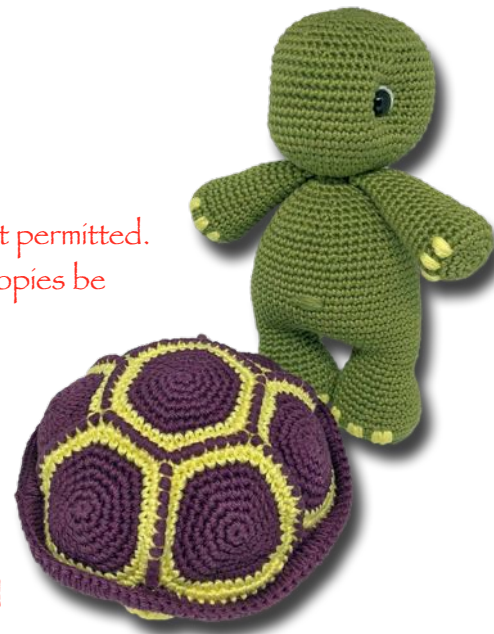


Mathilde III.

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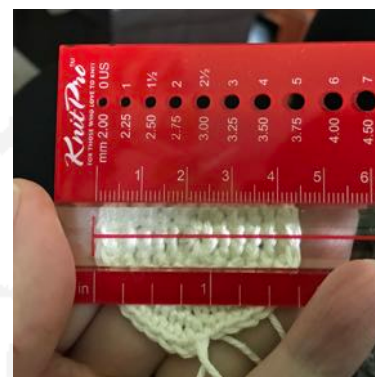
Materials:

When using the suggested materials, it will be about 20 cm tall.

- Wool (Sport Weight), e. g. Schachenmayr Catania/Scheepjes Catona - bei mir Fb. 395, 394, 403, a piece of white yarn
- Crochet hook in suitable size (for me 2,0 mm)
- Stuffing, some funky foam, 2 buttons (15 mm)
- Eyes in suitable size (for me: 10 mm)

Abbreviations (US Terms):

MR = magic ring
sc = single crochet
dsc = drop single crochet
ch = chain
st = stitch
slst = slip stitch
inc = increase
dec = decrease
BLO = back loop only
FLO = front loop only



The specifications of the wool and needle sizes are only examples/references. If You use other wool than specified, the figure will become taller or smaller. It's Your choice which wool you use. The needle size must be chosen to match the wool used. When crocheting Amigurumis You should use a much smaller needle size than indicated on the banderole or You would use it for other crochet projects so that no holes are made when the piece is stuffed. With a needle size of 2 mm, my gauge sample results in a diameter of 4.5 cm for six crocheted rounds.

You are working in continuous rounds (spirals), unless otherwise stated.

I hope, it's understandable and I'm really sorry if something sounds weird. 😊

Body :

green

Starting with first leg.

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.-8. (3 Rounds) sc in each st (30)
9. (sc 8, dec) x3 (27)
10. sc in each st (27)
11. (sc 7, dec) x3 (24)
12. sc in each st (24)
13. (sc 6, dec) x3 (21)
14. sc in each st (21)
15. (sc 5, dec) x3 (18)

Fasten off invisibly, stuff the leg. For the second leg make Round 1-15 again, don't cut the yarn, stuff this leg too.

Now the body is starting.

16. ch 6, sc 1 in the first st of the other (first made) leg, sc 17, sc 6 along the chain, sc 18 around the (second made) leg, sc 3 along the chain

Place the marker here, the marker is now in the middle of the back.

Stuff body and head while crocheting.

17. sc 3 along the chain, sc 9, inc, sc 10, inc x2, sc 11, inc, sc 10, inc (53)
18. inc, sc 52 (54)
- 19.-33. (15 Rounds) sc in each st (54)

Please move the marker to the middle of the back (I had to crochet 2 more sc to do so).

34. sc 9, (sc 4, dec) x6, sc 9 (48)
35. sc in each st (48)
36. (sc 14, dec) x3 (45)
37. (sc 13, dec) x3 (42)
38. (sc 12, dec) x3 (39)
39. (sc 11, dec) x3 (36)
40. (sc 10, dec) x3 (33)
41. (sc 9, dec) x3 (30)
42. (sc 3, dec) x6 (24)
43. (sc 6, dec) x3 (21)
44. (sc 1, dec) x7 (14)

Do not pull the chains too tightly in the next round. You have to stitch into this chains later.

45. slst in each st (14)
46. **BLO:** (sc 1, inc) x7 (21)
47. (sc 2, inc) x7 (28)
48. (sc 3, inc) x7 (35)
49. (sc 4, inc) x7 (42)
50. (sc 5, inc) x7 (49)
51. (sc 6, inc) x7 (56)
52. (sc 7, inc) x7 (63)
- 53.-61. (9 Rounds) sc in each st (63)
62. (sc 7, dec) x7 (56)



63. sc in each st (56)

By using safety eyes, place it between round 57 and 58 with with a distance of about 14 stitches. The best way to do this is to stuff the head, place markers and remove stuffing to fix the eyes.

64. (sc 6, dec) x7 (49)

65. (sc 5, dec) x7 (42)

66. (sc 4, dec) x7 (35)

67. (sc 3, dec) x7 (28)

68. (sc 2, dec) x7 (21)

69. (sc 1, dec) x7 (14)

70. dec x7 (7)

Fasten off invisibly.

Now attach the eyes (if You haven't done it yet): use pins to mark the appropriate spots for the eyes (see above where to place them). Insert a strong yarn through a long needle, stitch into the first marker and come out at the second one. Now stitch skip a stitch and go back from there to the first marker with one stitch in between there. Repeat the whole step once. Now attach the eyes in the eye sockets just with the remaining yarn. Weave in the ends.

Of course, You can crochet Your eyes. To do that make 6 sc in a magic ring, fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing. Sew these eyes to the head and if You want embroider with white yarn some reflections to the eyes.

For the eyeball You can embroider a stitch with white yarn very close to the eye. Maybe use some glue to fix it.

Arm (make two):

green

1. sc 6 in MR (6)

2. inc x6 (12)

3. (sc 1, inc) x6 (18)

4. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)

5.-7. (3 Rounds) sc in each st (24)

8. (sc 6, dec) x3 (21)

9.-11. (3 Rounds) sc in each st (21)

12. (sc 5, dec) x3 (18)

13.-15. (3 Rounds) sc in each st (18)

16. (sc 4, dec) x3 (15)

17.-19. (3 Rounds) sc in each st (15)

20. (sc 3, dec) x3 (12)

Don't cut the Yarn. Stuff the arm, but not too much.

Flatten the end of the arm and crochet front and back together. Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing. Attach the arms left and right just below the head to the body.

Embroider the toes on arms and legs with a contrasting color. For the legs I have stitched over two stitches each, leaving two stitches free between each toe, at the arms only over one stitch, leaving one stitch in between.



Shell pieces (make 7):

purple or color of choice

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)

Change color - light yellow or color of choice

7. (sc 5, inc) x6 (42)
8. sc in each st (42)

Fasten off.



Back shell part 1:

Now the individual parts are sewn together, one part comes into the middle, the other six parts are sewn around the middle hexagon. I've used the first color for sewing.

Lay two pieces on top of each other, the front side facing outwards. Go with the needle through the loops of the first stitch of the back piece from the inside out, then run the thread above over the pieces and go through the loops of both stitches from the front, repeat this step twice. Finally, for this first connection point only pierce through the two loops of the front part. Start again for the next connection point with the loops of the next stitch of the back piece.

Maybe this sounds complicated, but You can follow the steps at the pictures below. If You prefer another sewing method feel free to use it :o) You have to make 7 of such connection points around the middle hexagon for each piece.





Finally You have to close the remaining open edges, just the same way as before, but: You have to join 10 stitches instead of 7 stitches. You don't have to weave in the ends. Just put them inside the shell.

The shell should now look like the picture on the right. You should have 15 free stitches per piece, 90 stitches all around.

Nun folgt der zweite Teil der Rückenpanzerung.

Back shell part 2:

light yellow or color of choice

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. (sc 8, inc) x6 (60)
11. (sc 9, inc) x6 (66)
12. (sc 10, inc) x6 (72)
- 13.-17. (5 Rounds) sc in each st (72)
18. (sc 11, inc) x6 (78)
19. (sc 12, inc) x6 (84)
20. (sc 13, inc) x6 (90)

Fasten off.



First put some stuffing into part 1. then place the second part on top and fix it with pins. Stuff very loosely while crocheting, in the middle should remain a hole for the body. Just stuff enough so that the fabric is slightly curved outwards. Now join with purple in the first stitch of a hexagon, pierce through both parts, from outside to

inside. Crochet in closed rounds, at the beginning of each round ch 1, close each round with a slip stitch in the first stitch.



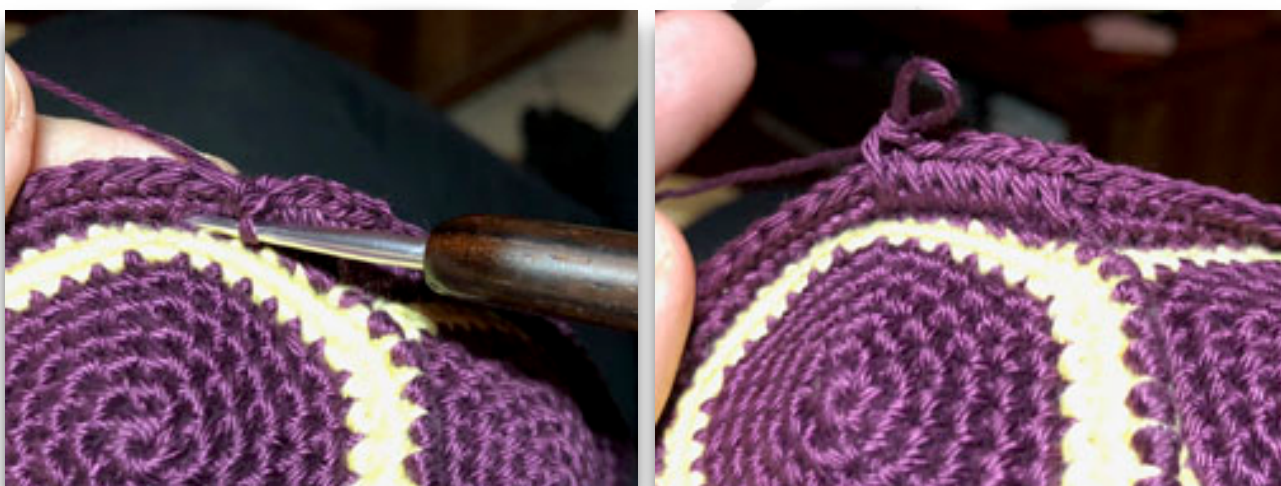
1. inc, sc 13, inc < — repeat for each hexagon (102)

2.-3. (2 Rounds) sc in each st (102)

In the following round, make drop single crochets (dsc).

For this purpose, do not insert the hook under the two loops, but in the foot of the stitch. Usually You go one round deeper, in this case even **two** rounds deeper, yarn over and pull loop through, draw up loop to height of working row, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (see pictures below).

4. dsc 102



Front shell part 1:

light yellow or color of choice

Crochet in rows. At the end of each row, chain 1 and turn.

Maybe You have to adjust the width of the shell. It depends on how big Your turtle is. The foundation chain should reach from one side of the back shell to the other (last yellow row in front of the purple border). If necessary, simply make more or less chains.

1. ch 33, sc 32, starting in second chain from hook (32)
2. inc, sc 30, inc (34)
- 3.-17. (15 Rows) sc in each st (34)
18. skip 1 st, sc 31, skip 1 st, sc 1 (32)

Fasten off.

Front shell part 2:

light yellow or color of choice

Crochet in rows. At the end of each row, chain 1 and turn.

If You have adjusted part 1: You have to crochet 2 more chains for the foundation chain.

1. ch 35, sc 34, starting in second chain from hook (34)
2. inc, sc 32, inc (36)
- 3.-17. (15 Rows) sc in each st (36)
18. skip 1 st, sc 33, skip 1 st, sc 1 (34)

Do NOT fasten off or cut the yarn.

Now cut the funky foam, this plate should be slightly smaller than part 1 of the front shell. However, do not cut too small, the size can be corrected later, before it is finally worked in. The funky foam does not necessarily have to be yellow, you cannot see it later unless you crochet very loosely.



Now crochet the two pieces together.



Stitch into the first stitch of the active piece (the larger one) and into the first stitch of the other piece and make a single crochet. After this stitch into the second stitch of the front piece and into the first stitch of the back piece again. Crochet the remaining stitches as they appear until there is 1 stitch left on the front piece. Now go through the last stitch of the front piece and through the last stitch of the back piece again. In this way, the 2 more stitches of the larger part have now been

reduced.

Rotate 90 degrees and crochet along the side still through both pieces 1 single crochet per row. You have to work 1 single crochet in each corner instead of normally 3. It makes the corner rounder.

Before You are closing the bottom insert the the previously prepared piece of funky foam. If it doesn't fit the crocheted piece reduce it's size. Now crochet together both pieces of bottom just like the topside before. Rotate again 90 degrees and work through both pieces along the other side, 1 single crochet per row again. Close this round with a slip stitch into the first stitch of the topside.



Fasten off invisibly.

Because of the two different sizes a curve of the front shell is created automatically.

Buttonhole strip:

light yellow or color of choice

Crochet in rows. At the end of each row, chain 1 and turn.

1. ch 17, sc 16, starting in second chain from hook (16)
2. sc in each st (16)

Before the next round, check how big Your buttons are. Just place the buttons on the last row and count how many stitches are covered by the widest part of the button. That's the amount of stitches You have to skip and also the amount of chains. Spread the remaining stitches as required. If You have very small buttons You have to make 3 or more buttonholes. Spread them evenly over the strip. My buttons have a diameter of about 15 mm.

3. sc 2, skip 4 stitches, ch 4, sc 4, skip 4 stitches, ch 4, sc 2 (16)
4. sc 2, 4-5 sc around the chains (not through), sc 4, 4-5 around the chains, sc 2

For a nice finish crochet around the other 3 sides with single crochets, but for now work 3 sc in each corner.

Fasten off.



This is how Your pieces should look now. Almost done!

Place the bigger part on the back shell as shown at the picture below and fix it with pins. Sew the piece close to the last yellow row in front of the purple border. The alignment of the back shell is important. The head should later sit between two plates, so the dents point downwards and upwards. Look at the picture once more before sewing :o)



Sew the buttonhole strip close to the opposite side, also at the last yellow row in front of the purple border. Look at the pictures below for proper alignment.



Now mark the spots for the buttons. To do that, close the shell. Then sew on the buttons.

Now Matilde can move into her shell. :o)



If You want You can make Mathilde a little butt. For the little butt use the same yarn as for the body. You can use the same technique as for the eye sockets. Go in with Your needle in the middle between the two legs and approx. the middle of the back. Run the yarn 2-3 times around. *I also embroidered a belly button.*

