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Pretoria Lion Toy

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Technique used: Crochet



Naturally Caron.com Country

75% Microdenier Acrylic/25% Merino Wool):

9 oz (A), 1 1/2 oz (B), 2 1/2 oz (C), 1 oz (D)

Shown in: #0011 Gilded Age (A); #0023 Chocolate Truffle (B); #0019 Vicuna (C); # 0018 Spice House (D).

One size US G-7 (4.5 mm) crochet hook, or size to obtain gauge.

Stitch marker

4yd/4m white worsted weight yarn

One button – 3/8"/9 mm

Fiberfill

Yarn needle



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FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Lion measures approximately 8"/20.5 cm wide x 10"/25.5 cm tall (seated)

GAUGE

In single crochet, 20 sts and 18 rows = 4"/10 cm.

STITCHES USED

Chain (ch), single crochet (sc), slip stitch (slip st)

SPECIAL TERM

sc2tog: Single crochet 2 together – Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop, (2 loops on hook), insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUE

Adjustable-ringmethod — Wrap yarn into a ring, ensuring that the tail falls behind the working yarn. Grip ring and tail firmly between middle finger and thumb. Insert hook through center of ring, yarn over (with working yarn) and draw up a loop. Yarn over and draw through loop on hook (chain stitch made). Work stitches of first round in the ring. After the first round of stitches are worked, pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring.

NOTES

1. Pieces are worked in continuous rounds; do not join and do not turn, unless otherwise instructed. Place a marker in first stitch of round and move marker up as each round is completed.
2. Stuff pieces with fiberfill as work progresses.

HEAD

With A, form an adjustable ring (see above).

Round 1: Work 6 sc in ring; do not join.

Round 2: 2 sc in each sc around—12 sc.

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

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

Round 5: [Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—30 sc.

Round 6: [Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—36 sc.

Round 7: [Sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—42 sc.

Round 8: [Sc in next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—48 sc.

Round 9: [Sc in next 7 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—54 sc.

Round 10: [Sc in next 8 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—60 sc.

Rounds 11–18: Sc in each sc around.

Round 19: [Sc in next 6 sc, sc2tog] 5 times, sc in next 20 sc—55 sc.

Round 20: [Sc in next 5 sc, sc2tog] 5 times, sc in next 20 sc—50 sc.

Round 21: [Sc in next 4 sc, sc2tog] 5 times, sc in next 20 sc—45 sc.

Round 22: [Sc in next 3 sc, sc2tog] 5 times, sc in next 20 sc—40 sc.

Rounds 23–25 (begin muzzle): Sc in each sc around.

Round 26: [Sc in next 7 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 5 times—45 sc.

Round 27: [Sc in next 8 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 5 times—50 sc.

Round 28: Sc in each sc around.

Round 29: [Sc in next 23 sc, sc2tog] 2 times—48 sc.

Round 30: [Sc in next 6 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—42 sc.

Round 31: [Sc in next 5 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—36 sc.

Round 32: [Sc in next 4 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—30 sc.

Round 33: [Sc in next 3 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—24 sc.

Round 34: [Sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—18 sc.

Round 35: [Sc in next sc, sc2tog] 6 times—12 sc.

Fasten off leaving a long tail. Complete stuffing the head. Thread the tail through the stitches of the last round and pull tight. Weave in tail.

EAR (make 2)

With A, form adjustable ring.

Round 1: Work 3 sc in ring.

Round 2: 2 sc in each sc around—6 sc.

Rounds 3 and 4: Work Rounds 2 and 3 of head—18 sc.

Rounds 5–9: Sc in each sc around.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing ear to head. Flatten ear and fold lower (open) end in half. Sew ear to head.

NOSE

With B, ch 6.

Row 1: Sc in second ch from hook and each remaining ch across, turn—5 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

Row 3: Ch 1, Sc2tog, sc in next sc, sc2tog, turn—3 sc.

Rows 4 and 5: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing nose to face. Sew nose to upper, center of muzzle.

EYE (make 2)

With scrap of white yarn, form adjustable ring.

Rounds 1 and 2: Work Rounds 1 and 2 of head—12 sc.

Fasten off leaving a long tail to sew eye to face.

PUPIL (make 2)

With B, form adjustable ring.

Round 1: Work Round 1 of head—6 sc. Fasten off leaving a long tail to sew pupil to eye.

Sew one pupil, centered near lower edge, of each eye. Weave end into back of eye. With tail of eye, work a small stitch in the pupil (to give the lion's eye a "glint"). Sew eyes to face, just above muzzle and to either side of nose.

BODY

With A, form adjustable ring.

Rounds 1–10: Work Rounds 1–10 of head—60 sc.

Rounds 11–32: Sc in each sc around.

Round 33: [Sc in next 8 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—54 sc.

Round 34: [Sc in next 7 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—48 sc.

Rounds 35–38: Work Rounds 30–33 of head—24 sc.

Rounds 39 and 40: Sc in each sc around.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing body to head. Complete stuffing body. Sew body to head. Weave in tail.

ARM (make 2)

With A, form adjustable ring.

Rounds 1–4: Work Rounds 1–4 of head—24 sc.

Rounds 5–7: Sc in each sc around.

Round 8: Work Round 34 of head—18 sc.

Rounds 9–30: Sc in each sc around.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing arm to body. Complete stuffing arm. Thread the tail through the stitches of the last round and pull tight. Sew to side of body, just below head.

LEG (make 2)

With A, form adjustable ring.

Rounds 1–5: Work Rounds 1–5 of head—30 sc.

Rounds 6–8: Sc in each sc around.

Round 9: [Sc in next sc, sc2tog] 6 times, sc in next 12 sc—24 sc.

Round 10: [Sc in next sc, sc2tog] 6 times, sc in next 6 sc—18 sc.

Rounds 11–20: Sc in each sc around.

Round 21: [Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—24 sc.

Rounds 22–28: Sc in each sc around.

Round 29: [Sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—18 sc.

Round 30: [Sc in next sc, sc2tog] 6 times—12 sc.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing leg to body. Complete stuffing leg. Thread the tail through the stitches of the last round and pull tight. Sew leg to side of body, near lower end of body.

MANE

With C, form adjustable ring.

Round 1: [Sc in ring, ch 20] 6 times.

Note: In following rounds and rows, push ch-20 loops of previous rounds to the RS of the work, do not work into the chs.

Round 2: (Sc, ch 20, sc) in each sc around—12 sc.

Round 3: [(Sc, ch 20, sc) in next sc, sc in next sc] 6 times—18 sc.

Round 4: [Sc in next 2 sc, (sc, ch 20, sc) in next sc] 6 times—24 sc.

Round 5: [(Sc, ch 20, sc) in next sc, sc in next sc, ch 20, sc in next 2 sc] 6 times—30 sc.

Round 6: [Sc in next 2 sc, (sc, ch 20, sc) in next sc, sc in next 2 sc] 6 times—36 sc.

Round 7: [(Sc, ch 20, sc) in next sc, sc in next sc, (ch 20, sc in next 2 sc) twice] 6 times—42 sc.

Round 8: [Sc in next 2 sc, (sc, ch 20, sc) in next sc, sc in next 4 sc] 6 times—48 sc.

Round 9: [(Sc, ch 20, sc) in next sc, sc in next sc, (ch 20, sc in next 2 sc) 3 times] 6 times—54 sc.

Round 10: [Sc in next 2 sc, (sc, ch 20, sc) in next sc, sc in next 6 sc] 6 times—60 sc.

Round 11: [Sc in next sc, ch 20, sc in next 2 sc] 20 times.

Round 12: [Sc in next 2 sc, ch 20, sc in next sc] 20 times.

Round 13: Sc in each sc around.

Work now proceeds in rows. Keep beginning of round marker in last st of Round 13.

Row 14 (ear spaces): (Sc in next sc, ch 20, sc in next 2 sc) 3 times, place marker in sc just made (for mane side), move marker up as work progresses, ch 6, sk next 6 sc (for ear), (sc in next sc, ch 20, sc in next 2 sc) 4 times, ch 6, sk next 6 sc (for ear), place marker in next sc made (for mane side), move marker up as work progresses, (sc in next sc, ch 20, sc in next 2 sc) 3 times, slip st in next st, turn—42 sc.

Row 15: Sk slip st, slip st in next 8 sc, sc in next sc, sc in next 6 ch, (sc in next sc, ch 20, sc in next 2 sc) 4 times, sc in next 6 ch, sc in next sc, slip st in next st; leave remaining sts unworked, turn—26 sc.

Row 16: Sk slip st, slip st in next 4 sc, (sc in next sc, ch 20, sc in next 2 sc) 6 times, slip st in next st; leave remaining sts unworked, turn—18 sc.

Row 17: Sk slip st, slip st in next 3 sc, (sc in next sc, ch 20, sc in next 2 sc) 4 times, slip st in next st; leave remaining sts unworked, turn—12 sc.

Row 18: Sk slip st, slip st in next 2 sc, (sc in next sc, ch 20, sc in next 2 sc) twice, slip st in next st; leave remaining sts unworked, turn—6 sc.

Row 19: Sk slip st, slip st in next 2 sc, sc in next sc, ch 20, sc in next 2 sc, slip st in next sc; leave remaining sts unworked, turn—3 sc.

Row 20: Sk slip st, sc in next sc, ch 20, sc in next 2 sc, turn.

Row 21: Ch 1, sc in next sc, ch 20, sc in next 2 sc, turn.

Round 22: Ch 1, sc in next sc, ch 20, sc in next 2 sc; working in ends of rows and unworked sts, work 60 sc evenly spaced around edge of mane; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

First Side of Mane and Chin Strap

Row 1: With RS facing, join C with sc in marked sc (for mane side) to work towards lower edge of mane; ch 20, sc in next 2 sc, (sc in next sc, ch 20, sc in next 2 sc) twice; leave remaining sts unworked, turn—9 sc.

Rows 2 and 3: Ch 1, (sc in next sc, ch 20, sc in next 2 sc) 3 times, turn.

Rows 4 and 5: Ch 1, (sc in next sc, ch 20, sc in next 2 sc) twice, turn.

Rows 6 and 7: Ch 1, sc in next sc, ch 20, sc in next 2 sc, turn.

Row 8 (chin strap): Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn—3 sc.

Rep last row until chin strap reaches to mid-chin of lion.

Next Row (button loop): Ch 1, sc in first sc, ch 3, sk next sc, sc in last sc. Fasten off.

Second Side of Mane and Chin Strap

Row 1: With WS facing, join C with sc in marked sc (for mane side) to work towards lower edge of mane; ch 20, sc in next 2 sc, (sc in next sc, ch 20, sc in next 2 sc) twice; leave remaining sts unworked, turn—9 sc. Complete as for first side of mane and chin strap; omit button loop.

TAIL

With A, chain 8; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1: Sc in each ch around—8 sc.

Round 2: Sc in each sc around.

Repeat Round 2 until piece measures 8"/20.5 cm from beginning; slip st in next st. Fasten off. Join C with slip st in same st.

Next Round: With C, [ch 20, sc in next sc] 8 times; slip st in base of joining slip st.

Fasten off leaving a 6"/15 cm tail. Weave tail through sts of last round and pull tight. Weave in end.

FINISHING

Mane Embellishment

Cut 6"/15cm lengths of B and D. Hold one strand of each color together, and fold in half. Attach lengths randomly placed throughout mane as follows: Insert hook from RS to WS and back to RS around any sc of mane, insert hook into folded length, draw fold through sc to form a loop, draw the ends of the folded yarn through the loop and draw tight. Attach as many lengths as desired. Trim fringe to desired length.

Tail Embellishment

Cut and attach lengths of B and D in same manner as for Mane Embellishment.

Sew tail to center, lower back edge of body. Sew button to chin strap opposite button loop. Slip mane over ears and button loop over button.

Using yarn needle, weave in all ends.

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