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Tree frog



Kermit may think that it isn't easy being green, but this little chap looks very happy with himself, and is pretty easy to make. When it is as easy as all that, surely none of us has any excuse not to be a little greener.

You'll need –

- 2 big eyes (mine were 1 pair of 16.5mm amber cat safety eyes from craftbits.co.uk)
- 2 pipe cleaners
- A very small amount of cotton dk / light worsted yarn in 3 colours (**green**, **white** and **orange**)
- A little stuffing
- A trusty 3.5mm crochet hook



Back legs (x2)

- In **green** chain 27, the 27th is the turning stitch.
- Crochet a single stitch in each chain, so that you have 26 single stitches, turn.
- Crochet a second row of **green** single sts, then two rows of **white** single sts, retaining 26 sts on each row by using a turning st on each row.

Front legs (x2)

- In **green** chain 17, the 17th is the turning stitch.
- Crochet a single stitch in each chain, so that you have 16 single stitches, turn.
- Crochet a second row of **green** single sts, then two rows of **white** single sts, retaining 16 sts on each row by using a turning st on each row.





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Putting the legs together

- Sew each leg around a pipe cleaner, lengthwise, using blanket stitch and yarn needle, with some of the **white** cotton yarn. Leave one end open and sew the other neatly shut.

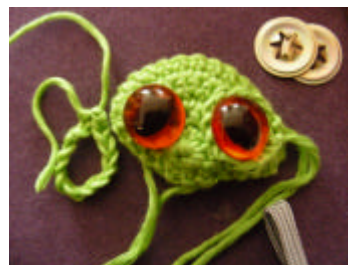


Head

- In **green**, do a magic circle with 8 single crochet sts, seal with a slip st.
- Row 1: Chain 1 and single crochet in the next 5 sts, chain 1 and turn.
- Row 2: Crochet 2 single sts in the first st, then 1 single crochet in the second, 2 singles in the third, 1 single in the fourth, and 2 singles in the fifth. Chain 1 and turn.
- Row 3: Crochet 1 single st in the first st, 2 in the second, 1 in the third, 2 in the fourth, 2 in the fifth, 1 in the sixth, 2 in the seventh, and 1 in the eighth. Chain 1 and turn.
- Row 4: Crochet 1 in the first, 2 in the second, 1 in sts 3 – 10, 2 in the eleventh, and 1 in the twelfth. Chain 1 and turn.
- Row 5: Crochet 1 in each st.



- Single crochet around the edges of the head to create a neat edge.
- Affix eyes.
- Chain 12 sts and join st 12 to 1 with a slip st. Sew around the eye and repeat for the other eye.





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Body (top)

- In **green** chain 11 sts, the 11th is the turning st
- Single st 10 rows, retaining 10 sts in each row by using a turning st on each.
- Taper the back of the frogs body by crocheting another 3 rows without using a turning st, so the end of the body decreases.
- (the frog's body should be 13 rows long, with 10 sts in the first 10 rows, 9 in the 11th, 8 in the 12th and 7 in the 13th).
- Crochet all around the frog's body to neaten the edge and give a slightly domed shape.



Body (underside)

- In **white** chain 9, the 9th st is the turning st.
- Crochet 11 rows of single st, retaining 8 on each row by using a turning st on each row.
- Without using a turning st, crochet a further 5 rows, allowing the body to gradually taper.
- (the frog's underbody should be 16 rows long, with 8 sts in the first 11 rows, 7 in the 12th, 6 in the 13th, 5 in the 14th, 4 in the 15th and 3 in the 16th).
- Crochet all around the frog's body to neaten the edge and give a slightly domed shape.



Back feet (x2)

- In **orange** chain 7 and single crochet in the remaining 6 sts.
- Repeat this again, chaining down 7 and crocheting back for the 6 stitches, twice more, to make 3 toes, and knot the two lengths of yarn to pull together the foot.

Front feet (x2)

- In **orange** chain 6 and single crochet in the remaining 5 sts.
- Repeat this again (as with the back feet) to make 3 toes, drawing together and knotting the yarn to form the foot.

Suckers (x12)

- In **orange** make a 7 stitch circle using a magic circle, close with a slip st.



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Making feet

- Weave in all the loose ends and sew a sucker onto the end of each toe. (I found using a regular needle and thread made the best effect).
- Stitch the back feet to the back legs, and the front feet to the front legs; again, I'd use regular needle and thread, rather than yarn.



(pic 1)



(pic 2)



(pic 3)



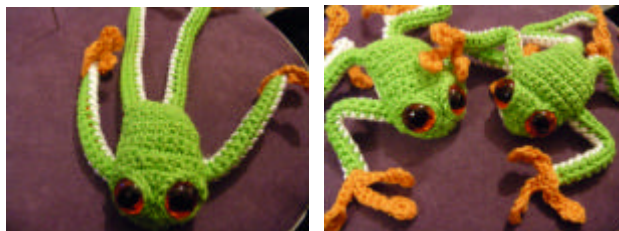
(pic 4)

Making frog

- Sew the **green** head to the **green** body, matching the back of the head to the bigger end of the body.
- Match the front of the head to the tapered end of the **white** body, then sew it in place. (pic1)
- Add a little stuffing, then position the front and back legs before sewing into place on one side. (pics 2 & 3)
- Position the other legs, add more stuffing and sew the frog closed. (pic 4)

Finishing

- Bend frog into shape, with front legs going one way and the back legs going the opposite way; so the knees and elbows pretty much touch, like this ><
- Ribbit...



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