

Ginnie the Giraffe

Height: 17" standing

Skill Level: Intermediate

Ravelry: Ginnie the Giraffe



The other animals on the savanna look up to Ginnie, and not just because of her height! ;) She's ultra-cuddly and makes a great friend.

Supplies

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

Yarn (acrylic, weight 4)

- Light Orange (I used I Love This Yarn! – Light Peach)
- Medium Orange (I used Big Twist Baby – Goldfish)
- Dark Orange (I used Red Heart Super Saver – Carrot)

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 the yarn tails short on the inner ears and weave them into the back of the work, then attach the inner ears to the ears with matching thread. However, you can also attach them using a yarn needle and the yarn tail. It's up to you!

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 light orange 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. *sc 10, inc* 4 times [48]
08. sc 3, dec, *sc 6, dec* 5 times, sc 3 [42]
09. *sc 5, dec* [36]

Now sc 9 additional stitches. Consider this the official end of round 9. Continue with round 10 as normal.

Switch to medium orange yarn (tutorial):

10. sc 2, dec, *sc 4, dec* 5 times, sc 2 [30]
- 11 - 12. sc in each st around [30]
13. sc 2, inc, *sc 4, inc* 5 times, sc 2 [36]
14. *sc 5, inc* [42]
15. sc 3, inc, *sc 6, inc* 5 times, sc 3 [48]
16. *sc 7, inc* [54]
17. sc 4, inc, *sc 8, inc* 5 times, sc 4 [60]
- 18 - 27. sc in each st around [60]
28. sc 4, dec, *sc 8, dec* 5 times, sc 4 [54]
29. *sc 7, dec* [48]
30. sc 3, dec, *sc 6, dec* 5 times, sc 3 [42]
31. *sc 5, dec* [36]
32. 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.

33. *sc 3, dec* [24]

34. sc, dec, *sc 2, dec* 5 times, sc [18]

35. *sc, dec* [12]

Finish stuffing.

36. dec in each st around [6]

Close with an ultimate finish.

Ears (make 2)

With medium orange 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 orange 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.

Ossicones (make 2)

With dark orange yarn:

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

02. inc in each st around [12]

03. *sc, inc* [18]

04. sc in each st around [18]

Switch to medium orange yarn (tutorial):

05. sc in each st around [18]

06. *sc, dec* [12]

07. *sc, dec* [8]

Stuff the top.

08 - 09. sc in each st around [8]

10. sc 6, dec [7]

11. sc 5, dec [6]

12. sc in each st around [6]

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

Body

With medium orange 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]

32. sc in each st around [24]

33 - 35. sc in each st around [24]

36. sc 22, dec [23]

37. sc 21, dec [22]

38. sc 20, dec [21]

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

Big Spots (make 2)

With dark orange 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]

Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing.

Small Spots (make 4)

With dark orange 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.

Arms (make 2)

With dark orange 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 - 07. sc in each st around [24]

Switch to medium orange yarn (tutorial):

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.

Legs (make 2)

With dark orange 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 - 08. sc in each st around [30]

Switch to medium orange yarn (tutorial):

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.

Tail

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

With medium orange yarn:

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

02 - 08. sc 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 orange yarn to flat end, secure and trim as desired.

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