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What you will need:

RED HEART® Amigurumi:
1 ball 9178 Unicorn

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook:
2.25 mm [US B-1]

Stitch marker, stuffing, two 6 mm safety eyes, craft glue, yarn needle, regular sized drinking straw (for leg armatures), wooden toothpick (for horn), black embroidery floss and embroidery needle (for embroidering facial features).

Optional: Pins, knee high stocking and plastic pellets for weighted stuffing.

GAUGE: 32 sts = about 4" [10 cm]; 28 rounds = about 4" [10 cm] in single crochet (sc). **EXACT GAUGE IS NOT CRITICAL TO THIS PROJECT.** Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

BUY YARN



RED HEART® Amigurumi, Art E885 available in 3.5 oz (100 g) 239 yds (219m) cakes



Sparkle & Shimmer Crochet Unicorn

Looking for some size magic? You'll find these two friends prancing in the enchanted forest, chatting with the pixies and getting the latest gossip from the birds.

Unicorn measures about 4" [10 cm] tall and 4" [10 cm] long (measured from tip of nose to rear end).

Notes

1. Before beginning, separate the different color sections of the yarn as follows: Pop the center color out by pushing gently on the center of the ball so that it comes out intact. Find the point where the color changes and cut the yarn. Repeat this process for the remaining yarn colors by carefully pushing the rings of color out of the larger ring and cutting. Wind each color into a separate ball to prevent tangling. You may find that one color appears both in the center, and on the outside of the ball, wind together or separately. In the pattern instructions, the white color is referred to as **A**, the pink as **B**, the turquoise as **C**, and the yellow as **D**.
2. Unicorn is made from 16 pieces: Body, head, neck, 4 legs, 2 ears, forelock, 3 mane pieces, and 3 tail pieces. In addition, 2 wings are made for striped unicorn.
3. Unicorn is designed in two versions: solid and striped.
4. Pieces are sewn together using yarn tails or yarn scraps.
5. To change yarn color, work last stitch of old color to last yarn over. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete stitch. Proceed with new color. Do not fasten off old color until instructed. Carry color not in use up inside of piece when next needed.
6. Do not use safety eyes if toy is intended for a child 2 years of age or younger.

Special Stitch

sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches together) = [Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

Special Technique

Adjustable ring = Wrap yarn into a ring, ensuring that the tail falls behind the working yarn. Grip ring and tail between middle finger and thumb. Insert hook through center of ring, yarn over (with working yarn) and draw up a loop. Work stitches of first round in the ring. After the first round of stitches is worked, pull gently on tail to tighten ring.

SOLID UNICORN BODY

With **A**, make an adjustable ring.

Round 1 (right side): Work 6 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous rounds (spiral)—6 sc. Place a marker in the last sc worked to indicate end of round. Move marker up as each round is completed.

Round 2: Work 2 sc in each of next 6 sts—12 sc.

Round 3: [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times—18 sc.

Round 4: [Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st] twice—20 sc.

Rounds 5-13: Sc in each st around. Begin stuffing piece with fiberfill or place optional knee high, filled with plastic pellets, into piece. Continue stuffing piece as work progresses.

Round 14: [Sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog] twice—18 sc.

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Round 15: [Sc in next st, sc2tog] 6 times—12 sc.

Round 16: [Sc in next st, sc2tog] 4 times—8 sc.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing body to tail. If needed, thread beginning yarn tail through stitches at beginning of piece and pull to close opening. Weave in and trim beginning tail only.

STRIPED UNICORN BODY

With **A**, make an adjustable ring.

Round 1 (right side): Work 6 sc in ring and change to **B** in last sc made; do not join, work in continuous rounds (spiral)—6 sc.

Place a marker in the last sc worked to indicate end of round. Move marker up as each round is completed.

Round 2: With **B**, work 2 sc in each of next 6 sts and change to **A** in last sc made—12 sc.

Round 3: With **A**, [sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times and change to **B** in last sc made—18 sc.

Round 4: With **B**, [sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st] twice and change to **A** in last sc made—20 sc.

Rounds 5-13: Sc in each st around and continue to change yarn color at end of every round, alternating **A** and **B**.

Begin stuffing piece with fiberfill or place optional knee high, filled with plastic pellets, into piece. Continue stuffing piece as work progresses.

Round 14: With **B**, [sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog] twice and change to **A** in last sc made—18 sc.

Round 15: With **A**, [sc in next st, sc2tog] 6 times and change to **B** in last sc made—12 sc.

Fasten off **A**.

Round 16: With **B**, [sc in next st, sc2tog] 4 times—8 sc.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing tail to body. If needed, thread beginning yarn tail through stitches at beginning of piece and pull to close opening.

Weave in and trim beginning tail only.

SOLID UNICORN HEAD

Beginning at muzzle with **A**, make an adjustable ring.

Round 1 (right side): Work 6 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous rounds (spiral)—6 sc.

Place a marker in the last sc worked to indicate end of round. Move marker up as each round is completed.

Round 2: Work 2 sc in each of next 6 sts—12 sc.

Round 3: [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times—18 sc.

Round 4: [Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st] 6 times—24 sc.

Rounds 5-12 Sc in each st around.

Round 13: [Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog] 6 times—18 sc.

Attach safety eyes between Rounds 9 and 10, about 10 or 11 stitches apart. Begin stuffing head and continue stuffing as work progresses. Do not use weighted stuffing in head.

Round 14: [Sc in next st, sc2tog] 6 times—12 sc.

Round 15: [Sc in next st, sc2tog] 4 times—8 sc.

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail. Thread tail through stitches of last round and pull to close opening. If needed, thread beginning yarn tail through stitches at beginning of piece and pull to close opening. Weave in and trim both ends.

STRIPED UNICORN HEAD

Beginning at muzzle with **B**, make an adjustable ring.

Round 1 (right side): Work 6 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous rounds (spiral)—6 sc.

Place a marker in the last sc worked to indicate end of round. Move marker up as each round is completed.

Round 2: Work 2 sc in each of next 6 sts—12 sc.

Round 3: [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 6 times—18 sc.

Round 4: [Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st] 6 times—24 sc.

Round 5: Sc in each st around and change to **A** in last sc made.

Begin Stripes

Round 6: With **A**, sc in each st around and change to **B** in last sc made.

Round 7: With **B**, sc in each st around and change to **A** in last sc made.

Rounds 8-11: Repeat Rounds 6 and 7 twice.

Round 12: Repeat Round 6.

Round 13: With **B**, [sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog] 6 times and change to **A** in last sc made—18 sc.

Attach safety eyes between Rounds 9 and 10, about 10 or 11 stitches apart.

Begin stuffing head and continue stuffing as work progresses. Do not use weighted stuffing in head.

Round 14: With **A**, [sc in next st, sc2tog] 6 times and change to **B** in last sc made—12 sc.

Fasten off **A**.

Round 15: With **B**, [sc in next st, sc2tog] 4 times—8 sc.

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail. Thread tail through stitches of last round and pull to close opening. If needed, thread beginning yarn tail

through stitches at beginning of piece and pull to close opening. Weave in and trim both ends.

SOLID UNICORN NECK

With **A**, leaving a long beginning tail for sewing neck to head, ch 14; taking care not to twist ch, join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1: Ch 1, sc in same ch as joining slip st and in each remaining ch around; join with slip st in first sc—14 sc.

Rounds 2 and 3: Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with slip st in first sc.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing neck to body.

STRIPED UNICORN NECK

Make same as neck for solid unicorn, working beginning chain and Round 1 with **B**, Round 2 with **A**, and Round 3 with **B**.

SOLID UNICORN LEGS (make 4)

Beginning at hoof with **C**, make an adjustable ring.

Round 1 (right side): Ch 1, work 6 sc in ring; join with slip st in first sc—6 sc.

Round 2: Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off **C**.

Round 3: Draw up a loop of **A** in any st, sc in each st around; do not join, work in continuous rounds (spiral).

Place a marker in the last sc worked to indicate end of round. Move marker up as each round is completed.

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Rounds 4-8: Sc in each st around. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing leg to body. If needed, thread beginning yarn tail through stitches at beginning of piece and pull to close opening. Weave in and trim beginning tail only. Insert drinking straw into leg and cut to size.

STRIPED UNICORN LEGS (make 4)

Make same as legs for solid unicorn, working beginning chain, Rounds 1 and 2 with **C**, Round 3 with **A**, Round 4 with **B** and continue to alternate one round with **A** and one round with **B** until leg is complete.

EARS (make 2 for each unicorn)

Note: If making solid unicorn, work with **A**. If making striped unicorn, work with **B**.
Ch 7.

Row 1: Working in back bumps only, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next ch, hdc in next 2 ch, sc in last 2 ch.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. Fold each ear in half widthwise, with tops of stitches facing frontwards. Sew the backs of ears together using yarn tail.

FORELOCK

With **C**, ch 6.

Row 1: Work 3 sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—15 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing forelock to head.

MANE (make 3 for each unicorn)

Notes:

1. Each piece of mane is a different length. Begin first piece with ch 14, second piece with ch 12, and last piece with ch 10.
2. If making striped unicorn, make all three pieces with **C**. If making solid unicorn, make one piece each with **B**, **C**, and **D**. Use **D** for the longest piece, **B** for the middle piece, and **C** for the shortest piece.

Row 1: Work 3 sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch. Note: Longest piece will have 39 sc, middle piece will have 33 sc, and shortest piece will have 27 sc.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing forelock to head.

TAIL (make 3 for each unicorn)

Note: If making striped unicorn, make all three pieces with **C**. If making solid unicorn, make one piece each with **B**, **C**, and **D**.

Ch 27.

Row 1: Working in back bumps only, slip st in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across.

Fasten off. Weave in and trim ends.

STRIPED UNICORN WINGS

With **D**, leaving a long beginning tail for sewing wing to body, make an adjustable ring.

Round 1 (right side): Work 6 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous rounds (spiral)—6 sc.

Place a marker in the last sc worked to indicate end of round. Move marker up

as each round is completed.

Round 2: Work 2 sc in each of next 6 sts—12 sc.

Rounds 3 and 4: Sc in each st around. Flatten piece matching the front and back stitches of the last round to form a double layer of 6 stitches in each layer. Work now proceeds back and forth in rows.

Row 5: Ch 1, working through both layers, skip first st, sc in next 5 sts.

Row 6: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Row 7: Ch 1, turn, (slip st, hdc, slip st) in each st across.

Fasten off, weave in and trim ending tail.

FINISHING

Referring to photograph as a guide to placement, use yarn tails or yarn scraps to sew the following pieces together.

1. Sew ears to top of head at Round 14, about 2 or 3 stitches apart.
2. Sew neck to underside of head, beginning at Round 9 of head and covering through Round 14.
3. Sew head and neck to top front of body, beginning at Round 4 of body and positioning the face slightly to the side. Sew with the yarn tail attached to neck, stuffing neck firmly before completing the seam.
4. Sew legs to bottom portion of body. Sew back legs beginning at Round 10 of body and front legs beginning at Round 6, each leg covering about 3 rounds and leaving 1 round between the front and back legs. Place back legs very close together (so they touch) and place the front legs very close together. To check for balance, pin or baste legs in place first then sew securely in place.

5. Sew forelock to forehead, between ears.
6. Sew mane pieces to back of head, positioning the shortest piece at the top and the longest piece at the end.
7. Hold all three tail pieces together and fold in half. With yarn tail from end of body, insert needle through tail pieces at fold and sew to rear of body.
8. Sew wings to back of striped unicorn, positioning wings in shoulder area of body (about Round 8). Sew the wings angled upwards and backwards with tips facing back and up.

With embroidery needle and 2 strands of black embroidery floss, embroider an "X" for each nostril, about 4 or 5 rounds from the beginning round at muzzle and about 5 stitches apart. Embroider a curved smile, following Round 3 or 4 at muzzle, about 4 or 5 stitches long. Weave the floss ends back through head and knot securely then bury yarn in head, trimming excess as needed.

Horn

Generously coat about one third of a wooden toothpick with strong craft glue. Wrap **D**-colored yarn around the toothpick wrapping from beginning of the glue up to the point. Hold the wraps until the yarn adheres. Trim the yarn even when glue is dry.

After horn is dry, place small amount of glue on unwrapped end of toothpick and insert it at the center of the unicorn's forehead, about 2 rounds down from ears. Allow glue to dry.

Weave in and trim any remaining ends.

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ABBREVIATIONS

A, B, C, and D = Color A, Color B, Color C, and Color D; **ch** = chain; **hdc** = half double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **()** = work directions in parentheses into same st; **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.

