Easy round elephant

US terms



Finished size

About 6¼ in (16 cm) long from the front of the trunk to the back (the tail is not counted), 6½ in (16.5 cm) across the ears and 4½ in (11.5 cm) tall

Skill

Easy

Eleven pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn

Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook

3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge

20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet, in a spiral.

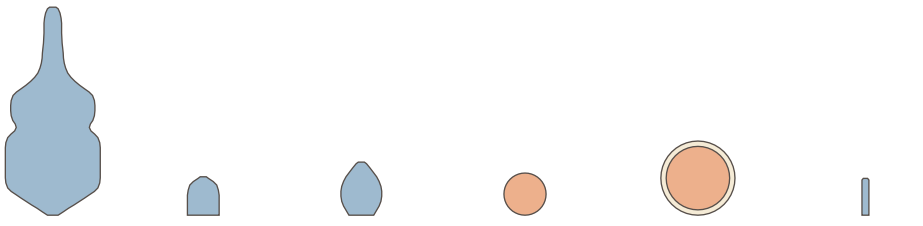
You will need

Yarn A: powder blue, the main color	**about 185 yd (169 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: peach, inner ear, saddle patch and the details	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, saddle patch	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins, scissors and two black plastic eyes with washers, 10 mm.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

The pieces



Body

Leg x 4
to the body

Ear x 2
to the body

Inner ear x 2

Saddle patch
to the body

Tail
to the body

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together, through the front loops only: how is under “Before you start” (UK dc2tog, double crochet 2 stitches together)
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch
BLO	back loop only
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Gauge

20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, in a spiral.

To check it, work a flat circle: 6 sc in a magic ring, then 6 more sc in each round (12, 18, 24, 30, 36). After round 6 it should measure about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) across. The stitches should be tight enough that the stuffing does not show.

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Before you start

- Every piece is worked in a continuous spiral with the right side facing you: do not join and do not turn. Put the marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up.
- Square brackets hold a repeat; work it as many times as the line says. The number in parentheses is the count at the end of the round.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work round 1 into the loop and pull the tail to close it. Or chain 2 and work round 1 into the first chain.
- Color change: where a line begins "With C," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in C. Cut the old yarn and knot the ends on the wrong side.
- Center line: places on a piece are given by round and by stitches from a center line. It is half way round from where the rounds begin. Mark it with a pin or a scrap of yarn as listed here, run it straight from round 1 to the last round by eye, and count out from it along the round, in stitches and half stitches.
- Body: the center line runs between stitches 18 and 19 of round 18 (36 sts). This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the front end.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the elephant. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- Running stitches go in and out along a line.
- In every step of putting it together: where a piece meets or overlaps another, sew through both. Where no tail is left or a tail is too short, sew with a new length of the yarn of the piece you are putting on.
- To work sc2tog, put the hook under the front loop only of each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over, pull through both loops, yarn over, pull through 2 loops.
- For a child under three, or a pet, embroider the eyes instead: satin stitch dots of the same size in black yarn (about 2 yd (2 m), 2 m, not in the list above).
- The rounds and stitches are the same for every size; the yarn and the hook make the difference. Lengths in the words (tails, ovals, details) are for Standard, the size written here: for another size multiply them by the number in its line.

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

- Small: fine (2, sport) yarn, 2.25 mm (B-1) hook, 27 sc and 30 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 4¾ in (12 cm) long from the front of the trunk to the back (the tail is not counted), 4¾ in (12 cm) across the ears and 3 3/8 in (8.6 cm) tall; eyes 7 mm; multiply lengths by 0.74; about 0.74 times the yarn.
- Large: bulky (5, chunky) yarn, 5 mm (H-8) hook, 14 sc and 15.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 9 in (23 cm) long from the front of the trunk to the back (the tail is not counted), 9¼ in (23.5 cm) across the ears and 6½ in (16.5 cm) tall; eyes 14 mm; multiply lengths by 1.4; about 1.4 times the yarn.
- Jumbo: super bulky (6, plush or velvet) yarn, 6.5 mm (K-10½) hook, 11 sc and 12.1 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 11¼ in (28.5 cm) long from the front of the trunk to the back (the tail is not counted), 11¾ in (30 cm) across the ears and 8¼ in (21 cm) tall; eyes 18 mm; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet.

Body

Yarn A, powder blue.

When round 18 is done, mark the center line on it as the notes say: the eyes are placed from it. When round 25 is done, fix the eyes (see Finishing) and stuff the trunk (rounds 1 to 14) lightly, while you can still reach both.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 4 to 8**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**

A box for each round, 4 to 8: tick them off as you go.

☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8

☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 10 to 12**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**

A box for each round, 10 to 12: tick them off as you go.

☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12

☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 4 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 5 times**	**(25 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**

Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 18 and 19 of round 18. This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the front end.

☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 21 to 25**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**

A box for each round, 21 to 25: tick them off as you go.

21 22 23 24 25

☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 29**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 30**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 31 to 40**	Sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**

A box for each round, 31 to 40: tick them off as you go.

31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40

☐ **Rnd 41**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 42**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 43**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 44**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 45**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

Now stuff the head and the body firmly (the trunk is stuffed already, lightly, and the eyes are in), and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 46**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 47**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 48**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches, pull it tight to close the hole and bury the end inside.	

Leg: make 4

Yarn A, powder blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(18 sc)**

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

☐ **Rnds 5 to 9**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 5 to 9: tick them off as you go.

5 6 7 8 9

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn A, powder blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	**(23 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 22 sts	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 22 sts, sc2tog	**(23 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in next 3 sts, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**, sc2tog	**(14 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 7 stitches.	

Inner ear: make 2

Yarn B, peach.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 22 in (56 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

Saddle patch

Yarns in order of use: B, peach; C, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	With C, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 32 in (81 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Tail

Yarn A, powder blue.

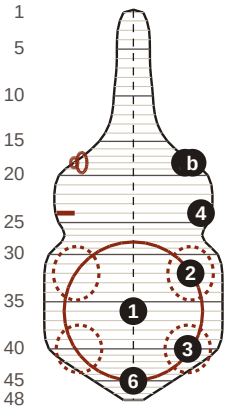
☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 8**	Sc in each st around	**(4 sc)**

A box for each round, 2 to 8: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff.	

Assembly



Body: 1 saddle patch, 2 legs, 3 legs, 4 ears, 6 tail, a eyes, b cheeks

A number is the step below that puts it on; a letter is put on under Finishing. Each line is a round, counted as the rounds are worked. The upright broken line is the center line. A place with a broken edge is on the far side.

1. Lay the saddle patch flat on the body, right side out, the middle of it on round 36, on the center line. Sew down all 42 stitches of the edge.

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

2. Pin two legs to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 32, one to each side, 21 stitches from the center line (12 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (18 sts) covers about rounds 29 to 35 of the body. They point down. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft. These are the front legs.

3. Pin two legs to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 40, one to each side, 21 stitches from the center line (12 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (18 sts) covers about rounds 37 to 43 of the body. They point down. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft. These are the back legs: before you sew them, stand the elephant on all four feet and move the pins a little if it does not stand level.

4. Pin the two ears to the body: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 24, one to each side, 10 stitches from the center line (20 stitches apart). The flat edge runs along the round, half of it on each side of that place. They point out to the side and a little forward. Sew through both layers of the 7-stitch edge with the tail.

5. Sew one inner ear flat to the side of each ear that will face forward, right side out, centered on that side, its middle over round 7 of the ear, all 24 stitches of the edge.

6. Pin the tail to the body: the middle of the open edge lies on round 45, on the center line. The edge has 4 sts. It points back, then hangs down; hold the curve with a stitch. Sew all the way round with its tail of yarn.

7. Trunk: bend it down where it leaves the face and hold the bend with a few running stitches along its under side (the line opposite the center line) from round 10 to round 15, drawn up a little. Then bend the tip forward and up and hold it with a few running stitches along the center line, on the upper side, from round 3 to round 7, drawn up a little. Use a new length of A.

Finishing

- Put in the plastic eyes when the words of a piece say so, or embroider eyes in the same places with the other details. Embroider with one strand of yarn and the yarn needle when the pieces round the place are sewn on; begin and end each strand inside the toy. Satin stitch is straight stitches side by side until the shape is filled.
- Eyes: two 10 mm black plastic eyes, on the body on round 18, one to each side, 6 stitches from the center line (12 stitches apart).
- Cheeks: with B (peach), in satin stitch, an oval about 5/16 in (8 mm) wide and 3/16 in (5 mm) tall, its middle on the body on round 18, one to each side, 8½ stitches from the center line (17 stitches apart).
- Weave every tail through the toy and trim it. For a toy that will be played with, go round each seam a second time with a new length of yarn. Check the seams and small parts from time to time.

In all: 11 pieces; 2,899 stitches (1,573 in the body, 144 in each leg, 215 in each ear, 60 in each inner ear, 168 in the saddle patch, 32 in the tail).

Found a mistake in this pattern? Tell us at flossfield.com, under Make a request.

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.