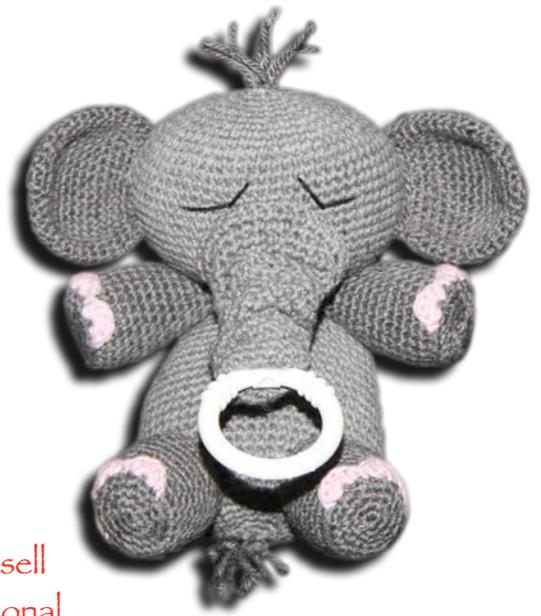


# Music box „Elephant“



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## **Materials:**

*When using the suggested materials, it will be about 18 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 (DK), e. g. Schachenmayr Universa (No. 197), some pink, light blue or light grey in similar weight, some black thread for the eyes
- Crochet hook in suitable size (with me: body 3 mm, trunk 3.5 mm)
- Stuffing
- Musical clock (if possible a washable)

## **Abbreviations (US Terms):**

MR = magic ring	inc = increase
sc = single crochet	dec = decrease
hdc = half double crochet	st = stitch
ch = chain	BLO = back loop only
slst = slip stitch	FLO = front loop only
(-) 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 „Tips, Tricks and Tutorials“section on my website [www.zhaya.de](http://www.zhaya.de).*

*Please don't be surprised, I ran out of wool, so my legs and ears are a little darker.*

*Of course you can also crochet the elephant without a music box, then simply shorten the trunk: instead of the 30 rounds only crochet 15 rounds and always insert in both loops as usual, then stuff the trunk. I didn't test it this way, you may have to adapt the length to make it look good. :o)*

### **Trunk:**

*For the trunk I used half a hook size larger (3.5 mm for me) than for the body, so that the trunk becomes a little more flexible.*

*The music box is included from the beginning, unfortunately there is no other way. During crocheting it must be pulled up again and again so that you can crochet around the string. I therefore recommend to choose a melody that you like, you HAVE VERY OFT HEARING it while crocheting :D*

*The trunk should be about the same length as the pulled out string, if it is longer or shorter, you have to crochet more or less rounds without increases.*



1. sc in each st around (6) - *The magic ring should be wide enough for the handle (ring or ball) of the music box to fit through. The handle is inserted through the ring in such a way that it points to you, i.e. it looks out from the front, the music box is on the back of the ring. Crochet the stitches into the ring as usual, push handle through, tighten ring.*

2. inc x6 (12)

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

4. **BLO:** sc in each st around (18)

5.-6. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (18)

*From here on crochet ALL following rounds in front loops only, so the trunk folds better.*

7.-36. (30 Rounds) sc in each st around (18)

37. (sc 5, inc) x3 (21)

38. sc in each st around (21)

39. (sc 6, inc) x3 (24)

40. sc in each st around (24)

41. (sc 7, inc) x3 (27)

42. sc in each st around (27)

43. (sc 8, inc) x3 (30)

44. sc in each st around (30)

*Fasten off, don't close, leave a long tail for sewing.*

*I used a smaller hook for the rest (with me: 3 mm).*

*My music box had a loop at the back, with this I fixed the music box in the head. Alternatively you can crochet a small bag and sew it on inside.*

## Head:

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)

*In round 21 the string of the music box is crocheted in. Place the string between stitch 33 and 34, the trunk is facing the body (i.e. on the front) and the music box is on the back. It may be necessary to pull out the string a few more times here and in the next few rounds. Unfortunately I don't know if all music boxes are built the same way. In my case, the string was at the bottom of the music box. Unfortunately I forgot to take pictures of it, I hope you understand what I mean. If the string is in a different place, the crochet position must be adapted.*

12.-22. (11 Rounds) sc in each st around (66)

23. (sc 9, dec) x6 (60)

24. (sc 8, dec) x6 (54)

25. (sc 7, dec) x6 (48)

*Start to stuff the head, put stuffing around the music box, it's fiddly later.*

26. (sc 6, dec) x6 (42)

27. (sc 5, dec) x6 (36)

28. (sc 4, dec) x6 (30)

29. (sc 3, dec) x6 (24)

*Stuff the head.*

30. (sc 2, dec) x6 (18)

31. (sc 1, dec) x6 (12)

*Finish stuffing. Make sure that there is enough stuffing so that the music box does not move and is well cushioned.*

32. dec x6 (6)

*Fasten off, weave in loose ends.*

## 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. (sc 8, inc) x6 (60)
- 11.-20. (10 Rounds) sc in each st around (60)
21. (sc 8, dec) x6 (54)
- 22.-23. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (54)
24. (sc 7, dec) x6 (48)

- 25.-26. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (48)
- 27. (sc 6, dec) x6 (42)
- 28.-29. (2 Rounds) sc in each st around (42)
- 30. (sc 5, dec) x6 (36)
- 31. sc in each st around (36)
- 32. (sc 4, dec) x6 (30)
- 33. sc in each st around (30)
- 34. (sc 3, dec) x6 (24)
- 35. sc in each st around (24)

*Stuff the lower part of the body as usual, more loosely to 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.*

### **Ear (make 2):**

- 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.-14. (7 Rounds) sc in each st around (42)
- 15. (sc 5, dec) x6 (36)
- 16. (sc 4, dec) x6 (30)
- 17. (sc 3, dec) x6 (24)

*Do not stuff, fold the ear flat, close the top with a row of loose slip stitches, crocheting through both stitches.*

*Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.*

### **Front legs (make 2):**

- 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.-12. (7 Rounds) sc in each st around (24)
- 13. (sc 6, dec) x3 (21)
- 14.-16. (3 Rounds) sc in each st around (21)
- 17. (sc 5, dec) x3 (18)
- 18.-20. (3 Rounds) sc in each st around (18)

*Stuff the leg, the bottom of the leg should remain as flat as possible, stuff more loosely to 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.*

### **Back legs (make 2):**

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.-15. (10 Rounds) sc in each st around (24)

*Fasten off, do not close, leave a long tail for sewing. Stuff the leg, stuff more loosely to the top.*

*Now crochet toes to feet. Use light grey for this or for example light blue for a boy or pink for a girl. Mark the center stitch of the front and count 7 stitches to the right (bottom points down). Rejoin in the free front loop (round 5) of this stitch with your new color: skip 1, hdc 5 in next stitch, skip 1, slst 1 in next stitch, repeat this 2 times so that you have 3 toes now.*

*Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.*

*Sew it on the foot, stitch by stitch. Work the other legs the same way.*



*Now a little tail is missing: ch 10, starting in 2<sup>nd</sup> chain from hook: sc 9 along the chain, fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing.*

*Cut a few threads of the same wool (5 or 6), tie them on the other side (not the one with the end thread) and shorten them to a suitable length.*

## Finishing:

*Pin the trunk to the head and sew it on. So that the trunk is always drawn along with the handle, I secured it with sewing thread, dental floss or something like that on the handle.*



*Sew the head to the body. Sew the body to the head, at first only sew the upper edge on, but do not yet cut the thread. First, the legs follow, pin the front legs to the top of the body.*



*Also pin the back legs, you may move them until everything fits, then sew them on. In prone position, the front legs should be fixed to the body a little further back on the upper side, so that they do not dangle around like this, unless this is just desired. Once the legs are sewn on, fix the head for the prone position with a few stitches on the back or (I have decided on that) on the belly.*

*Now pin the ears to the side of the head and sew them on, sew the tail to the back of the body.*

*Now only the eyes are missing, embroider them with black thread. Or for open eyes you can crochet a magic ring with sc 6 using black yarn and possibly embroider light dots with white yarn. Sew these eyes to the face.*

*If you like, you can add a few more threads as tufts of hair.*

*Congratulations, the music box toy is now ready :o)*

