



Crocheted Reindeer based on Sven, from Disney's "Frozen"

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I have only recently begun writing crochet patterns, so there may be errors here, which I will probably not be able to tell you how to fix! 😊 Please bear this in mind. The pattern is probably best attempted by experienced crocheters.

This is an amigurumi reindeer (a small crocheted toy). It stands 5 ½ inches tall (8 inches counting antlers).

Materials needed: A size 1 steel crochet hook (1.75 mm), Two 3/8-inch googly eyes, craft glue, yarn needle, pins, a 4-inch square of cardboard, plastic wrap, scissors, and polyester fiberfill.

I used Herrschner's 2-ply afghan yarn for this toy. Colors: Dark Beige – 100 yards, Chocolate – 30 yards, Black – 30 yards, Cream – 100 yards, and a small amount of Victorian Red (about 1 yard). You can use 4-ply yarn with a size F aluminum hook for a larger toy.

Stitches used: Chain, slip stitch, single crochet (sc), decrease (dec) = combine two stitches

I use continuous rounds on all round shapes (head, legs, body, etc.) You can also join each round and chain 1 to start the next round. This will leave a 'seam,' but makes it much easier to keep track of rows. Do not turn pieces unless the pattern says to turn.

Antlers

Base: With cream-color yarn, chain 46. End.

Right side:

1. Chain 3. Attach yarn with slip stitch in 5th chain from end of base row. 3 sc. Chain 4. End.
2. Attach yarn in last sc below the chain 4. 10 sc. Chain 6. End.
3. Chain 5. Attach in 15th chain on opposite side of base chain. 5 sc, 1 slip stitch. End.

Left side:

1. Chain 3. Attach in 5th chain of other end of base row. 4 sc. Chain 4. End.
2. Attach yarn in last sc below the chain 4. 6 sc. Chain 6. End.
3. Attach yarn in last sc below the chain 6. 2 sc. Bring up loops in next 2 chains, pull yarn through all three loops on hook. Chain 5. End.
4. Chain 4. Attach in 10th chain on opposite side of base row. 3 slip stitches. End.

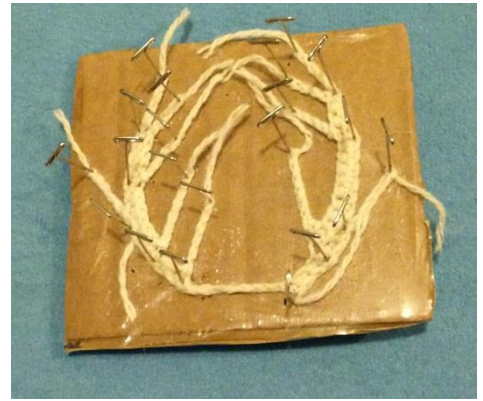


There should be about 20 worked stitches on each side of the antlers and 6 unworked chains in the middle. Don't worry if the count isn't exact! Note: This will look like a tangled mess of knots and ends until it is blocked.

Blocking the antlers

Wrap a small square of cardboard (about 4 x 4 inches) with plastic wrap. Mix a teaspoon of water with 2 teaspoons of white glue. Soak antlers in mixture until wet through. Squeeze out excess liquid by hand (leave it fairly wet.) Pin the antlers to the wrapped cardboard in the desired shape, making sure each prong is pinned separately at both ends. Let dry for several hours.

When dry: unpin, peel off from plastic, and trim off yarn ends with scissors very close to the knots (the glue will keep them from unraveling). The piece will now look remarkably like antlers!



Note: my pictures may not exactly match – I made three sets of antlers and used the ones I liked best.

Muzzle

Row 1: With chocolate yarn, chain 2. 10 sc in second chain from hook.

Row 2: 2 sc in each sc. (20)

Rows 3-7 : sc in each sc. (20)

Row 8: sc in each sc. (20). End.



Nose

Row 1: With black, chain 2. 6 sc in second chain from hook.

Row 2: 2 sc in each sc. (12)

Row 3: sc in each sc. (12)

Row 4: (3 sc, 2 sc in next) 3 times. (15)

Row 5: (Sc, decrease) 5 times. (10) End, leaving 18-inch length for sewing (this length will also be used to make the mouth.)

Head

Attach dark beige yarn to any stitch on edge of muzzle.

Row 1: 10 sc, 2 sc in each of next 10 sc. (30)

Row 2: sc in each sc. (30)

Row 3: 10 sc, (3 sc, 2 sc in next) 5 times. (35)

Row 4: sc in each sc. (35)

Row 5: 10 sc, (4 sc, 2 sc in next) 5 times. (40)

Row 6: Decrease 5 times, sc 30 times. (35)

Row 7: sc in each sc. (35)

Row 8: (3 sc, dec) 7 times. (28)

Row 9: (2 sc, dec) 7 times. (21)

Row 10: (1 sc, dec) 7 times. (14)

Stuff head. There will be a flat part (bottom) and a curved part (top).

Row 11: Decrease 7 times. Thread yarn through each stitch and pull tight. End.



Hood

Row 1: With chocolate yarn, chain 21. Sc in 2nd chain from hook and in each chain. (20) Chain 1, turn.

Row 2: Sc in each sc. (20) Chain 1, turn.

Row 3: 5 sc. Attach antlers to hood by crocheting the next 10 stitches around the 6 unworked chains on the antlers. Sc in each of the remaining 5 sc. (20) Chain 1, turn.

Row 4: Sc in each sc. (20) Chain 1, turn.

Row 5: 5 sc, decrease 5 times, 5 sc. (15) Chain 1, turn.

Row 6: (1 sc, dec) 5 times. (10) Chain 1, turn.

Row 7: 2 sc, 3 dec, 2 sc. (7) Chain 1, turn.

Row 8: 1 sc, bring up loops in next 3 sc and pull yarn through all 4 loops on hook. 1 sc. (3). End, leaving 12-inch length for sewing.

Fit hood on top of head. Using yarn needle, sew hood to head. Front should be on Row 6 and back should fit straight across the back of the head, about halfway down.



Bridge

With chocolate, chain 6. Sc in 2nd chain from hook and in next 3 chains. 3 sc in end chain. In unworked loops of chain on other side, 4 sc. (11) End, leaving length for sewing. Sew to center of face between muzzle and hood.

Sew nose to end of muzzle. Sew "smile" from one edge of the muzzle to the other. Glue eyes into place.



Neck

Row 1: With dark beige, chain 31. Sc in 2nd chain from hook and in each sc across. (30) Chain 1, turn.

Rows 2-3: 30 sc, chain 1, turn.

Row 4: 30 sc. End, leaving about 18 inches for sewing.

Sew ends together, and sew 14 stitches to head along base of hood. Sew remaining neck area to head, fitting evenly around so middle two stitches are centered under chin on row 4.

Note: The neck will be completely covered by the 'mane,' so it doesn't need to look too pretty!



Ears (make 2)

Row 1: With chocolate, chain 6. Sc in 2nd chain from hook and in next 3 chains. 3 sc in end chain. In unworked loops of chain on other side, 4 sc. (11)
Chain 1, turn.

Row 2: 1 sc in each sc around. (11). End.



Sew ears to side of head, fitting just below antlers on row 3 of hood.

Body

Row 1: With dark beige, chain 2. 10 sc in second chain from hook.

Row 2: 2 sc in each sc. (20)

Row 3: Sc in each sc. (20)

Row 4: (1 sc, 2 sc in next) 10 times. (30)

Row 5: sc in each sc. (30)

Row 6: (2sc, 2 sc in next) 10 times. (40)

Rows 7-21: sc in each sc. (40)

Row 22: (2 sc, dec) 10 times. (30)

Rows 23-28: sc in each sc. (30)

Row 29: (1 sc, dec) 10 times. (20)

Row 30: sc in each sc. (20)

Stuff body with polyester fiberfill at this point.

Row 31: 10 dec.

Row 32: 5 dec. Thread yarn through each of the 5 sc and pull tight. End.



Sew neck to body on larger end – 9 stitches on Row 9 of body. Fit rest of neck so it's rounded with center of curve on row 1 of body. Sew into place, leaving a few stitches open for stuffing. Stuff with polyester fiberfill and sew remaining stitches.



Hooves (make 4)

Row 1: With black yarn, chain 2. 8 sc in second chain from hook.

Row 2: 2 sc in each sc. (16)

Rows 3-5: 16 sc.

Row 6: Decrease 8 times. End.

Front legs (make 2)

Row 7: Continuing from hoof - attach dark beige to any stitch on end row of hoof. Sc in each sc (8)

Rows 8-14: Sc in each sc. (8)

Row 15: (3 sc, 2 sc in next) 2 times. (10)

Rows 16-18: Sc in each sc. (10)

Row 19: (4 sc, 2 sc in next) 2 times. (12)

Rows 20-23: Sc in each sc. (12)

Row 24: Sc in each sc. (12) End, leaving length for sewing.



Rear Legs (make 2)

Rows 1-23: repeat instructions for front legs.

Row 24: (5 sc, 2 sc in next) 2 times. (14)

Row 25: Sc in each sc. (14)

Row 26: Sc in each sc. (14) End, leaving length for sewing.

Stuff all 4 legs with polyester fiberfill.

Sew front legs to body opposite head, on rows 8-12 of body.

Sew rear legs to back of body on rows 25-29.



Mane

1. Cut 60 4-inch strands of cream-color yarn.
2. On top row of neck, pull two strands through each stitch, leaving equal lengths on each side.
3. When all 30 stitches are done, put a line of craft glue in the center of this row.
4. Fold over and carefully press 'hair' into glue, taking care to keep it straight.
5. Trim mane into desired shape with scissors, angling down so mane is thinner at the edges.



Tail

1. Cut nine 3-inch strands of cream-color yarn.
2. Insert hook in stitch at center back of body on Row 30.
3. Pull center of 3 strands through to make a loop.
4. Pull ends through loop to make a knot. Pull tight.
5. Repeat with one stitch on each side of this knot (3 total)
6. Trim tail to desired length (1/2 to 3/4 inches long).



Foot fur

1. Cut 24 3-inch strands of cream-color yarn.
2. Insert hook in stitch just left of center front on row 2 of leg.
3. Pull center of 2 strands of yarn through to make a loop.
4. Pull ends of yarn through loop to make a knot. Pull tight.
5. Repeat in next stitch.
6. Skip center stitch, and repeat in 2 stitches on right side.
7. Trim ends to about ½ inch long. (Lightly glue down if necessary.)



Harness (optional)

1. With black, chain 63.
2. Sc in second chain from hook and each of next 41 chains.
3. 3 sc in next chain (corner).
4. 1 sc in each of next 19 chains. End, leaving length for sewing.
5. With Victorian red yarn, thread yarn needle and weave through the harness to make a pattern. End.



Fit longer end of harness around body and sew together at the corner. Fit shorter end of harness across front of body, under the 'beard,' and sew end to harness on the other side. Weave in any loose ends.



Your reindeer is done!