

Harriet the Hippo

Height: 14" standing

Skill Level: Intermediate

Ravelry: Harriet the Hippo



Harriet is a bit bashful and awkward, which only adds to her charm! Her floppy limbs and adorable buck teeth warm the hearts of everyone she encounters.

Supplies

- 3.5mm (E) hook
- 15mm safety eyes (buy here)
- Yarn needle
- Fiber fill

Yarn (acrylic, weight 4)

- Medium Teal (I used RHSS – Jade)
- Light Teal (I used RHSS – Aruba Sea)
- Dark Teal (I used RHSS – Dark Jade)
- Light Pink (I used RHSS – Baby Pink)
- White (I used RHSS – White)

Notes

Abbreviations

ch: chain

sc: single crochet

inc: 2sc increase

BLO: back loop only

dec: invisible decrease

Attaching with thread vs. yarn tail

For a cleaner look, I opted to cut a short tail, weave it in, and attach a few of the pieces with matching thread. I did this with the inner ears, snout, and belly. However, it's totally up to you and will look cute either way!

Optional: Skip arm & leg pads

Instead of attaching separate arm and leg pads, you can simply start with light teal yarn for rounds 1 - 3 on the arms, and rounds 1 - 4 on the legs, then switch to medium teal yarn for the remaining rounds. I prefer the look of the separate pads, but skipping them is definitely easier. :)

How to indent the eyes

Note: The video above shows a unicorn, but the technique is the same for all of my patterns. My newer patterns indicate exactly where you should place your safety eyes, and instruct you to mark those stitches accordingly. This is one of my older patterns and it doesn't indicate where to place the eyes. I plan to update my older patterns when I have a chance, but for now use your best judgement. :)

Step 1 – Cut a strand of yarn approximately 18" long. Tie a large, secure knot in one end and thread the other end through your yarn needle.

Step 2 – Insert your needle through the back opening of the head and sew between the two spots where you'll be placing your safety eyes.

Step 3 – Pull your strand of yarn taut, which will create indents.

Step 4 – Fasten off with a knot and hide your yarn tail inside the head.

Instructions**Head**

With medium teal yarn:

01. start 6 sc into a magic ring [6]
02. inc in each st around [12]
03. *sc, inc* [18]
04. sc, inc, *sc 2, inc* 5 times, sc [24]
05. *sc 3, inc* [30]
06. sc 2, inc, *sc 4, inc* 5 times, sc 2 [36]
07. *sc 5, inc* [42]
08. sc 3, inc, *sc 6, inc* 5 times, sc 3 [48]
09. *sc 7, inc* [54]
10. sc 4, inc, *sc 8, inc* 5 times, sc 4 [60]
- 11 - 20. sc in each st around [60]
21. sc 4, dec, *sc 8, dec* 5 times, sc 4 [54]
22. *sc 7, dec* [48]
23. sc 3, dec, *sc 6, dec* 5 times, sc 3 [42]
24. *sc 5, dec* [36]
25. sc 2, dec, *sc 4, dec* 5 times, sc 2 [30]

Stuff head $\frac{3}{4}$ full. Decide on placement of eyes, sew between the two spots to sculpt the head.

Insert eyes and secure backings.

26. *sc 3, dec* [24]

Finish stuffing, fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing.

Ears (make 2)

With medium teal yarn:

01. start 6 sc into a magic ring [6]
02. *sc, inc* [9]
03. sc, inc, *sc 2, inc* 2 times, sc [12]
04. *sc 3, inc* [15]
05. sc 2, inc, *sc 4, inc* 2 times, sc 2 [18]
06. *sc 5, inc* [21]
07. sc in each st around [21]
08. *sc 5, dec* [18]
09. sc 2, dec, *sc 4, dec* 2 times, sc 2 [15]
10. *sc 3, dec* [12]
- 11 - 12. sc in each st around [12]

Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing. Fold the top opening in half and slip stitch closed.

Inner Ears (make 2)

With light pink yarn:

01. Chain 7 start: ch7, inc in 2nd ch from hook, sc 4, 5sc in the last ch. Continue on the other side of the chain base, sc 4, 3sc in the last ch [18]

Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing.

Snout

With light teal yarn:

01. Chain 5 start: ch5, inc in 2nd ch from hook, sc 2, 5sc in the last ch. Continue on the other side of the chain base, sc 2, 3sc in the last ch [14]
02. inc, sc 4, *inc* 3 times, sc 4, *inc* 2 times [20]
03. inc, sc 6, *inc* 2 times, sc, inc, sc 6, *inc* 2 times, sc [26]
04. inc, sc 8, *inc, sc* 2 times, inc, sc 8, *inc, sc* 2 times [32]
05. inc, sc 10, inc, sc 2, inc, sc, inc, sc 10, inc, sc 2, inc, sc [38]
06. inc, sc 12, *inc, sc 2* 2 times, inc, sc 12, *inc, sc 2* 2 times [44]
07. inc, sc 14, inc, sc 3, inc, sc 2, inc, sc 14, inc, sc 3, inc, sc 2 [50]
08. inc, sc 16, inc, sc 3, inc, sc 3, inc, sc 16, inc, sc 3, inc, sc 3 [56]
09. *sc 26, dec* [54]
10. sc in each st around [54]

11. *sc 7, dec* [48]
12. sc 3, dec, *sc 6, dec* 5 times, sc 3 [42]
13. sc in each st around [42]
14. *sc 5, dec* [36]
15. sc in each st around [36]
16. sc 2, dec, *sc 4, dec* 5 times, sc 2 [30]
17. sc in each st around [30]

Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing. Stuff firmly with fiber fill.

Teeth (make 2)

With white yarn:

01. start 6 sc into a magic ring [6]
02. inc in each st around [12]
03. BLO: sc in each st around [12]
04. sc in each st around [12]

Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing. Stuff firmly with fiber fill.

Body

With medium teal yarn:

01. start 6 sc into a magic ring [6]
02. inc in each st around [12]
03. *sc, inc* [18]
04. sc, inc, *sc 2, inc* 5 times, sc [24]
05. *sc 3, inc* [30]
06. sc 2, inc, *sc 4, inc* 5 times, sc 2 [36]
07. *sc 5, inc* [42]
08. sc 3, inc, *sc 6, inc* 5 times, sc 3 [48]
09. *sc 7, inc* [54]
10. sc 4, inc, *sc 8, inc* 5 times, sc 4 [60]
- 11 - 17. sc in each st around [60]
18. sc 4, dec, *sc 8, dec* 5 times, sc 4 [54]
19. sc in each st around [54]
20. *sc 7, dec* [48]
21. sc in each st around [48]
22. sc 3, dec, *sc 6, dec* 5 times, sc 3 [42]
- 23 - 24. sc in each st around [42]
25. *sc 5, dec* [36]
- 26 - 27. sc in each st around [36]
28. sc 2, dec, *sc 4, dec* 5 times, sc 2 [30]
- 29 - 30. sc in each st around [30]
31. *sc 3, dec* [24]

Fasten off. Stuff firmly with fiber fill.

Belly

With light teal yarn:

01. Chain 5 start: ch5, inc in 2nd ch from hook, sc 2, 5sc in the last ch. Continue on the other side of the chain base, sc 2, 3sc in the last ch [14]
02. inc, sc 4, *inc* 3 times, sc 4, *inc* 2 times [20]
03. inc, sc 6, *inc* 2 times, sc, inc, sc 6, *inc* 2 times, sc [26]
04. inc, sc 8, *inc, sc* 2 times, inc, sc 8, *inc, sc* 2 times [32]
05. inc, sc 10, inc, sc 2, inc, sc, inc, sc 10, inc, sc 2, inc, sc [38]
06. inc, sc 12, *inc, sc 2* 2 times, inc, sc 12, *inc, sc 2* 2 times [44]
07. inc, sc 14, inc, sc 3, inc, sc 2, inc, sc 14, inc, sc 3, inc, sc 2 [50]

Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing.

Arms (make 2)

With medium teal yarn:

01. start 6 sc into a magic ring [6]
02. inc in each st around [12]
03. *sc, inc* [18]
04. sc, inc, *sc 2, inc* 5 times, sc [24]
05. BLO: sc in each st around [24]
- 06 - 08. sc in each st around [24]
09. sc 11, dec, sc 11 [23]
10. sc in each st around [23]
11. sc 21, dec [22]
12. sc in each st around [22]
13. sc 10, dec, sc 10 [21]
14. sc in each st around [21]
15. sc 19, dec [20]
16. sc in each st around [20]
17. sc 9, dec, sc 9 [19]
18. sc in each st around [19]
19. sc 17, dec [18]
20. sc in each st around [18]
21. sc 8, dec, sc 8 [17]
22. sc in each st around [17]
23. sc 15, dec [16]
- 24 - 25. sc in each st around [16]
26. *sc 2, dec* [12]

Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing. Stuff firmly with fiber fill. Fold the top opening in half and slip stitch closed.

Arm pads (make 2)

With light teal yarn:

01. start 6 sc into a magic ring [6]
02. inc in each st around [12]
03. *sc, inc* [18]

Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing.

Legs (make 2)

With medium teal yarn:

01. start 6 sc into a magic ring [6]
02. inc in each st around [12]
03. *sc, inc* [18]
04. sc, inc, *sc 2, inc* 5 times, sc [24]
05. *sc 3, inc* [30]
06. BLO: sc in each st around [30]
- 07 - 09. sc in each st around [30]
10. sc 14, dec, sc 14 [29]
11. sc 27, dec [28]
12. sc 13, dec, sc 13 [27]
13. sc 25, dec [26]
14. sc 12, dec, sc 12 [25]
15. sc 23, dec [24]
16. sc 11, dec, sc 11 [23]
17. sc 21, dec [22]
18. sc 10, dec, sc 10 [21]
19. sc 19, dec [20]
20. sc 9, dec, sc 9 [19]
21. sc 17, dec [18]
22. *sc 7, dec* [16]
23. *sc 2, dec* [12]

Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing. Stuff firmly with fiber fill. Fold the top opening in half and slip stitch closed.

Leg Pads (make 2)

With light teal yarn:

01. start 6 sc into a magic ring [6]
02. inc in each st around [12]

03. *sc, inc* [18]

04. *sc 2, inc* [24]

Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing.

Tail

Cut 12 strands of dark teal yarn, approx. 6" long

With medium teal yarn:

01. start 6 sc into a magic ring [6]

02 - 08. sc in each st around [6]

Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing. Fold the top opening in half and slip stitch closed. Root in strands of dark teal yarn to flat end, secure and trim as desired.

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