

ZEBRA

Materials:

Baby/sport weight [3] in two colors
12mm safety eyes (optional)
3.5mm size E crochet hook
Stuffing
Yarn needle for sewing

Abbreviations:

Sc: single crochet
Inc: increase
Dec: decrease
BLO: back loop only
MR: magic ring

Notes:

Work in continuous rounds. To change colors, I worked to the last stitch of the round before the color change. Yarn over, bring up a loop (two loops on hook). Instead of finishing the sc with the color you were using, finish it with the new color. Instead of working a sc in the new color, for the first stitch in the new round of color only, work a sl st in the next st, then continue working in sc around as normal. This helps minimize the color jog.

Head:

Use the head from this pattern.

<http://web.archive.org/web/20070104045405/http://www.allfreecrafts.com/crochet/horse.shtml>

Work the first 11 rounds in grey for the nose, then change to white and begin working 2 rounds of alternating grey and white (i.e. 2 rounds white, 2 rounds grey, 2 rounds white, etc). If using safety eyes, don't forget to add them before you finish the head! My eyes are on the second white stripe from the nose, roughly 11 stitches apart.

Ears:

You will also use the ears from the same pattern as the horse head. The back of the ear is grey, the front is white. After sewing the ears together, I pinched the ear in half and sewed the bottom edge together to make the ears look more rounded vs triangular.

Body:

1. White: In MR, sc 6
2. White: Inc in every st (12)
3. White: (sc, inc) around (18)
4. Grey: (sc 2, inc) around (24)
5. Grey: (sc 3, inc) around (30)
6. White: (sc 4, inc) around (36)
7. White: (sc 5, inc) around (42)
8. Grey: (sc 6, inc) around (48)
9. Grey: sc around (48)
10. White: sc around
11. White: sc around
12. Grey: sc around
13. Grey: sc around
14. White: (sc 6, dec) around (42)
15. White: sc around
16. Grey: sc around
17. Grey: (sc 5, dec) around (36)
18. White: sc around
19. White: sc around
20. Grey: (sc 4, dec) around (30)
21. Grey: sc around
22. White: (sc 3, dec) around (24)
23. White: sc around
24. Grey: (sc 2, dec) around (18)
25. Grey: sc around. Finish off, leaving a long tail for sewing the head to the body.



Arms: Make 2

1. Grey: MR, 6 sc
2. Grey: inc in every st (12)
3. Grey: (sc, inc) around (18)
4. Grey: In BLO (this round only), sc around (18)
5. Grey: sc around (18)
6. Grey: sc around (18)
7. Grey: (sc, dec) around (12)
8. White: sc around
9. White: sc around
10. Grey: sc around
11. Grey: sc around

Repeat rounds 8-11 until you have a total of 4 white stripes and 4 grey stripes (not including the hoof). You will be ending on a grey stripe. Leave a tail to sew arm to body. Lightly stuff the hoof and lower half of the arm. Leave the upper half unstuffed so that it will lie flat to the body.

Legs: Make 2

1. Grey: MR, 6 sc
2. Grey: inc in every st (12)
3. Grey: (sc, inc) around (18)
4. Grey: (sc 2, inc) around (24)
5. Grey: In BLO (this round only), sc around (24)
6. Grey: sc around (24)
7. Grey: sc around (24)
8. Grey: (sc 2, dec) around (18)
9. White: sc around
10. White: sc around
11. Grey: sc around
12. Grey: sc around
13. White: sc around
14. White: sc around
15. Grey: sc around
16. Grey: sc around
17. White: (sc, dec) around (12)
18. White: sc around
19. Grey: sc around
20. Grey: sc around



Finish off. Leave a tail for sewing to body. Stuff the lower half to 2/3 of leg. You want the upper leg to lie flat so that the zebra will sit easily.

Mane:

1. You will need to cut numerous lengths of white and grey to about 4.5 inches. The easiest way to do this is to cut a piece of cardboard that's about 5 inches wide by 2.25 inches tall. Wrap the yarn around the length of cardboard, then cut the yarn along the bottom of the cardboard piece. You will now have lengths that are roughly 4.5" long!
2. Holding 2 strands of the yarn together, while looking at the face of the zebra, begin attaching yarn to head. I began at the third grey stripe from the nose and attached the grey yarn 3 stitches across.
3. Continue to hold two strands together and attach 3 "hair strands" per row. I did two rows of grey, two of white. I ended up needing 48 strands of grey yarn and 36 strands of white.
4. Once you've attached all of the "hair," you can trim the hair to the desired length and style. And you're done!