

# Steffi the friendly Hippo



## What you need

### Materials

Crochet yarn grey, white, a small amount of black

Filling cotton

### Tools

Crochet hook, thickness 3.0 mm

Scissors

Sewing needle (darning needle)

Round marker and round counter (if necessary)

Sewing needle (darning needle)

### Skills

Magic ring

chain stitch

half stitches

increase and decrease stitches

crochet in spirals

colour change

Securing thread/sewing thread/sewing together

### Abbreviations:

MR magic ring

rnd Round

r Row

tch turning chain

ch chain stitch

sc double crochet

tr treble crochet

bl back loop

dts double the stitches

tog join two stitches together

**Crochet animals are usually crocheted in spiral rounds. Therefore, at the end of a round no lifting air stitches are worked at the end of a round!**



## Instructions:

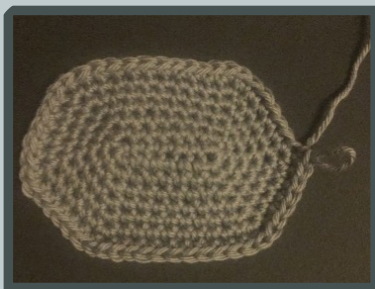
### Head:

Doubling is always done on the stitches already doubled in the previous round. A total of 6 sc is added with each round in which increases are made!

Cast on 8 ch

1. rnd: begin with the 2nd ch, 6 sc, 3 sc in the last ch, do not turn, continue at the back side of the ch-chain:  
5 sc, 2 sc in the last sc (16)
2. rnd: 2 sc in the 1st sc, 5 sc, (2 sc in the next sc) x 3,  
5 sc, (2 sc in the next sc) x 2 (22)
3. rnd: 1 sc, 2 sc in the next sc, 5 sc (1 sc, 2 sc in the next sc) x 3,  
5 sc (1 sc, 2 sc in the next sc) x 2 (28)
4. rnd: 2 sc, 2 sc in the next sc, 5 sc (2 sc, 2 sc in the next sc) x 3,  
5 sc, (2 sc, 2 sc in the next sc) x 2 (34)
5. rnd: 3 sc, 2 sc in the next sc, 5 sc (3 sc, 2 sc in the next sc) x 3,  
5 sc (3 sc, 2 sc in the next sc) x 2 (40)
6. rnd: 4 sc, 2 sc in the next sc, 5 sc (4 sc, 2 sc in the next sc) x 3,  
5 sc (4 sc, 2 sc in the next sc) x 2 (46)
- 7.-13. rnd: sc in the every sc (46)

Secure thread and cut long for fastening!



### Tip:

The work is most beautiful when the stitch decreases are worked invisibly.

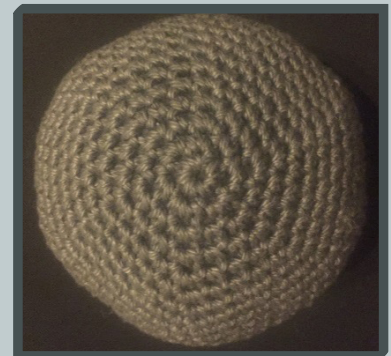
Invisible stitch decrease: Insert the needle 2 x in the front loop, turn over and pull the thread through both loops.

## *Snout:*

6 sc in MR (6)

1. rnd: 2 sc in every sc (12)
2. rnd: 2 sc in every 2nd sc (18)
3. rnd: 2 sc in every 3rd sc (24)
4. rnd: 2 sc in every 4th sc (30)
5. rnd: 2 sc in every 5th sc (36)
6. rnd: 2 sc in every 6th sc (42)
7. rnd: 2 sc in every 7th sc (48)
8. rnd: 2 sc in every 8th sc (54)
9. rnd: 2 sc in every 9th sc (60)
- 10.-17. rnd: sc in every sc (60)
18. rnd: every 9th and 10th sc tog (54)
19. rnd: every 8th and 9th sc tog (48)
20. rnd: every 7th and 8th sc tog (42)
21. rnd: every 6th and 7th sc tog (36)
22. rnd: every 5th and 6th sc tog (30)
23. rnd: every 4th and 5th sc tog (24)
24. rnd: every 3rd and 4th sc tog (18)
25. rnd: every 2nd and 3rd sc tog (12)
26. rnd: every 1st and 2nd sc tog (6)

Secure thread and cut long for fastening!



## Body:

6 sc in MR (6)

1. rnd: 2 sc in every sc (12)
2. rnd: 2 sc in every 2nd sc (18)
3. rnd: 2 sc in every 3rd sc (24)
4. rnd: 2 sc in every 4th sc (30)
5. rnd: 2 sc in every 5th sc (36)
6. rnd: 2 sc in every 6th sc (42)
7. rnd: 2 sc in every 7th sc (48)
8. rnd: 2 sc in every 8th sc (54)
- 9.- 18. rnd: sc in every sc (54)
19. rnd: 30 sc (2 sc tog) x 12 (42)
20. rnd: sc in every sc (42)
- 21.-22. rnd: sc in every sc (42)
23. rnd: 2 sc tog, 28sc (2 sc tog) x 6 (34)
24. rnd: 2 sc tog, 28 sc (2 sc tog) x 2 (31)
25. rnd: 2 sc tog, 25 sc (2 sc togs) x 2 (29)
26. rnd: sc in every sc (29)

**Secure thread and cut long for fastening!**

**Stuff the body tightly at the bottom, less tightly at the top!**





## *Legs (x2)*

6 sc in MR (6)

1. rnd: 2 sc in every sc (12)
2. rnd: 2 sc in every 2nd sc (18)
3. rnd: 2 sc in every 3rd sc (24)
4. rnd: 2 sc in every 4th sc (30)
5. rnd: only in the back loop: sc in every sc (30)
- 6.-10. rnd: sc in every sc (30)
11. rnd: 14 sc (2 sc tog) x 8 (22)
12. rnd: 14 sc (2 sc tog) x 4 (18)
- 13.-25. rnd: sc in every sc (18)



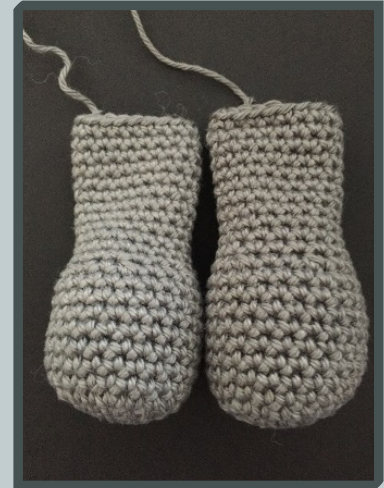
**Secure thread and cut long for fastening!**  
**Only stuff the foot tightly and leave the leg empty!**



## *Arms: (x2)*

6 sc in MR (6)

1. rnd: 2 sc in every sc (12)
2. rnd: 2 sc in every 2nd sc (18)
3. rnd: 2 sc in every 3rd sc (24)
- 4.-10. rnd: sc in every sc (24)
11. rnd: every 3rd and 4th sc tog (18)
- 13.-24. rnd: sc in every sc (18)



Secure thread and cut long for fastening!

Stuff only the paw tightly, the arm loosely to empty!

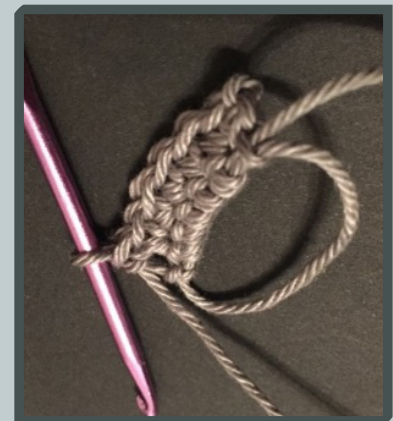
## *Ears: (2x)*

6 sc in a MR

Do not pull the MR together, but turn it!

1. r: sc in every sc (6)

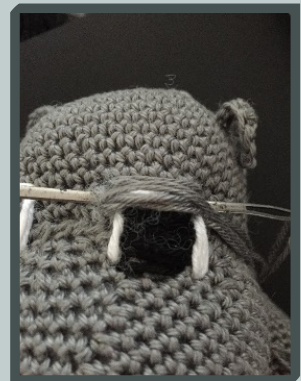
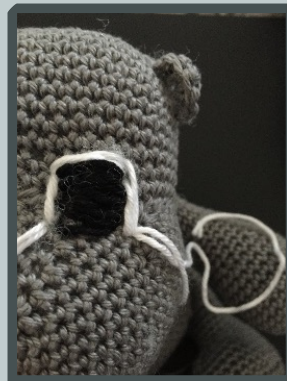
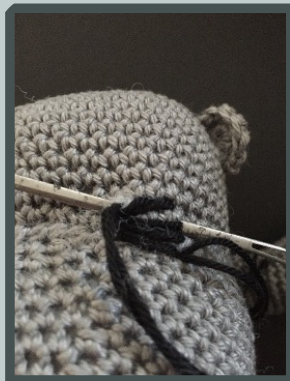
Pull the thread ring together, cut the thread long for sewing!



## *Eyes: (x2)*

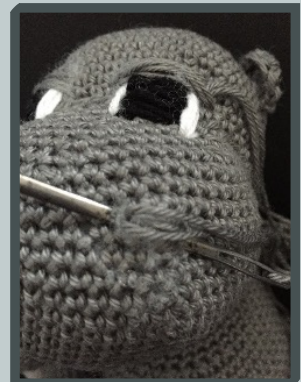
Example: The eyes are embroidered as shown in the pictures; first with black thread, around with white thread and finally the eyelid with grey thread!

Alternatively, safety eyes or similar can be used.



## *Nostrils:*

Embroider the nostrils with a few stitches at the designated place.



## *Assembling:*

First sew the head and muzzle together, then the ears, the head and body (at the seam created at the back of the head), the legs and then the arms!

*Have fun crocheting Steffi!!!*