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## Lady Hippo

### Materials

Dk or sports acrylic yarn in the following colors: beige, pink, fuchsia and black.

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

### Stitches used in the project

Magic ring (double adjustable ring), slip stitch, chain stitch, single crochet, double crochet, front post double crochet and back post double crochet.

### Finished Size

8 inches sitting

10 inches standing



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# Realization

## Head (beige color):

The head is crocheted from front to back, starting on the muzzle and has to be stuffed as you go.



Work and foundation chain of 10 stitches (do not close them into a circle) and crochet around:

Rnd 1: 9 single crochet, 6 single crochet in next stitch, 8 single crochet, 5 single crochet in next stitch (28 stitches).

Rnd 2: \*9 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch 5 times\* repeat from \*to\* twice (38 stitches)

Rnd 3: 12 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch 5 times, 14 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch 5 times, 2 single crochet (48 stitches).

Rnd 4 to 14: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 15: \*6 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)\*, repeat from \*to\* 6 times (42 stitches).

Rnd 16: \*5 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)\*, repeat from \*to\* 6 times (36 stitches).

Rnd 17: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 18: \*8 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch\*, repeat from \*to\* 4 times (40 stitches).

Rnd 19: 6 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 30 single crochet (42 stitches).

Rnd 20: 3 single crochet, \*2 single crochet in next stitch, 3 single crochet\* repeat from \*to\* 3 times, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 26 single crochet (46 stitches).

Rnd 21: 10 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 32 single crochet (48 stitches).

Rnd 22 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: Single crochet in each stitch.

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

Rnd 32: \*4 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)\*, repeat from \*to\* 6 times (30 stitches).

Rnd 33: \*3 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)\*, repeat from \*to\* 6 times (24 stitches).

Rnd 34: \*2 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)\*, repeat from \*to\* 6 times (18 stitches).

Rnd 35: \*1 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)\*, repeat from \*to\* 6 times (12 stitches).

Rnd 36: 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.

## Body (pink color):

The body is crocheted from bottom to top and has to be stuffed as you go.

To avoid a hole at the beginning you need to start this piece with a magic ring/ 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.

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).

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 19: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 20: Single crochet in each stitch **THROUGH BACK LOOPS ONLY**.

**Since next round you're going to start shaping the back's curvature:**

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).

Rnd 36.: **Through FRONT LOOPS ONLY** crochet \*2 double crochet, 2 double crochet in next stitch\* repeat from \*to\* 6 times (24 stitches).

Rnd 37 to 39: Work these rounds without increasing, interspersing 1 front post double crochet and 1 back post double crochet, closing each round with a slip stitch.

Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors. Fill the body with stuffing with the exception of the latest 4 rounds (dress collar).

### Skirt (pink color):

The skirt is worked directly on the body, across the **FRONT LOOPS** of round 20:

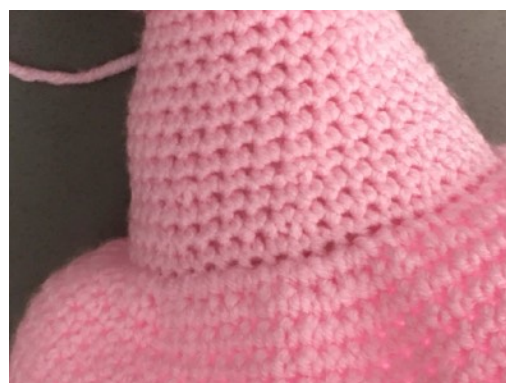
Rnd 1: \*1 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch\*, repeat from \*to\* 24 times (72 stitches).

Rnd 2 to 9: Single crochet in each stitch.

**Switch to fuchsia color:**

Rnd 10: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 11: \*1 slip stitch, skip next stitch, 4 double crochet in next stitch, skip next stitch\* repeat from \*to\* 18 times (18 shells).



Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors.

### Dress lace (fuchsia color):

Work a foundation chain of 90 stitches and on them crochet 1 row of slip stitch. Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors leaving a long tail for sewing.

Sew the dress lace around the body, over the skirt top border. Make a bow with the tails on the right front side.



### Eyes (black color):

Make 2. Fill them with stuffing as you go.

Into a magic ring (double adjustable ring) crochet:

Rnd1: 5 single crochet stitches.

Rnd2: 2 single crochet in each stitch (10 stitches).

Rnd3: Single crochet in each stitch.

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



Thread a tapestry needle with the thread left after finishing the eyes. Push the needle inside the head between rounds 18 and 19 and through inside go from side to side of the head taking the needle out between the same rounds the other side of the muzzle. Pull the yarn a bit and repeat the procedure twice for each eye.

### Ears (beige color):

Make 2. Into a magic ring (double adjustable ring) crochet:

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: Single crochet in each stitch THOUGH BACK LOOPS ONLY.

Rnd 5: 14 single crochet (this is not a complete round!)

Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors leaving a long tail for sewing.

Sew the ears to both sides of the head.

### Head Bow (fuchsia color):

The head bow consists in 2 pieces: bow body and ribbon.

#### Bow body:

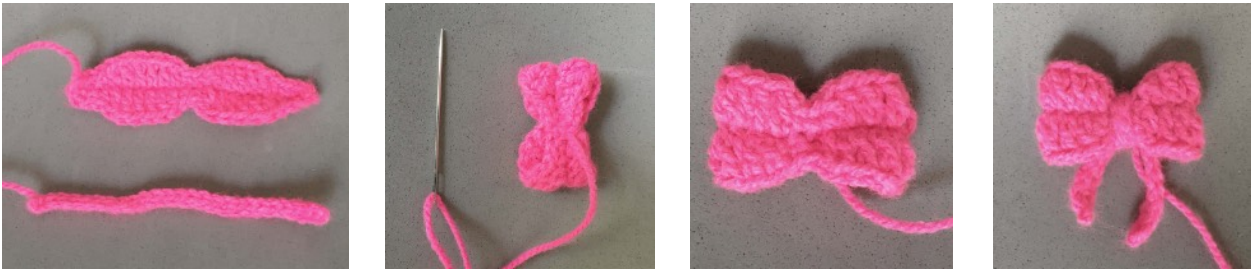
Work a foundation chain of 20 stitches (do not close them into a circle) and crochet around:

3 single crochet, 6 double crochet, 2 single crochet, 6 double crochet, 6 single crochet, 6 double crochet, 2 single crochet, 6 double crochet, 3 single crochet (40 stitches).

Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors leaving long tail for sewing.

### Ribbon:

Make a foundation chain of 25 stitches and on them crochet a slip stitch row. Make a knot and cut the yarn with scissors leaving long tail for sewing.



To assemble the bow, first pull the bow body endings towards the centre and sew them together with some stitches. Then, wrap the ribbon around the bow body centre and tie it on the back, leaving the tails of the same length and securing the knot with some invisible stitches. Sew the bow to the head, in front of the left ear, as shown on the images.



Fold the dress

collar towards out and sew the body's opening beneath the head, making the stitches from round 35 of the body.

### Legs (Make 2):

The legs are worked from bottom to top and have to be stuffed as you go.

Work a foundation chain of 16 stitches with **PINK** yarn (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: \*2 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch, 16 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch\* repeat from \*to\* twice (44 stitches).

Rnd 4 to 7: Single crochet in each stitch.

### Switch to BEIGE color:

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, leaving a long tail for sewing.

### Arms (make 2):

The arms are crocheted from hand to shoulder and have to be filled with stuffing as you go.



With **BEIGE** yarn for a magic ring (double adjustable ring) and crochet:

Rnd1: 6 single crochet stitches.

Rnd2: 2 single crochet in each stitch (12 stitches).

Rnd3: \*1 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch\*, repeat from \*to\* 6 times (18 stitches).

Rnd4: 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).

Rnd5: \*11 single crochet, 2 single crochet in next stitch\* repeat from \*to\* twice (26 stitches).

Rnd 6 to 12: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 13: 12 single crochet, 2 double decrease (3 single crochet closed together twice), 8 single crochet (22 stitches).

Rnd 14 & 15: Single crochet in each stitch.

**Switch to PINK color to start crocheting the dress sleeve:**

Rnd 16.: Single crochet in each stitch.

Rnd 17: Single crochet in each stitch **THROUGH BACK LOOPS ONLY.**

Rnd 18 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.

Rnd 33: \*1 single crochet, 1 decrease (2 single crochet closed together)\* repeat from \*to\* 5 times (10 stitches).

Rnd 34: 5 decreases (2 single crochet closed together 5 times) (5 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, leaving a long tail for sewing.

### Sleeve cuff (pink color):

The sleeve cuffs are crocheted directly on the arms, across the front loops of round 17 and they consist in a double crochet round of 22 stitches. Repeat this for both arms.

To assemble the arms to the body, first thread a tapestry needle with the yarn left after finishing this piece and make a stitch on the inner side of the arm, between rounds 30 and 31. Then, pass the needle through the body, from side to side, between rounds 29 and 31, 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.

To assemble the legs to the body, first thread a tapestry needle with the yarn left after finishing this piece 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 13 and 14,

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.



## Ending details

Fill the body with stuffing with the exception of the latest 4 rounds (dress collar).

Sew the dress lace around the body, over the skirt top border. Make a bow with the tails on the right front side.

Thread a tapestry needle with the thread left after finishing the eyes. Push the needle inside the head between rounds 18 and 19 and through inside go from side to side of the



head taking the needle out between the same rounds the other side of the muzzle. Pull the yarn a bit and repeat the procedure twice for each eye.

Sew the ears to both sides of the head

To assemble the bow, first pull the bow body endings towards the centre and sew them together with some stitches. Then, wrap the ribbon around the bow body centre and tie it on the back, leaving the tails of the same length and securing the knot with some invisible stitches. Sew the bow to the head, in front of the left ear, as shown on the images.

Fold the dress collar towards out and sew the body's opening beneath the head, making the stitches from round 35 of the body.

To assembly the arms to the body, first thread a tapestry needle with the yarn left after finishing this piece and make a stitch on the inner side of the arm, between rounds 30 and 31. Then, pass the needle through the body, from side to side, between rounds 29 and 31, 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.

To assembly the legs to the body, first thread a tapestry needle with the yarn left after finishing this piece 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 13 and 14, 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.



**Enjoy!**

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