, repeat from \*to\* twice (18 stitches).

Rnd 13: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 14: \*8 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch\*, repeat from \*to\* twice (20 stitches).

Rnd 15: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 16: \*9 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch\*, repeat from \*to\* twice (22 stitches).

Rnd 17: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 18: \*10 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch\*, repeat from \*to\* twice (24 stitches).

Rnd 19: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 20: \*5 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch\*, repeat from \*to\* 4 times (28 stitches).

Rnd 21: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 22: \*6 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch\*, repeat from \*to\* 4 times (32 stitches).  
 Rnd 23: Single crochet in each stitch.  
 Rnd 24: \*7 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch\*, repeat from \*to\* 4 times (36 stitches).  
 Rnd 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: \*3 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)\*, repeat from \*to\* 6 times (24 stitches).  
 Rnd 28: \*2 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)\*, repeat from \*to\* 6 times (18 stitches).  
 Rnd 29: \*1 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)\*, repeat from \*to\* 6 times (12 stitches).  
 Rnd 30: 6 decreases (2 single crochet closed together 6 times) (6 stitches).  
 Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors. With the tapestry needle sew up and down the yarn around each stitch from last round and pull tightly to close.  
 Sew the arms to both sides of the body, under the union between the head and body.



### *Legs (Make 2):*

The legs are crocheted from bottom to top, starting on the foot soles and you have to fill them with stuffing while you're crocheting them.

#### **Pink color:**

Work 6 chain stitches (do not close them into a circle) and continue crocheting around them:

Rnd 1: 5 single crochet, 4 single crochet in next stitch, 4 single crochet, 3 single crochet in next stitch (16 stitches)

Rnd 2: 2 single crochet in first stitch, 5 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 1 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 5 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 1 single crochet (20 stitches).

Rnd 3: 1 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 6 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 6 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 1 single crochet (24 stitches).

Rnd 4: 2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 7 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 3 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 7 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 1 single crochet (28 stitches).

Rnd 5 & 6: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 7: 11 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together), 4 single crochet, 1 decrease, 9 single crochet (26 stitches).

Rnd 8: 10 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together), 4 single crochet, 1 decrease, 8 single crochet (24 stitches).

**Switch to purple color:**

Rnd 9: 9 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together), 4 single crochet, 1 decrease, 7 single crochet (22 stitches).

Rnd 10: 8 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together), 4 single crochet, 1 decrease, 6 single crochet (20 stitches).

Rnd 11 to 14: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 15: \*4 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch\*, repeat from \*to\* 4 times (24 stitches).

Rnd 16: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 17: \*5 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch\*, repeat from \*to\* 4 times (28 stitches).

Rnd 18: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 19: \*6 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch\*, repeat from \*to\* 4 times (32 stitches).

Rnd 20: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 21: \*7 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch\*, repeat from \*to\* 4 times (36 stitches).

Rnd 22: Single crochet in each stitch.

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

Rnd 24: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 25: \*6 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch\*, repeat from \*to\* 6 times (48 stitches).

Rnd 26 to 28: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 29: \*6 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)\*, repeat from \*to\* 6 times (42 stitches).

Rnd 30: \*5 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)\*, repeat from \*to\* 6 times (36 stitches).

Rnd 31: \*4 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)\*, repeat from \*to\* 6 times (30 stitches).

Rnd 32: \*3 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)\*, repeat from \*to\* 6 times (24 stitches).

Rnd 33: \*2 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)\*, repeat from \*to\* 6 times (18 stitches).

Rnd 34: \*1 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)\*, repeat from \*to\* 6 times (12 stitches).

Rnd 35: 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 row and pull tightly to close. Sew the legs to both sides of the body, aligned under the arms. With pink yarn and chain stitches embroider along the round where you've exchanged colors between pink and purple.





### *Tail (purple color):*

Into a double adjustable ring crochet:

Rnd 1: 6 single crochet.

Rnd 2: 2 single crochet in first stitch, 1 single crochet in each stitch till the end of the round (7 stitches)

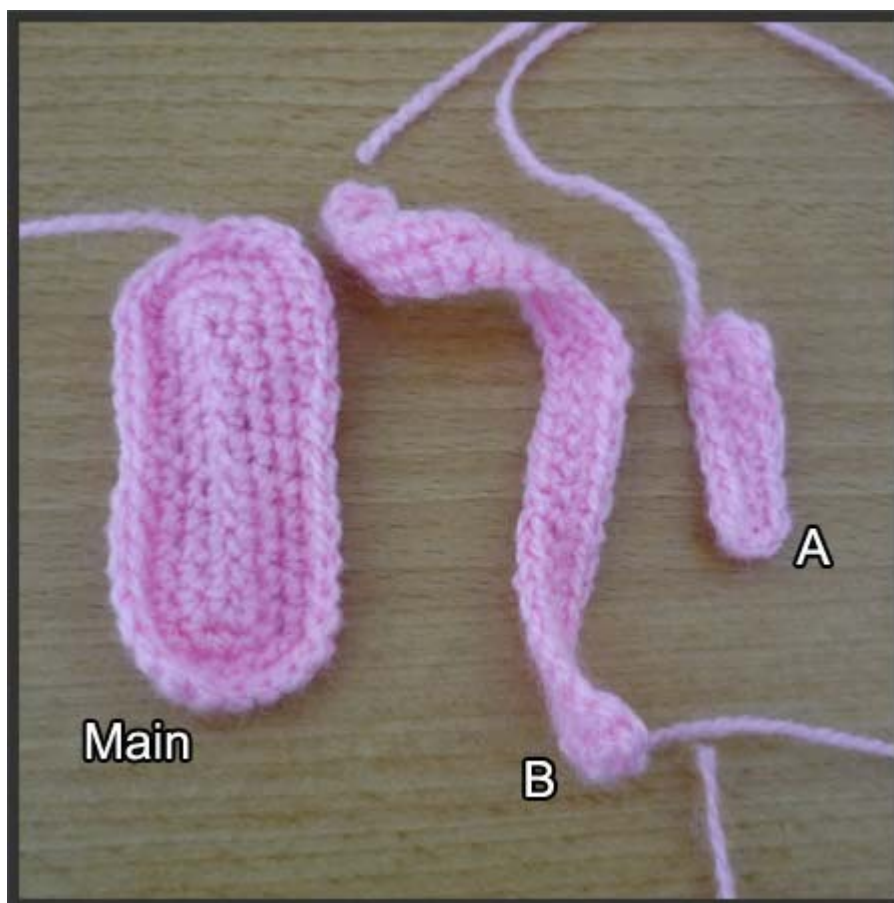
Rnd 3: 2 single crochet in first stitch, 1 single crochet in each stitch till the end of the round (8 stitches)

Rnd 4: 2 single crochet in first stitch, 1 single crochet in each stitch till the end of the round (9 stitches)

Rnd 5: 2 single crochet in first stitch, 1 single crochet in each stitch till the end of the round (10 stitches)

Rnd 6 to 8: Single crochet in each stitch.

Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors. Do not fill it with stuffing. Sew the tail to the back side of the body, centered between the legs.



### **Bow (pink color):**

The bow consists in 3 pieces: A, B and Main.

#### **A Piece:**

Work 6 chain stitches (do not close them into a round) and crochet around them 5 single crochet, 4 single crochet in next stitch, 4 single crochet, 3 single crochet in next stitch (16 stitches). Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors.

#### **B Piece:**

Work 30 chain stitches (do not close them into a circle) and crochet around them 29 single crochet, 4 single crochet in next stitch, 28 single crochet, 3 single crochet in next stitch (64 stitches). Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors.

#### **Main Piece:**

Work 10 chain stitches (do not close them into a round) and continue crocheting around them in spiral:

Rnd 1: 9 single crochet, 4 single crochet in next stitch, 8 single crochet, 3 single crochet in next stitch (24 stitches)

Rnd 2: 2 single crochet in first stitch, 9 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 (28 stitches).

Rnd 3: 1 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 10 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 10 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 1 single crochet (32 stitches).

Rnd 4: 2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 11 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 3 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 11 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 1 single crochet (36 stitches).

Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors.



**Bow assemble:** With “A” you’ll make the bow’s central knot by wrapping it around the Main piece vertically in order to divide the Main piece in 2. Sew it to keep it firm. Then fold “B” in half and sew it to the back side of the bow.  
Sew the bow on the top of the head, centered between the ears.



# Ending details

Fold the ears in half vertically (over the lilac shade) and sew the base of the ears with a few stitches. Sew the ears on the tip of the head between rounds 37 and 40 and leaving 5cm/ 2 inches of distance between them.

Sew the nostrils on the front side of the muzzle between rounds 9 and 11 of the head and leaving 5 cm/ 2 inches of distance between them (see the finished products)

To assemble the eyes, first on the front side of the eyeballs (White zone) sew the pupils. With white yarn embroider a point of light on each pupil.

Sew the eyes on the face above round 25 of the head and leaving 5 stitches of distance between them. Then place the eyelids overhead and a little bit above the eyes and sew them with invisible stitches. With black yarn and chain stitches embroider a line on the inferior borders of the eyelids as eyelashes.

Sew the body's opening beneath the head, placing the belly to the front. With purple yarn embroider the navel above round 14 of the body, centered on the belly.

Sew the arms to both sides of the body, under the union between the head and body. Sew the legs to both sides of the body, aligned under the arms. With pink yarn and chain stitches embroider along the round where you've exchanged colors between pink and purple.

Sew the tail to the back side of the body, centered between the legs.

Sew the bow on the tip of the head, centered between the ears.

*Enjoy!*

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