Elephant
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Apart from the tail, every part of this cute elephant is made entirely in rounds of double crochet. The tusks can be left out if preferred.

FINISHED SIZE
Approximately 12in (30cm) from head to tail

YARN
Sirdar Snuggly DK
http://www.deramores.com/sirdar-snuggly-dk-50g
(A) Baby Grey (427) **3** x 50g balls

Any DK Yarn
(B) Oddments of White yarn
(C) Oddments of Black yarn

YOU WILL ALSO NEED
• A 2.5mm (UK12) crochet hook
• A 3mm (UK11) crochet hook
• Toy stuffing
• Darning needle
• Safety pins

TENSION
22 sts and 24 rounds 10cm / 4in over double crochet using 3mm hook.

NOTE
Pattern uses UK terminology.

How to make Elephant
Each piece is worked in rounds. All the shaping is done by increasing and decreasing stitches. The head, tusks, body and legs are stuffed and then stitched together. The ears are flattened and the open edge joined by working a double crochet into both stitches from each side at the same time. Alternatively, they can be sewn together by hand. The corner of each ear is turned and stitched down to shape before sewing to the head. The front and back legs are all made to the same pattern. The eyes are crocheted discs, while the tail is made from a crocheted cord with a tassel attached at the end.

Head
Starting at the top of the head, with 3mm hook and A, make 4 ch and sl st to fi rst ch to form a ring.
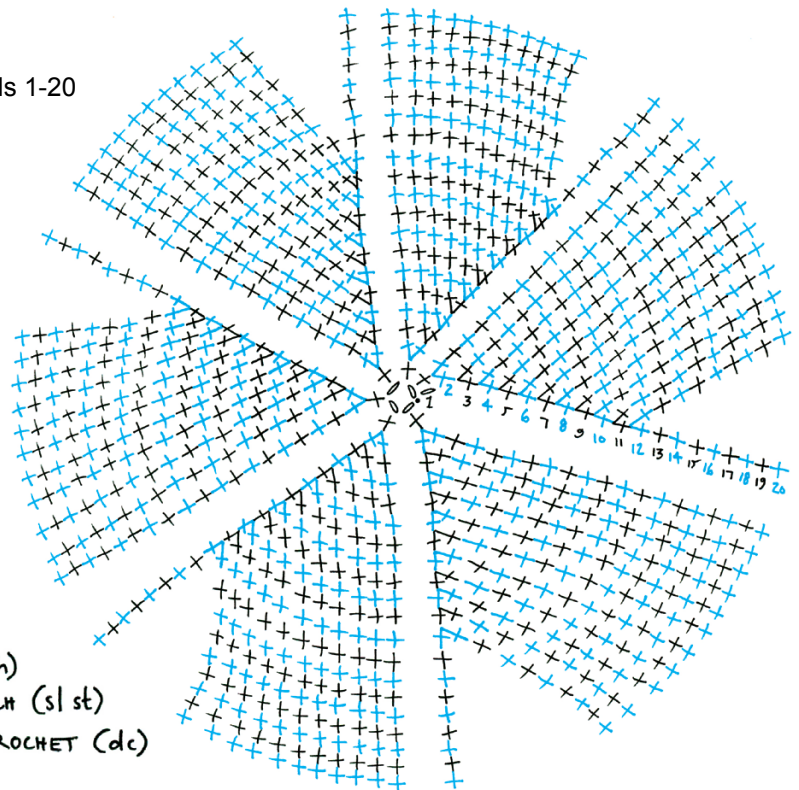**Round 1**: 1 ch (does not count as a st), work 6 dc into ring (6 sts).
Round 2 (inc): (Dc2inc) 6 times (12 sts).
Round 3 (inc): (Dc2inc, 1 dc) 6 times (18 sts).
Round 4 (inc): (Dc2inc, 2 dc) 6 times (24 sts).

Head
Rounds 1-20

KEY:
- 𝒪 = CHAIN (ch)
- • = SLIP STITCH (sl st)
- + = DOUBLE CROCHET (dc)
- XX = dc2inc
- XX = dc2dec
- ⋔ = DOUBLE CROCHET INTO BACK LOOP ONLY
- = SLIP STITCH INTO THE BACK LOOP OF DOUBLE CROCHET & CHAIN AT THE SAME TIME TO JOIN

Round 5 (inc): (Dc2inc, 3 dc) 6 times (30 sts).
Round 6 (inc): (Dc2inc, 4 dc) 6 times (36 sts).
Round 7 (inc): (Dc2inc, 5 dc) 6 times (42 sts).
Round 8 (inc): (Dc2inc, 6 dc) 6 times (48 sts).
Round 9 (inc): (Dc2inc, 7 dc) 6 times (54 sts).
Round 10 (inc): (Dc2inc, 8 dc) 6 times (60 sts).
Round 11 (inc): (Dc2inc, 9 dc) 6 times (66 sts).
Round 12 (inc): (Dc2inc, 10 dc) 6 times (72 sts).
Rounds 13–20: Work 1 dc in each dc.
Round 21 (dec): (Dc2dec, 10 dc) 6 times (66 sts).
Rounds 22–24: Work 1 dc in each dc.
Round 25 (dec): (Dc2dec, 9 dc) 6 times (60 sts).
Round 26: Work 1 dc in each dc.
Round 27 (dec): (Dc2dec, 8 dc) 6 times (54 sts).
Round 28: Work 1 dc in each dc.
Round 29 (dec): (Dc2dec, 7 dc) 6 times (48 sts).
Round 30: Work 1 dc in each dc.
Round 31 (dec): (Dc2dec, 6 dc) 6 times (42 sts).
Round 32: Work 1 dc in each dc.
Round 33 (dec): (Dc2dec, 5 dc) 6 times (36 sts).
Round 34: Work 1 dc in each dc.
Round 35 (dec): (Dc2dec, 4 dc) 6 times (30 sts).
Rounds 36–40: Work 1 dc in each dc.
Do not fasten off. Stuff the head, filling it to just a couple of rounds below the opening.
Round 41 (dec): (Dc2dec, 3 dc) 6 times (24 sts).
Rounds 42–46: Work 1 dc in each dc.
Round 47 (dec): (Dc2dec, 2 dc) 6 times (18 sts).
Round 48: Work 1 dc in each dc.
Add more stuffing before continuing.
Shape trunk
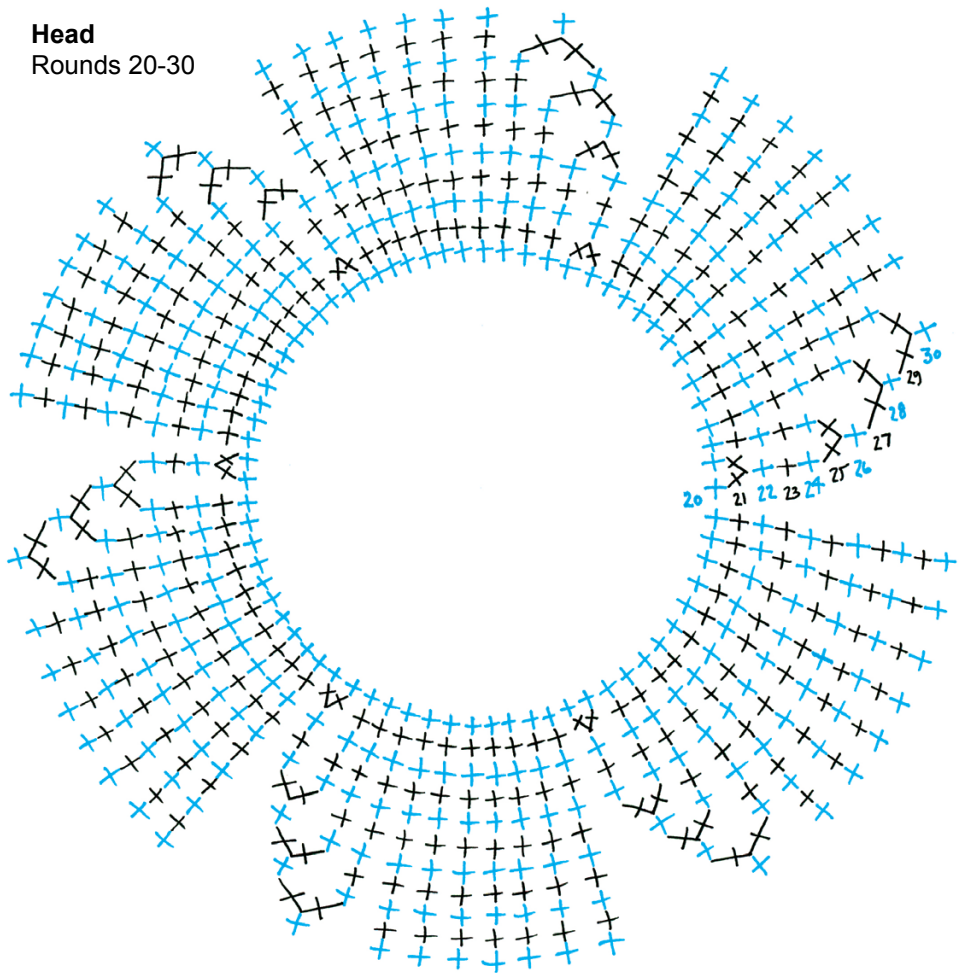**Rounds 49–54**: Dc2dec, 6 dc, (dc2inc) twice, 6 dc, dc2dec. This puts a curve in the trunk.
Shape end
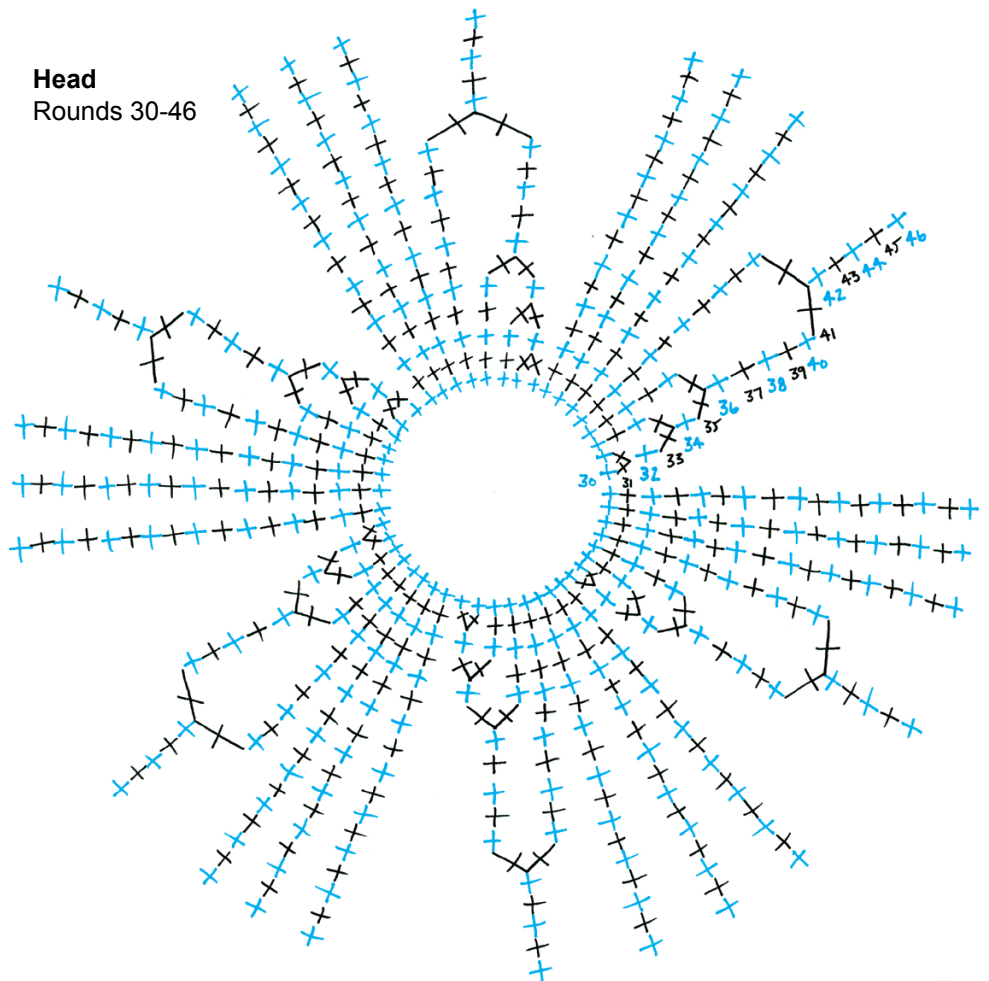**Round 55**: Work 1 dc into the back loop only of each dc.
Round 56 (dec): (Dc2dec, 1 dc) 6 times (12 sts).
Sl st to next st and fasten off, leaving a long length of yarn. Stuff the rest of the trunk, filling it right to the end. Thread the length of yarn left after fastening off onto a needle and weave it in and out of the last round of stitches, draw up to gather, closing the opening and stitch neatly to secure.

Head
Rounds 20-30

Head
Rounds 30-46

Body

Starting at the tail end, with 3mm hook and A, make 4 ch and sl st to fi rst ch to form a ring.

Round 1: 1 ch (does not count as a st), work 6 dc into ring (6 sts).

Round 2 (inc): (Dc2inc) 6 times (12 sts).

Round 3 (inc): (Dc2inc, 1 dc) 6 times (18 sts).

Round 4 (inc): (Dc2inc, 2 dc) 6 times (24 sts).

Round 5 (inc): (Dc2inc, 3 dc) 6 times (30 sts).

Round 6 (inc): (Dc2inc, 4 dc) 6 times (36 sts).

Round 7 (inc): (Dc2inc, 5 dc) 6 times (42 sts).

Round 8 (inc): (Dc2inc, 6 dc) 6 times (48 sts).

Round 9 (inc): (Dc2inc, 7 dc) 6 times (54 sts).

Round 10 (inc): (Dc2inc, 8 dc) 6 times (60 sts).

Round 11 (inc): (Dc2inc, 9 dc) 6 times (66 sts).

Round 12 (inc): (Dc2inc, 10 dc) 6 times (72 sts).

Rounds 13–42: Work 1 dc in each dc.

Shape front

Round 43 (dec): (Dc2dec, 6 dc) 9 times (63 sts).

Round 44 (dec): (Dc2dec, 5 dc) 9 times (54 sts).

Round 45 (dec): (Dc2dec, 4 dc) 9 times (45 sts).

Round 46 (dec): (Dc2dec, 3 dc) 9 times (36 sts).

Neck

Rounds 47–48: Work 1 dc in each dc. Sl st to next st and fasten off, leaving a long length of yarn.

Legs (make 4)

Starting at the base, with 3mm hook and A, make 4 ch and sl st to fi rst ch to form a ring.

Round 1: 1 ch (does not count as a st), work 6 dc into ring (6 sts).

Round 2 (inc): (Dc2inc) 6 times (12 sts).

Round 3 (inc): (Dc2inc, 1 dc) 6 times (18 sts).

Round 4 (inc): (Dc2inc, 2 dc) 6 times (24 sts).

Round 5 (inc): (Dc2inc, 3 dc) 6 times (30 sts).

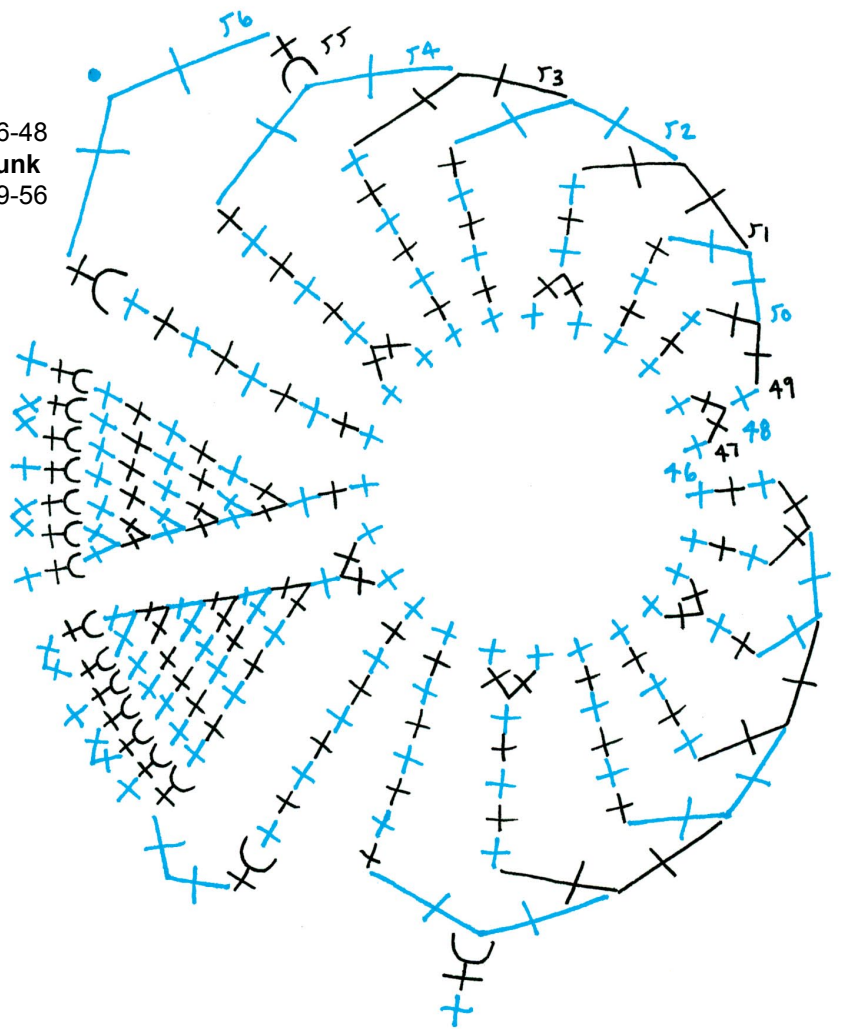**Round 6 (inc)**: (Dc2inc, 4 dc) 6 times (36 sts).

Round 7: Work 1 dc into the back loop only of each dc. This will help create a flat base.

Rounds 8–28: Work 1 dc in each dc. Sl st to next st and fasten off.
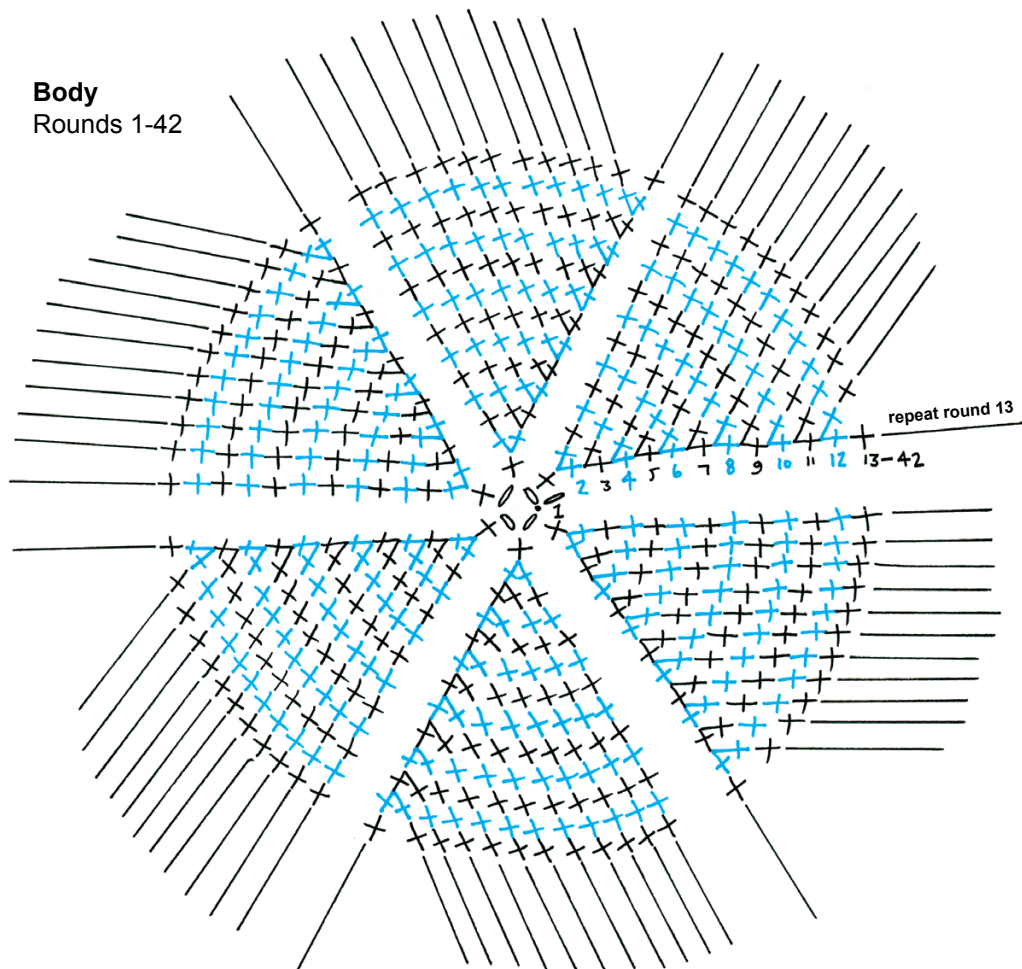
Head
Rounds 46-48
Shape Trunk
Rounds 49-56

Body
Rounds 1-42

repeat round 13

Ears (make 2)

Starting at the base, with 3mm hook and A, make 4 ch and sl st to fi rst ch to form a ring.

Round 1: 1 ch (does not count as a st), work 6 dc into ring (6 sts).

Round 2 (inc): (Dc2inc) 6 times (12 sts).

Round 3 (inc): (Dc2inc, 1 dc) 6 times (18 sts).

Round 4 (inc): (Dc2inc, 2 dc) 6 times (24 sts).

Round 5: Work 1 dc in each dc.

Round 6 (inc): (Dc2inc, 3 dc) 6 times (30 sts).

Round 7 (inc): (Dc2inc, 4 dc) 6 times (36 sts).

Round 8: Work 1 dc in each dc.

Round 9 (inc): (Dc2inc, 5 dc) 6 times (42 sts).

Round 10 (inc): (Dc2inc, 6 dc) 6 times (48 sts).

Round 11: Work 1 dc in each dc.

Round 12 (inc): (Dc2inc, 7 dc) 6 times (54 sts).

Round 13 (inc): (Dc2inc, 8 dc) 6 times (60 sts).

Round 14: Work 1 dc in each dc.

Round 15 (inc): (Dc2inc, 9 dc) 6 times (66 sts).

Round 16 (inc): (Dc2inc, 10 dc) 6 times (72 sts).

Round 17: Work 1 dc in each dc.

Round 18 (inc): (Dc2inc, 11 dc) 6 times (78 sts).

Round 19 (inc): (Dc2inc, 12 dc) 6 times (84 sts).

Round 20: Work 1 dc in each dc.

Join edges

Flatten the shape, matching the stitches on both sides. With 3mm hook and A, make 1 ch (does not count as a st), insert the hook under both loops of the first stitchand under both loops of the stitch on the other side, work 1 dc to join the two stitches. Continue down the ear, working 1 dc into each of the 42 dc on both sides at the same time to join. Fasten off.

Tusks (make 2)

Starting at the tip of the tusk, with 2.5mm hook and B, make 4 ch and sl st to fi rst ch to form a ring.

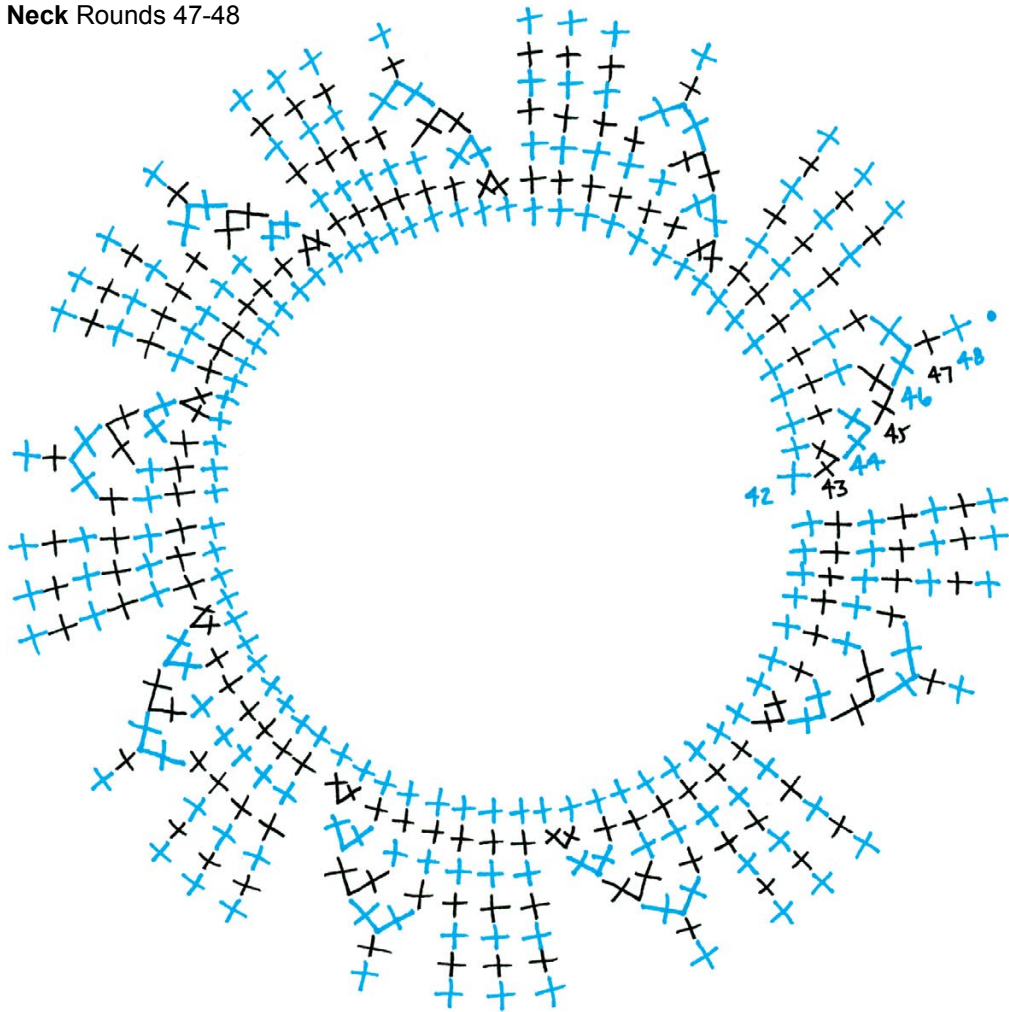**Round 1**: 1 ch (does not count as a st), work 6 dc into ring (6 sts).

Round 2: Work 1 dc in each dc. This round is a little fiddly as it tends to turn inside out, but will become easier to work on as you increase the stitches on the next round. Alternatively, it can be pushed right side out with the end of the hook.

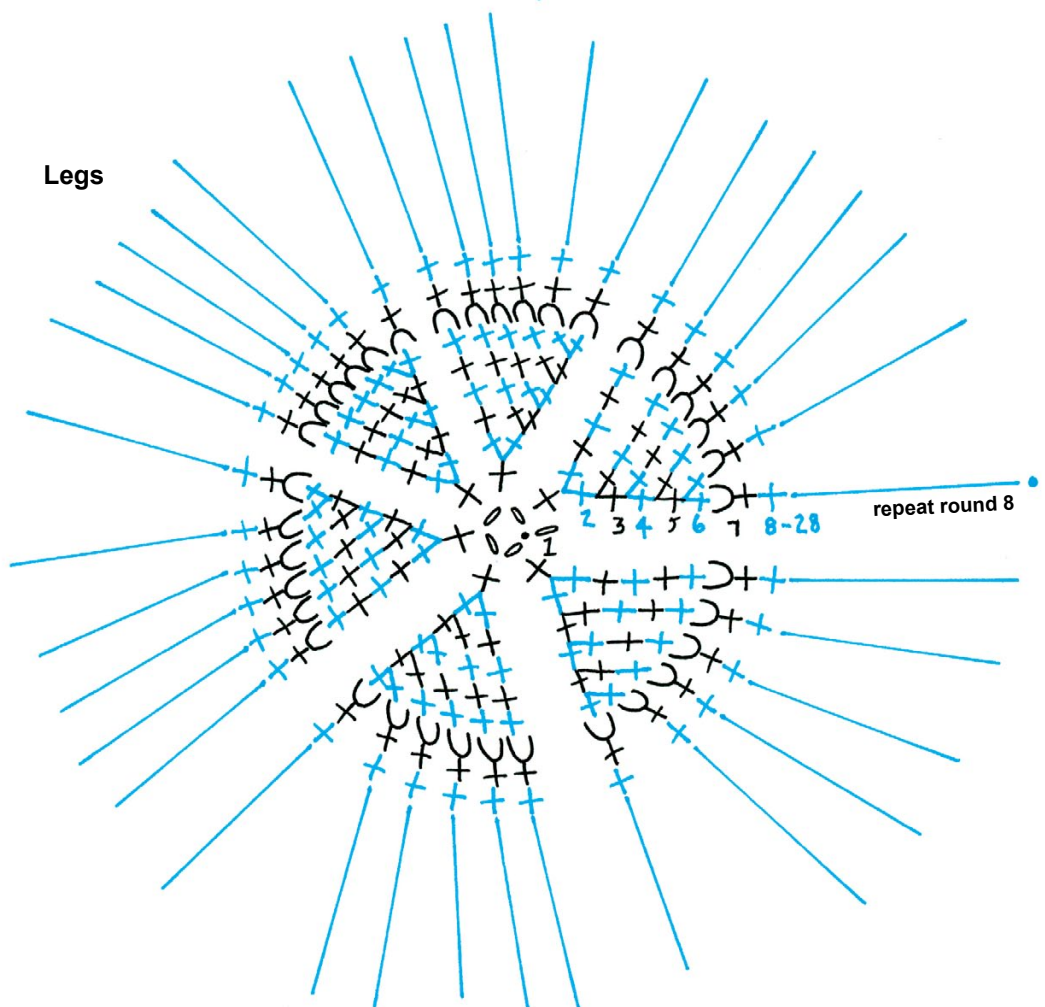**Round 3 (inc)**: (Dc2inc) 6 times (12 sts).

Body Round 42
Shape Front Rounds 43-46
Neck Rounds 47-48

Legs

repeat round 8

Rounds 4–6: Work 1 dc in each dc.
Round 7 (inc): (Dc2inc, 1 dc) 6 times (18 sts).
Round 8: Work 1 dc in each dc.
Shape tusk
Round 9: Dc2dec, 6 dc, (dc2inc) twice, 6 dc, dc2dec.
Round 10: Work 1 dc in each dc.
Rounds 11–14: Rep rounds 9–10 twice more.
Rounds 15–17: As round 9.
Sl st to next st and fasten off, leaving a long length of yarn.

Eyes (make 2)
With 2.5mm hook and C, make 4 ch and sl st to fi rst ch to form a ring.
Next: 1 ch (does not count as a st), work 6 dc into ring (6 sts).
Sl st to next st and fasten off, leaving a length of yarn.

Tail
With 3mm hook and A, make 16 ch.
1 dc into second ch from hook, 1 dc into each of the next 14 ch (15 sts).
Next: 1 ch, sl st into both the back loop of the next dc and the reverse side of the ch at the same time to join and form a cord. Fasten off, leaving a long length of yarn. Weave in the short end.

Making up
Body
Stuff the body, filling it to the last round of stitches. Use safety pins to hold the head in position. Using the length of yarn left after fastening off, sew the head in place to the neck, stitching all the way a round and adding a little more stuffing if necessary to keep it firm.
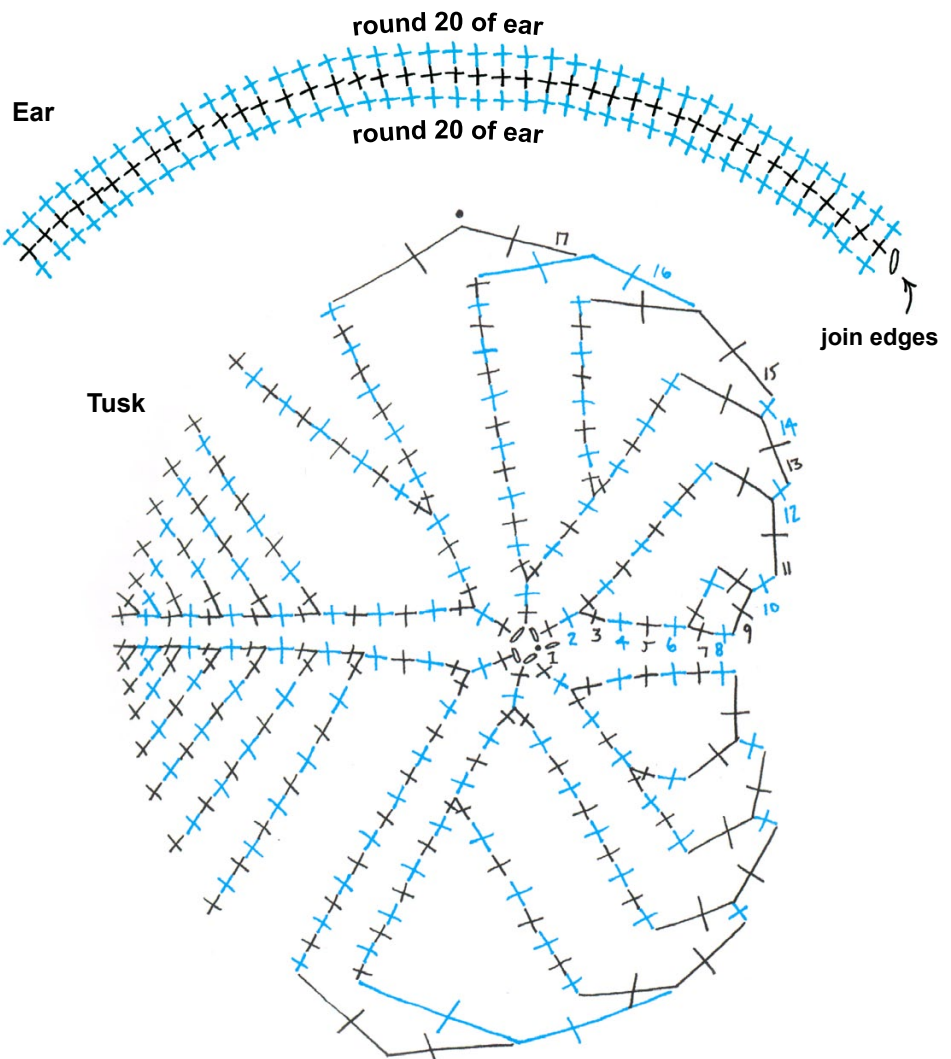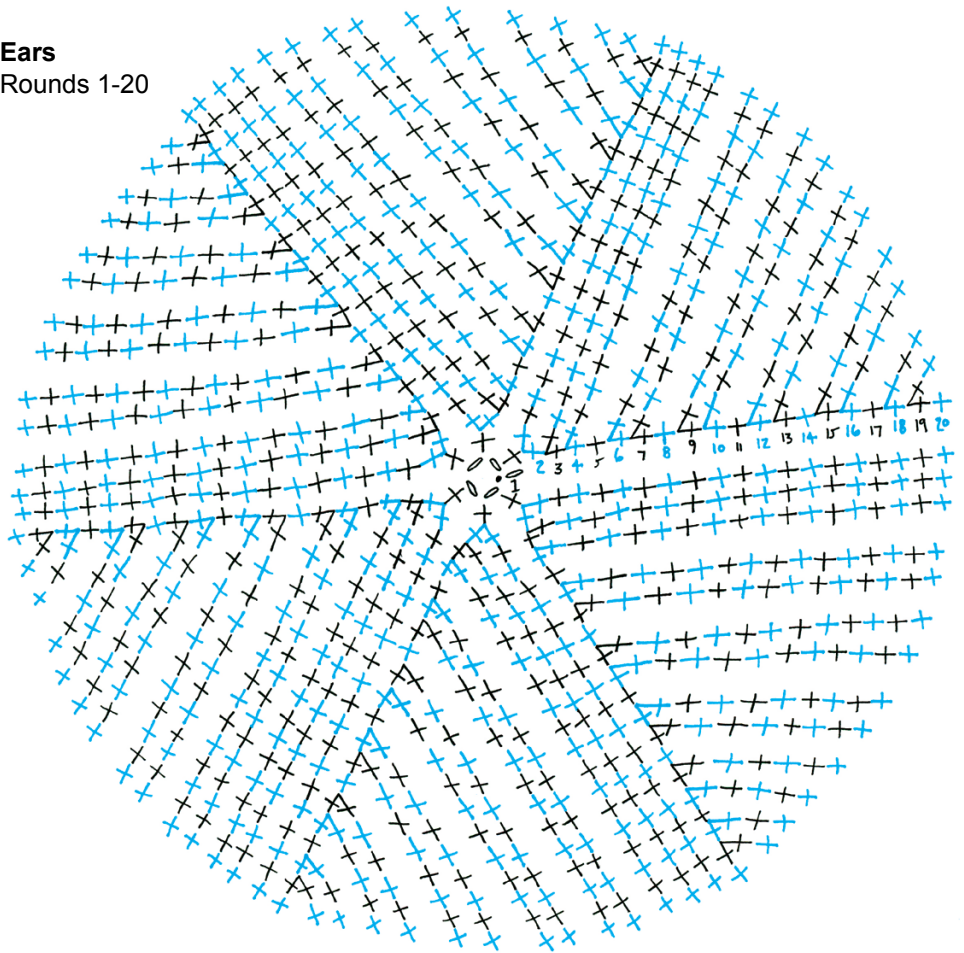
Legs
Stuff the legs, filling them right up to the opening and keeping the base fl at. Stitch the front legs side by side just before the front shaping and sew the back legs right behind them, grouping them close together so they touch. Stitch all around each leg to hold them securely in place.

Ears
Turn 1½in (4cm) over on one corner of the first ear and stitch it down along the long curved edge (see Ear). Repeat with the other ear, folding it at the opposite corner so they mirror each other. Sew the ears in place with the folded edge at the top, stitching around 2¾in (7cm) down and leaving the rest free.

Ears
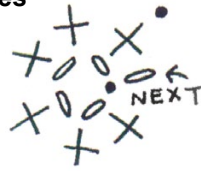Rounds 1-20

round 20 of ear

Ear
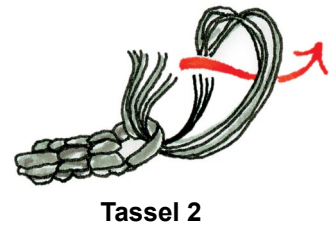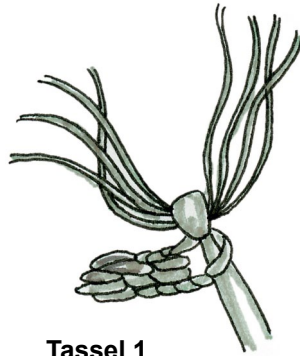
round 20 of ear

join edges

Tusk

Tusks

Stuff the tusks then flatten the top and sew the nine stitches from each side together to form a straight seam. Sew the tusks to the top of the trunk along the straight seam and a little way down the side of each tusk and into the trunk to keep it from swinging out. Sew the eyes neatly in place.
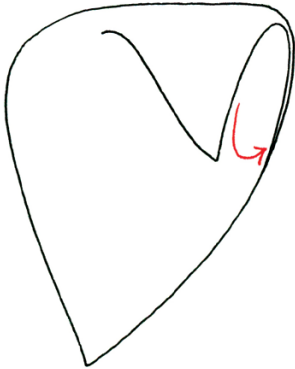
Tail

To make the tasselled end of the tail, cut four 4in (10cm) lengths of yarn A and fold the lengths in half to form a loop. Insert the crochet hook into the end of the tail and catch the looped yarn (see Tassel 1). Pull the loop a little way through, remove the hook and then thread the ends back through the loop, pulling them tight (see Tassel 2). Trim the ends and sew the tail in place at the end of the body, using the long length of yarn left after fastening off.

Eyes

Ear

Tassel 1

Tassel 2

join stitches to form a cord

← next

crocheted wild animals

A collection of cuddly creatures to make from scratch

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ABBREVIATIONS

ch	chain
dc	double crochet
sts	stitches
dc2inc	work 2 double crochet stitches into the next stitch to increase
dc2dec	work 2 double crochet stitches together to decrease
rep	repeat