Lovey „Hippo"

Materials:

When using the suggested materials, it will be about 20 cm tall.
The listed wool and hook sizes are only suggestions. It is, of course, entirely your personal choice, which yarn you use.
Please keep in mind that different yarn may result in a bigger or smaller piece. Make sure to adapt your hook size according to your yarn and personal tension. When crocheting Amigurumis you should use a much smaller needle size than indicated on the label or you would use it for other crochet projects so that no holes are made when the piece is stuffed.

- Wool (Aran Weight), e. g. Scheepjes Eliza, about 1 ball (100 g) for the blanket, about 75 g for the character, some black and white for eyes and teeth
- Crochet hook in suitable size, with me: 3 mm for the character, 5 mm for the blanket
- Stuffing

Abbreviations (US Terms):

MR = magic ring	inc = increase
sc = single crochet	dec = decrease
ch = chain	BLO = back loop only
slst = slip stitch	FLO = front loop only
st = stitch	
(-) x = repeat inside of () for x nr of times	

Crochet in continuous rounds (spirals), unless otherwise stated.

For help with invisible color changes, increases and decreases, please visit the „Tipps, Tricks and Tutorials"section on my website www.zhaya.de.

The single parts are best sewn on as shown on PlanetJune.

Blanket:

Color of choice

Crochet in rows. At the end of each row, chain 2 and turn.

Adapt the number of chains to the desired size of the blanket, my blanket is about 50 x 50 cm, it should be even + 1 chain.

Of course you can use any pattern you like for the blanket.

1. ch 70 + ch 1, starting in 2nd chain from hook: sc 70 (70)
2. ch 2 (one is a turning chain, one is counting as first stitch), skip 1 st, sc 1, (ch 1, skip 1 st, sc 1), repeat the stitches in the brackets until the end of the round (70)

Repeat row 2 until the blanket has reached the desired size.

3. sc 1 in each st and sc 1 in each chain space (70)

Fasten off, weave in loose ends.

Hippo:

Muzzle:

Color of choice (Body)

1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
4. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)
5.-9. (5 Rounds) sc in each st around (24)
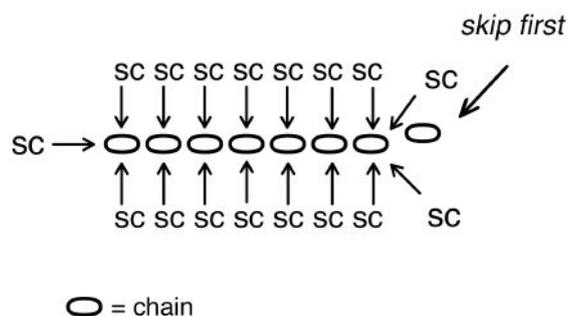10. (dec, sc 10) x2 (22)

Fasten off, weave in loose ends.

Head:

Color of choice (Body)

You will start with an oval (see the diagram).

Stuff the head while crocheting.

1. ch 8, starting in 2nd chain from hook: sc 6, sc 3 in last st, rotate 180 degrees and crochet along the opposite side of the foundation chain: sc 5, sc 2 in last st (16)
2. inc, sc 5, inc x3, sc 5, inc x2 (22)
3. sc 1, inc, sc 5, (sc 1, inc) x3, sc 5, (sc 1, inc) x2 (28)
4. sc 2, inc, sc 5, (sc 2, inc) x3, sc 5, (sc 2, inc) x2 (34)
5. sc 3, inc, sc 5, (sc 3, inc) x3, sc 5, (sc 3, inc) x2 (40)
6. sc 4, inc, sc 5, (sc 4, inc) x3, sc 5, (sc 4, inc) x2 (46)
7.-14. (8 Rounds) sc in each st around (46)
15. dec, sc 13, dec, sc 6, dec, sc 13, dec, sc 6 (42)
16. (sc 5, dec) x6 (36)
17. sc 2, insert hook through one layer of the mouth and through the head (see following photos): sc 11, sc 23 (36)

Crochet an oval

skip first

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              SC SC SC SC SC SC SC   SC
SC →        ⬭⬭⬭⬭⬭⬭⬭  ⬭
              SC SC SC SC SC SC SC   SC
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⬭ = chain

18. sc 2, sc 11 along the free stitches of the mouth, sc 23 (36)
19. sc 16, (sc 2, inc) x6 (42)
20.-26. (7 Rounds) sc in each st around (42)
27. (sc 5, dec) x6 (36)
28. (sc 4, dec) x6 (30)
29. (sc 3, dec) x6 (24)
30. (sc 2, dec) x6 (18)
31. (sc 1, dec) x6 (12)
Finish stuffing.
32. dec x6 (6)
Fasten off, weave in loose ends.

Ear (make 2):
Color of choice (Body)
1. sc 6 in MR (6)
Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Eye (make 2):
White
1. sc 6 in MR (6)
Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Pupil (make 2):
Black
1. sc 6 in MR (6)
Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Eyelid (make 2):
Color of choice (Body)
1. ch 6, starting in 2nd chain from hook: slst 1, sc 3, slst 1
Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Place pupil and eye offset on top of each other (see also photo), the pupil comes up of course. Sew the pupil with the end thread, do not cut the thread yet.

Place the eyes on the head and fix them first with pins, the lower edge of the eyes is between round 16 + 17, the distance between the eyes is 2-3 stitches. If you like the

placement, sew on the eye with the corresponding end threads. Now pin the eyelids above the eyes and sew on.

Sew the ears between round 6 and 9 (counted from the last round) and with a distance of 10-11 stitches on the head.

The nostrils are embroidered between round 6 and 7 with 7-8 stitches distance over 4 stitches each. First embroider with the body-colored thread across the width of the nostrils (see photo below left), repeat this stitch 2-3 times and now "wrap" these horizontal threads with stitches always in the same direction (see middle photo) until the horizontal threads are filled (see photo below right).

The teeth are embroidered with white thread in the mouth right and left in the same way as the nostrils.

Body:

Color of choice (Body)
1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
4. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)
5. (sc 3, inc) x6 (30)
6. (sc 4, inc) x6 (36)
7. (sc 5, inc) x6 (42)
8. (sc 6, inc) x6 (48)
9. (sc 7, inc) x6 (54)
10.-19. (10 Rounds) sc in each st around (54)
20. sc 11, dec, (sc 4, dec) x5, sc 11 (48)
21. (sc 14, dec) x3 (45)
22. (sc 13, dec) x3 (42)
23. (sc 12, dec) x3 (39)
24. (sc 11, dec) x3 (36)
25. (sc 10, dec) x3 (30)
26. (sc 9, dec) x3 (27)
27. (sc 8, dec) x3 (24)
28.-30. (3 Rounds) sc in each st around (24)
Fasten off, do not close, leave a long tail for sewing.
Stuff and shape the body.

Arm (make 2):

Color of choice (Body)
1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
4.-23. (20 Rounds) sc in each st aroudn (18)
24. (sc 4, dec) x3 (15)
Stuff the lower part tight, becoming looser towards the top. Fold the top edge together and seam using a single crochet along the top edge, crocheting through both stitches.
Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.

Leg (make 2):

Color of choice (Body)
1. sc 6 in MR (6)
2. inc x6 (12)
3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)
4. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)
5. *BLO:* sc in each st around (24)
6.-7. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (24)
8. (sc 6, dec) x3 (21)
9.-10. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (21)
11. (sc 5, dec) x3 (18)
12. sc in each st around (18)
Fasten off, do not close, leave a long tail for sewing.
Stuff and shape the legs.

Tail:

Color of choice (Body

1.   ch 9, starting in 2nd chain from hook: sc 8 (8)
Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.
Cut three approx. 8cm long threads, fold them together in the middle, insert the crochet hook through the last stitch of the tail (not the side with the end thread), "grab" the middle of the threads with the hook and pull through the stitch about halfway, now pull the ends of the threads through the created loop and tighten.
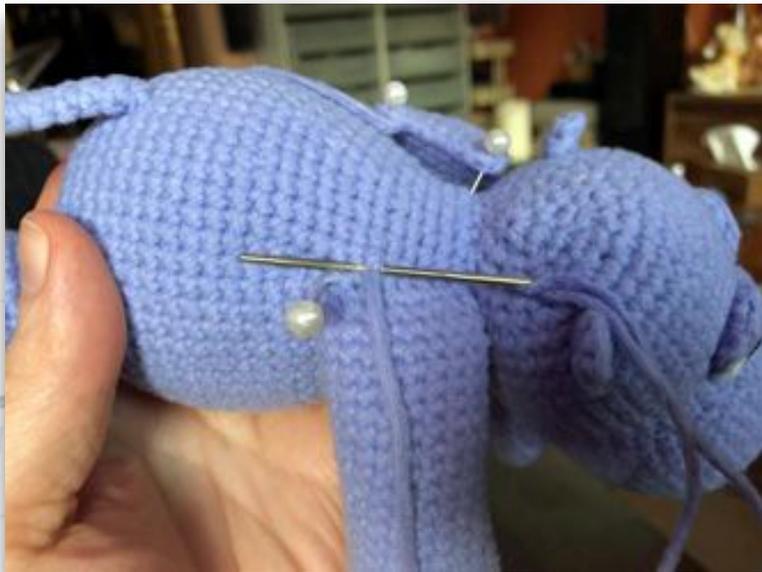
Finishing:

Place the head on the body at an angle of about 45° and pin it well, sew it on carefully, preferably with the mattress stitch.

Next, pin the arms and legs and sew them on carefully as well. Remember, the arms should later hold the blanket, so align them properly.

Don't forget the tail - sew it on between round 12 and 13.

If you want, you can shape a corner of the blanket but this is not necessary. I have formed a corner, as can be seen in the photos below.

Finally, you have to place the blanket between the arms of the hippo and sew everything on.

Congratulations, your Hippo lovey is now ready.