

Lucas, The Lion

Materials

Dk or sports acrylic yarn in the following colors: maize yellow, white, black, pink, terracotta, dark orange, brown and dark brown.

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

Stitches used in the Project

Double adjustable ring, chain stitch, slip stitch, single crochet, half double crochet and treble crochet

Finished Size

7 inches in sitting position

9.8 inches in standing position



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Realization

Head:

The head is crocheted from front to back, starting on the muzzle and has to be stuffed 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):

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: 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 to 11: 12 **WHITE** single crochet, 24 **MAIZE YELLOW** single crochet, 12 **WHITE** single crochet (48 stitches).

Rnd 12: **WHITE** *10 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*; **MAIZE YELLOW** *10 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)* repeat from *to* twice; **WHITE** *10 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)* (44 stitches).

Rnd 13: 11 **WHITE** single crochet, 22 **MAIZE YELLOW** single crochet, 11 **WHITE** single crochet (44 stitches).

Rnd 14: **WHITE** *9 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*; **MAIZE YELLOW** *9 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)* repeat from *to* twice; **WHITE** *9 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)* (40 stitches).

Rnd 15: 10 **WHITE** single crochet, 20 **MAIZE YELLOW** single crochet, 10 **WHITE** single crochet (40 stitches).

Rnd 16: 10 **WHITE** single crochet; **MAIZE YELLOW** *8 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 8 single crochet*; 10 **WHITE** single crochet (42 stitches).

Rnd 17: 10 **WHITE** single crochet; **MAIZE YELLOW** *5 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 3 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 3 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 3 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 4 single crochet*; 10 **WHITE** single crochet (46 stitches).

Rnd 18: 10 **WHITE** single crochet; **MAIZE YELLOW** *12 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 10 single crochet*; 10 **WHITE** single crochet (48 stitches).

Switch to MAIZE YELLOW color:

Rnd 19: Single crochet in each stitch

Rnd 20: 11 single crochet in each stitch through **BACK LOOPS ONLY**, 27 single crochet, 10 single crochet in each stitch through **BACK LOOPS ONLY** (48 stitches).

Rnd 21: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 22: 11 single crochet in each stitch through **BACK LOOPS ONLY**, 27 single crochet, 10 single crochet in each stitch through **BACK LOOPS ONLY** (48 stitches).

Rnd 23: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 24: 12 single crochet, 27 single crochet in each stitch through **BACK LOOPS ONLY**, 9 single crochet (48 stitches).

Rnd 25: Single crochet in each stitch

Rnd 26: 12 single crochet, 28 single crochet in each stitch through **BACK LOOPS ONLY**, 9 single crochet (48 stitches).

Rnd 27: Single crochet in each stitch

Rnd 28: Single crochet in each stitch through **BACK LOOPS ONLY**.

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

Rnd 30: Single crochet in each stitch though **BACK LOOPS ONLY**.

Rnd 31: *5 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (36 stitches).

Rnd 32: Single crochet in each stitch through **BACK LOOPS ONLY**.

Rnd 33: *4 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (30 stitches).

Rnd 34: Through **BACK LOOPS ONLY**: *3 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (24 stitches).

Rnd 35: *2 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (18 stitches).

Rnd 36: Through **BACK LOOPS ONLY**: *1 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (12 stitches).

Rnd 37: 6 decreases (2 single crochet closed together 6 times) (6 stitches).

Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors.

Mane:

The mane is worked directly on the head. It consists in 8 rounds, worked from front to back of the head, across the **FRONT LOOPS** of the following rounds:

DARK ORANGE color:

Rnd 1 in Rnds 20 and 24.

Rnd 2 in Rnds 22 and 26.

TERRACOTTA color:

Rnd 3 in Rnd 28.

Rnd 4 in Rnd 30.

BROWN color:

Rnd 5 in Rnd 32.

Rnd 6 in Rnd 34.

Rnd 7 in Rnd 36.

Rnd 8 in Rnd 37.

You will start crocheting with each new color from beneath the head and you can work the rounds in a continuous spiral without closing each of them, except when you exchange colors. All rounds are worked as following:

1 single crochet, 3 chain stitch, skip next stitch, 5 treble crochet in next stitch, 3 chain stitch, skip next stitch repeat from *to* till the end of the round.



Eyes (BLACK color):

Make 2. Into a double adjustable ring crochet:

Rnd 1: 5 single crochet stitches.

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

Rnd 3 & 4: Single crochet in each stitch.

Fill the eyes with stuffing. With the sewing needle sew up and down the yarn around each stitch from last round and pull tightly to close. Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors leaving a long tail for sewing and with it, thread a tapestry needle. Push the needle inside the head between rounds 15 and 16 and through inside go from side to side of the head taking the needle out between the same rounds but 12 stitches away from the spot where you first



insert it. Pull the yarn a bit and repeat the procedure twice for each eye. With **WHITE** yarn embroider 2 small dots on each eye.

Nose (PINK color):

Work 2 chain stitches. In the 2nd chain from the hook crochet:

Row 1: 3 single crochet.

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

Row 3: 1 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch twice, 1 single crochet (6 stitches).

Row 4: 1 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 1 single crochet (8 stitches).

Row 5: 1 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 4 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 1 single crochet (10 stitches).

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

Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors. With **BLACK** yarn work a single crochet round around the whole triangle, making a double increase on each vertex to keep a neat shape.

Place the triangle over the muzzle, with its 1st row over muzzle centre and sew it around.

With **BLACK** yarn embroider a vertical line between the inferior vertex of the nose and round 8 of the muzzle in order to divide the muzzle in 2 sections. Then, over each muzzle half embroider 3 horizontal lines as whiskers.



Ears (make 2):



The ears are worked from front to back.

Into a double adjustable ring crochet:

DARK BROWN color:

Rnd 1: 6 single crochet.

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

Switch to MAIZE YELLOW color. Start crocheting in rows, back and forth:

Row 1: 20 single crochet through **FRONT LOOPS ONLY**.

Row 2 to 4: Single crochet in each stitch.

Start crocheting in spiral again:

Rnd 1: Work the first 20 single crochet inserting your hook in each stitch from row 4 and **BACK LOOPS** from round 4 in order to sew the top border of the ear to round 4. Then work the remaining 4 single crochet through **BACK LOOPS ONLY** on round 4 as well to complete the round (24 stitches).

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

Rnd 3: *1 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (12 stitches).



Rnd 4: 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 ears to both sides of the

head, between rounds 7 and 6 of the mane.

Body (MAIZE YELLOW 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: 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 to 20: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 21: 14 single crochet, * 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together), 4 single crochet* repeat from *to* 5 times, 1 decrease, 2 single crochet (42 stitches).

Rnd 22: Single crochet in each stitch.



Rnd 23: 13 single crochet, * 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together), 3 single crochet* repeat from *to* 5 times, 1 decrease, 2 single crochet (36 stitches).

Rnd 24 to 27: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 28: *4 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (30 stitches).

Rnd 29 to 31: Single crochet in each stitch.

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

Rnd 33 & 34: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 35: *2 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (18 stitches).

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

Sew the body under the head by its opening, between rounds 7 and 6 of the mane.



Chest (WHITE color):



The chest is crocheted from bottom to top.

Work 2 chain stitches and in the 2nd chain from the hook crochet:

Row 1: 3 single crochet.

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

Row 3: 1 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch twice, 1 single crochet (6 stitches).

Row 4: 2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch twice, 2 single crochet (8 stitches).

Row 5: 1 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 4 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 1 single crochet (10 stitches).

Row 6: 1

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

Row 7 to 16: Single crochet in each stitch.

Row 17: 1 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together), 6 single crochet, 1 decrease, 1 single crochet (10 stitches).



Row 18: 1 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together), 4 single crochet, 1 decrease, 1 single crochet (8 stitches).

Row 19 to 26: Single crochet in each stitch.

Row 27: 3 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together), 3 single crochet (7 stitches)

Row 28 to 30: Single crochet in each stitch.

Work a single crochet round around the whole chest. Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors.

Sew the chest over the front side of the body, with it's superior border over the union between head and body.

Legs (Make 2):

The legs are crocheted from bottom to top, starting on the foot sole and have to be filled with stuffing as you go.

PINK color:

Work a foundation chain of 16 stitches (do not close them into a circle) and crochet around:

Rnd 1: 2 single crochet in first stitch, 14 single crochet, 4 single crochet in next stitch, 14 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch (36 stitches).

Rnd 2: *1 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 15 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch* repeat from *to* twice (40 stitches).

Rnd 3: **MAIZE YELLOW** *2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 10 single crochet*; **WHITE** *6 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 6 single crochet*; **MAIZE YELLOW** *10 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch* (44 stitches).

Rnd 4 to 6: 14 **MAIZE YELLOW** single crochet, 18 **WHITE** single crochet, 12 **MAIZE YELLOW** single crochet (44 stitches).

Switch to MAIZE YELLOW color:

Rnd 7: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 8: 12 single crochet, *1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together), 1 single crochet* repeat from *to* 7 times, 1 decrease, 9 single crochet (36 stitches).

Rnd 9: 13 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together), 1 single crochet, 1 double decrease (3 single crochet closed together), 2 single crochet, 1 double decrease, 1 single crochet, 1 decrease, 9 single crochet (30 stitches).



Rnd 10: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 11: *3 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (24 stitches).

Rnd 12 to 28: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 29: *2 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (18 stitches).

Rnd 30: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 31: *1 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 6 times (12 stitches).

Rnd 32: 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.

In order to assemble the legs to the body, first thread a tapestry needle with **MAIZE YELLOW** yarn and make a stitch on the inner side of the leg, between rounds 27 and 28. Then, pass the needle through the body, from side to side, between rounds 12 and 13, pulling the yarn tight in order to get the leg jointed to the body (do it twice to keep the union firm). Repeat this procedure for the other leg. Then, with **BLACK** yarn mark the toes as in the final project.

Arms (make 2):



The arms are crocheted from bottom to top and 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: 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: **MAIZE YELLOW** *11 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 3 single crochet*; **PINK** 6 single crochet; **MAIZE YELLOW** *2

single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch* (26 stitches).

Rnd 6: 16 **MAIZE YELLOW** single crochet, 6 **PINK** single crochet, 4 **MAIZE YELLOW** single crochet (26 stitches).

Rnd 7: 16 **MAIZE YELLOW** single crochet, 6 **PINK** single crochet, 4 **MAIZE YELLOW** single crochet (26 stitches).

Rnd 8: 17 **MAIZE YELLOW** single crochet, 5 **PINK** single crochet, 4 **MAIZE YELLOW** single crochet (26 stitches).

Rnd 9: 18 **MAIZE YELLOW** single crochet, 4 **PINK** single crochet, 4 **MAIZE YELLOW** single crochet (26 stitches).

Continue crocheting with MAIZE YELLOW color:

Rnd 10 to 13: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 14: 12 single crochet, 2 double decreases (3 single crochet closed together twice), 8 single crochet (22 stitches). *****IMPORTANT: for right arm, work round 14 as following: 1 single crochet, 1 double decrease (3 single crochet closed together), 20 single crochet, 1 double decrease (22 stitches).*****

Rnd 15 to 22: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 23: *9 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* twice (20 stitches).

Rnd 24 to 27: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 28: *8 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* twice (18 stitches).

Rnd 29 & 30: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 31: *4 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)*, repeat from *to* 3 times (15 stitches).

Rnd 32: Single crochet in each stitch.

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Rnd 34: 5 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.

In order to assemble the arms to the body, first thread a tapestry needle with **MAIZE YELLOW** yarn and make a stitch on the inner side of the arm, between rounds 24 and 25. Then, pass the needle through the body, from side to side, between rounds 29 and 30, pulling the yarn tight in order to get the arm jointed to the body (do it twice to keep the union firm). Repeat this procedure for the other arm. Then, with **BLACK** yarn mark the fingers as in the final project.

Tail (MAIZE YELLOW color):



The tail is crocheted from tip to base and has to be filled with stuffing (lightly) as you go.

Into a double adjustable ring crochet:

Rnd 1: 6 half double crochet.

Rnd 2: *1 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 3 times (9 stitches).

Rnd 3: *2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch*, repeat from *to* 3 times (12 stitches)

Rnd 4 to 30: Single crochet in each stitch.

Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors.

Tufted end (BROWN color):

Work a foundation chain of 30 stitches. Starting on the 2nd chain from the hook:

1 single crochet, 3 chain stitch, skip next stitch, 5 treble crochet in next stitch, 3 chain stitch, skip next stitch repeat from *to* 7 times.

Wrap this piece in spiral and sew it to the tip of the tail, as in the final project.

Sew the tail by its opening to the back side of the body, between rounds 10 and 15.

Ending details

Thread a tapestry needle with the thread left after finishing the eyes. Push the needle inside the head between rounds 15 and 16 and through inside go from side to side of the head taking the needle out between the same rounds but 12 stitches away from the spot where you first insert it. Pull the yarn a bit and repeat the procedure twice for each eye. With **WHITE** yarn embroider 2 small dots on each eye.

Place the triangle over the muzzle, with its 1st row over muzzle centre and sew it around. With **BLACK** yarn embroider a vertical line between the inferior vertex of the nose and round 8 of the muzzle in order to divide the muzzle in 2 sections. Then, over each muzzle half embroider 3 horizontal lines as whiskers.

Sew the ears to both sides of the head, between rounds 7 and 6 of the mane.

Sew the body under the head by its opening, between rounds 7 and 6 of the mane.

Sew the chest over the front side of the body, with its superior border over the union between head and body.

In order to assemble the legs to the body, first thread a tapestry needle with **MAIZE YELLOW** yarn and make a stitch on the inner side of the leg, between rounds 27 and 28. Then, pass the needle through the body, from side to side, between rounds 12 and 13, pulling the yarn tight in order to get the leg jointed to the body (do it twice to keep the union firm). Repeat this procedure for the other leg. Then, with **BLACK** yarn mark the toes as in the final project.

In order to assemble the arms to the body, first thread a tapestry needle with **MAIZE YELLOW** yarn and make a stitch on the inner side of the arm, between rounds 24 and 25. Then, pass the needle through the body, from side to side, between rounds 29 and 30, pulling the yarn tight in order to get the arm jointed to the body (do it twice to keep the union firm). Repeat this procedure for the other arm. Then, with **BLACK** yarn mark the fingers as in the final project.

Sew the tail by its opening to the back side of the body, between rounds 10 and 15.

Enjoy!

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