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Instant Crochetfication: elephant



An elephant baby is 22 months in the making and can weigh 120 kilos at birth. This baby elephant appears in only an hour and is as light as a feather(ish!). Silky soft and made all in one, with the ears added at the end, this simple crochet project offers a lot, for a little effort.

You will need:

- < 25g of Debbie Bliss alpaca silk aran/worsted weight yarn in pale blue (shade 17), or a similar weight yarn – can easily get two elephants from a ball, with a little left over!
- 7.5mm black safety eyes (x 2)
- A lovely 3.5mm crochet hook, a little stuffing and a needle and thread
- 1 hour!

The elephant is worked in single crochet continuously, in the round, like a spiral.



Round 1: Magic circle 7 sts



Round 2: 2 single crochet sts in each chain. (14 sts)



Round 3: Increase by 7 sts evenly: 1 st in the first chain, 2 sts in the second chain – to end of row. (21 sts)

Round 4: Increase by 8 sts evenly: 2 sts in the first two chains, then 1 st, 1 stitch, 2 sts – repeated until end of row. (29 sts)

Round 5-7: A single st in each chain. (29 sts in each row)

Round 8: Lets call the st you are on **st 1**. Chain 4, skip 3, single st into 4th - **St no. 26**. (This should have created a loop from the base, **Loop 1**). Now st 1 into each chain (from **st 25, 24, 23, etc to st 1**) until **Loop 1**. Single st 4 (**d, c, b, a**) around chain in gap (the chain from st 1 to 26). Cast Off. Secure eyes on either side of loop.

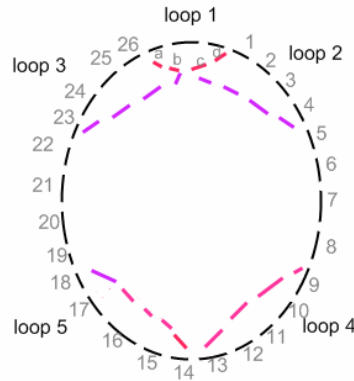


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First leg: Crochet into **st no. 5**, chain 4, secure into **st c** – Continue crocheting around this loop, 1 crochet st in each chain for 5 rows. Close off by stitching together. You now have the first leg.

Second Leg: Crochet into **st no. 23**, chain 4, secure into **st b** – Continue crocheting around this loop, 1 crochet stitch in each chain, for 5 rows. Close off by stitching together. You now have the second leg.



Third Leg: Crochet into **st no. 18**, chain 4, secure into **st 14**. Continue crocheting around this loop, 1 st in each chain for 5 rows. Close off by stitching together. You now have the third leg.

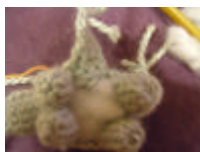


Fourth Leg: Crochet into **st no. 9**, chain 4, secure into **st 13**. Continue crocheting around this loop, 1 st in each chain for 5 rows. Close off by stitching together. You now have the fourth leg.



Trunk: Crochet around **Loop 1** for 9 rows to create the trunk.

Tail: St in a piece of yarn, on the elephants bottom, and tie a knot to make a tail.



Flap: St into **6,7,8** and using a turning stitch make a flap with 5 rows (with three stitches on each row). Stuff the elephant. Stitch into the other side (**20, 21, 22**), and, using yarn, stitch the legs to the flap to create a secure tummy.



Ears x 2: Chain on 7, fan st 9 treble crochets in the fourth chain st and secure into the seventh st with a slip st. Stitch on ears. Cuddle at will!
 •For a fan st tutorial video, go here http://www.nexstitch.com/v_shell_stitch.html

Hear me trumpet!



Did I see an elephant fly?