

Go wild for Irene Strange's Penny the elephant

Teeny, tiny and ever so sweet, Penny the elephant is sure to be a favourite with a little one, plus her diminutive stature means mums can slip it into a pocket or handbag for a portable play thing. Utilising a range of stitches and incorporating different elements, this quirky little critter is also an excellent project for those looking to hone and practise their crochet toymaking skills.

Stitches used:

Chain (c)

Slip stitch (sl st)

Double crochet (dc)

Double crochet two together (dc2tog)

Size:

Height: approx 12cm

Penny the elephant head & body

Using 3.5mm hook and lilac yarn make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring, join with a sl st to first st. Six sts

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

Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

Rnd 3: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 4: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

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

Rnd 6-9: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 10: (4dc, dc2tog) to end. 30 sts

Rnd 11: (3dc, dc2tog) to end. 24 sts

Rnd 12: (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 18 sts

Stuff

Rnd 13: (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

Change to white yarn

Rnds 14-20: 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 21: working in back loops only 1dc in each st to end

Rnd 22: 1dc in each st to end

Cont to stuff

Rnd 23: (dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Fasten off

Sew up opening

skirt

Using 3.5mm hook and white yarn attach yarn to

Rnd 21 and work in front loops only

Rnd 1: 1ch, 2dc in each st to end, join with a sl st to first st. 24 sts

Rnd 2: 1ch, (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end, join with a sl st to first st. 36 sts

Fasten off

Sew in ends

ears

Make two

Using 3.5mm hook and lilac yarn make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring, join with a sl st to first st, turn. Five sts

Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end, turn. Ten sts

Rnd 2: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end, turn. 15 sts

Rnd 3: rep Rnd 2. 20 sts

Fasten off

trunk

Using 3.5mm hook and lilac yarn make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring, join with a sl st to first st. Six sts

Rnds 1-6: 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

arms & legs

Make four

Using 3.5mm hook and lilac yarn make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring, join with a sl st to first st. Six sts

Rnds 1-3: 1dc in each st to end. Six sts

Fasten off

bow

Using 3.5mm hook and white yarn, make 9ch

Rnd 1: starting second ch from hook 1dc in each st to end, turn. Eight sts

Rnds 2-4: 1ch, 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off

to make up

Sew Ears to either side of



Head. Take Trunk and pull on inner yarn tail from beg of piece until nose scrunches up. Tie a knot with end yarn tail to secure. Sew to front of Head. Lightly stuff Arms and Legs and sew to Body. Loop yarn around middle of Bow. Sew to top of Head as shown. Sew on two beads for eyes

Shopping Basket

We think these elephant bookends from The Contemporary Home would look great in a nursery, £20.99, 0845 130 8229, tch.net

