

USE YOUR  
BLUEBELL  
yarn kit



PLUS  
tapestry needle,  
stuffing, 8mm  
safety eyes

SIZE  
Height: 26cm



# GRACY BALLERINA

Practise and perfect amigurumi by  
making Irene Strange's happy hippo



Look at her twirl! With a bouncy yellow tutu and her favourite stripy ensemble, our dancing hippo loves nothing more than prancing about and bounding through the air to her favourite music. She can dance for hours without even realising how the time has flown. If you love the magical possibilities of amigurumi, Gracy will help you master the basic stitches that allow you to create such wonderful creations. After all, practice does make perfect!

## Gracy ballerina

### HEAD AND BODY

Using 3.75mm hook and Forget-me-not Blue make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

**Rnd 1:** 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

**Rnd 2:** (2dc in next st, 1dc) to end.

18 sts

**Rnd 3:** (2dc in next st, 2dc) to end.

24 sts

**Rnd 4:** (2dc in next st, 3dc) to end.

30 sts

**Rnds 5-10:** 1dc in each st to end

**Rnd 11:** (2dc in next st, 14dc) to end. 32 sts

**Rnds 12-13:** 1dc in each st to end

**Rnd 14:** (2dc in first st, 15dc) to end. 34 sts

**Rnds 15-16:** rep Rnds 12-13

Work in foll two-rnd stripe sequence:

(Snowdrop White, Iris Blue) four times,

Snowdrop White

**Rnd 17:** (2dc in next st, 16dc) to end. 36 sts

**Rnd 18 and every even-numbered rnd:** 1dc in each st to end

**Rnd 19:** (2dc in next st, 17dc) to end. 38 sts

**Rnd 21:** (2dc in next st, 18dc) to end. 40 sts

**Rnd 23:** (2dc in next st, 19dc) to end. 42 sts

**Rnd 25:** (2dc in next st, 20dc) to end. 44 sts

**Rnd 27:** (2dc in next st, 21dc) to end. 46 sts

**Rnd 29:** (2dc in next st, 22dc) to end. 48 sts

**Rnd 31:** (2dc in next st, 23dc) to end. 50 sts

**Rnd 33:** (2dc in next st, 24dc) to end. 52 sts

**Rnd 34:** 1dc in each st to end Change to Iris Blue

**Rnd 35:** (2dc in next st, 25dc) to end. 54 sts

**Rnds 36-42:** 1dc in each st to end

**Rnd 43:** (dc2tog, 7dc) to end. 48 sts

**Rnd 44:** (dc2tog, 6dc) to end. 42 sts

**Rnd 45:** (dc2tog, 5dc) to end. 36 sts

**Rnd 46:** (dc2tog, 4dc) to end. 30 sts

**Rnd 47:** (dc2tog, 3dc) to end. 24 sts

Stuff, insert safety eyes

**Rnd 48:** (dc2tog, 2dc) to end. 18 sts

**Rnd 49:** (dc2tog, 1dc) to end. 12 sts

**Rnd 50:** (dc2tog) to end. Six sts Fasten off

### NOSE

Using 3.75mm hook and Forget-me-not Blue make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

**Rnds 1-4:** rep Rnds 1-4 of Head and Body. 30 sts

**Rnd 5:** (2dc in next st, 4dc) to end. 36 sts

**Rnds 6-9:** 1dc in each st to end Fasten off, leaving a long tail

### LEG

**Make two**

Using 3.75mm hook and Snowdrop White make a magic ring,

work 8dc into ring. Eight sts

**Rnds 1-2:** 1dc in each st to end Change to Forget-me-not Blue

**Rnd 3:** 1dc in each st to end

Change to Snowdrop White

**Rnd 4:** rep Rnd 3

Change to Forget-me-not Blue

**Rnds 5-9:** 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

### ARM

**Make two**

Using 3.75mm hook and Forget-me-not Blue make a magic ring, work 7dc into ring. Seven sts

**Rnds 1-4:** 1dc in each st to end

Work in foll two-rnd stripe sequence:

(Iris Blue, Snowdrop White) twice

**Rnds 5-12:** 1dc in each st to end Fasten off

### EAR

**Make two**

Using 3.75mm hook and Forget-me-not Blue make a

magic ring, work 6dc into ring.

Six sts

**Rnds 1-2:** 1dc in each st to end Fasten off

### TUTU

Using 3.75mm hook and Daffodil Yellow make 56ch, join with a sl st to first ch to form a ring

**Rnd 1:** 1ch, 1dc in each ch to end, join with a sl st to first st

**Rnd 2:** 2ch (does not count as a st), working in back loops only 3tr in each st to end.

168 sts

**Rnd 3:** working in front loops only of Rnd 1 work 3tr in each st to end

**Rnd 4:** working along other side of

starting ch 3tr in each st to end Fasten off

### TO MAKE UP

Sew in ends. Sew hole at end of Head and Body closed. Stuff Nose. Sew below eyes above first Snowdrop White rnd and shape into a rough square. Stuff Legs. Sew to bottom of Body. Sew Arms to Body. Sew Ears to top of head. Using Snowdrop White embroider a big smile. Using Forget-me-not Blue embroider nostrils (see Great Advice panel). Sew Tutu onto body below stripes



## Great Advice

### A NOSE FOR IT

To give your hippo raised nostrils, work two long stitches into the nose approximately 3cm apart then wrap each one in a number of short stitches



### CHOSEN BY YOU

"I chose the name Gracy because she looks as graceful as a swan, doing her ballerina poses"

JAZ SCHNUR,  
LGC READER

We asked you to help name our happy hippo! Help us decide it for our next mascot at [facebook.com/knitandcrochet](https://www.facebook.com/knitandcrochet)