

Dragon David



Crochet pattern for a genuine dragon David by

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Congratulations on you purchase of a dragon David pattern. There has been put much effort in making this pattern. I hope you enjoy making your own cute dragon David doll.

I took a very detailed photo pattern (row after row) to make everything clear even for beginners :)

Skills level: easy

Skills you will need:

Magic ring (alternative for magic ring: Make chain 2. Work SC stitches in first chain), crocheting in rounds, crocheting in rows, chain stitch, slip stitch, single crochet stitch, double crochet stitch, half double crochet stitch, decreasing (regular or invisible on you desire), increasing.

MATERIALS

I used yarn of different manufacturers:

ALIZE Cotton Gold (55% cotton, 45% acrylic; 100 g = 330 m / 3,53 oz = 361 yd)

YARN ART Jeans (55% cotton, 45% acrylic; 50g = 160 m /1,76 oz = 175 yd)

Colors:

ALIZE Cotton Gold

Light green color: 35 g (1,23 oz) - for the head, body, outer ears, two of spikes, tail, legs and arms

Milk color: 7 g (0,27 oz) - for the muzzle, wings, inner ears and embroidery

YARN ART Jeans

Yellow color: 6 g (0,21 oz) for the spikes, a patch and embroidery

- * Hook size US 1 ½ (2,5 mm)
- * Polyester fiberfill (or stuffing of your choice)
- * 2 black (or brown) 16 mm (0,6 inch) plastic safety eyes or black yarn to embroider, when the doll is made for a baby

- * Black embroidery thread (or yarn) for embroidery of the mouth, nostrils and eyelashes
- * Tapestry needle
- * Stitch marker
- * Pins
- * Scissor
- * Optional: wooden spoon/chopstick to simplify the filling

MEASUREMENTS

Using the stated hook size and yarn, your doll will turn out about 29 cm (11,4 inch) from the feet to the top of the spikes.

GAUGE

Gauge for the doll: **7 single crochet stitches x 8 rounds to 1 inch** (hook size US 1 ½ or 2,5 mm).

Abbreviations used:

Pattern is written using standard US crocheting terms:

beg Ch = beginning chain

BL(O) = back loop (only) = crochet through back loops only. If BL(O) is marked after the round number, crochet the entire round through BL(O). If BL(O) is in the middle of a sentence between commas, crochet only the indicated stitches BL(O)

Ch = chain stitch

N Ch = make N chain stitches

[...] x N = repeat instructions described in the brackets N times in that round

dec = SC decrease (SC 2 stitches together) = invisible decrease = (insert hook into FLO of the indicated st and into FLO of next st, YO, pull through both front loops, YO, pull through both loops on hook = **regular decrease =** (crochet next 2 stitches together into 1 stitch by pulling up a loop through both stitches and crocheting the loops together)

DC = double crochet = (YO, insert hook in indicated st, YO, pool through loop, (YO, pool through 2 loops) twice.

Dc inc = double crochet increase (2 DC into the same stitch)

fasten off = Cut the yarn, leaving about 10 cm (4 inch) tail, and pull this tail all the way through the top of the last stitch made.

hdc = half double crochet = (YO, insert hook in indicated stitch, pull through loop, YO, pull through all 3 loops on hook)

inc = SC increase (2 SC into the same stitch)

N SC / N slst = crochet one SC / slst in the following N stitches

(N sts) = number of stitches after finishing this round / row

Rd(s) = round(s)

rem = remaining

SC = single crochet = (Insert hook in indicated stitch, YO, pull through loop, YO and pull through both loops on hook)

st(s) = stitch(es)

slst = slip stitch = (insert hook in indicated stitch, YO and pull through both loops on hook)

YO = yarn over

Special crochet techniques

Crochet in spiral rounds

When you crochet in spiral rounds you do not turn or join the round. Use a stitch marker to mark the beginning of each round. Move the marker up each time you start a new round.

Alternative for stitch marker: you can use different colored yarn for stitch markers too, just place it into the first stitch of every row/round as you go.

Crochet in rows

When you crochet rows you need to turn your work, make 1 turning chain, if the next row starts with a SC. If the turning chain(s) count as stitch or not is indicated in the row.

Closing up a piece of circular crochet

When you finish working a piece of circular crochet that forms a 3-D-object, you must close the small hole that remains. This is normally completed after stuffing the piece.

- 1) Cut the yarn, leaving a long yarn end. Draw the end through the final loop on the hook and thread it onto a tapestry needle.
- 2) Insert the needle under the front loop of each stitch around the opening, so the needle goes **from the center** of the hole **to the outside**.
- 3) Pull the tail tight to close the hole. To weave in the loose end insert the needle through the middle of the ring you've created and push it through the crochet piece. Cut off the end.

SOME USEFUL HINTS

1. Stitch count is given in each row/round so you can check your work.
2. Crochet tightly so you get a clean and firm surface and no filling can shine through. If you crochet very loose, choose a smaller hook size.
3. You can choose a different kind of yarn with a different gauge. Adjust hook size accordingly. The measurements of the doll will also change.
4. Fill the doll with fiberfill as you go. The firmer as you stuff, the firmer your doll will turn out.
5. And don't forget have fun!))

START HERE ...

Please, read the whole pattern through properly, so you have a good overview

Directions**Legs (make 2 of them)**

Hook US 1 ½ or 2,5 mm, light green color yarn

Work the legs in spiral rounds

| | | |
|------------------|----------------------|----------|
| Rd 1 | 7 SC in a magic ring | (7 sts) |
| Rds 2 - 3 | SC in each st around | (7 sts) |
| Rd 4 | inc, 5 SC, inc | (9 sts) |
| Rd 5 | SC in each st around | (9 sts) |
| Rd 6 | inc, 7, inc | (11 sts) |
| Rd 7 | SC in each st around | (11 sts) |
| Rd 8 | inc, 9 SC, inc | (13 sts) |
| Rd 9 | SC in each st around | (13 sts) |

First leg: fasten off (do not leave a long tail).

Now crochet the second leg in the same way. Repeat rounds 1 – 9, but do not cut the yarn, make 1 slst in the 1st stitch of Rd 9, crochet 8 Ch and continue with body.

Body

Hook US 1 ½ or 2,5 mm, light green color yarn

Work the body in spiral rounds

Connect both legs with 1 slst in the first stitch of Rd 9. It is important that the tips of feet look to each other. + Crochet now 12 SC around the first leg + 8 SC in the chains + 13 SC around the second leg + 8 SC in the chains = 42 SC = **Rd 1** of the body. This will be the new begin of the round. photos (1- 4)



Rd 2 SC in each st around (42 sts)

Stuff the legs with fiberfill tight. Use the scissors or something pointy to insert the stuffing.

Rd 3 [6 SC , inc] x 6 (48 sts)

Rds 4 - 10 SC in each st around (48 sts)

TIP! It's easier to fill in some stuffing material while you are working out the body decreases – when it's finished it is harder to stuff the body tight, because of the small opening at the end.

Rd 11 [1 dec , 6 SC] x 6 (42 sts)

Rds 12 – 13 SC in each st around (42 sts)

Rd 14 [1 dec , 5 SC] x 6 (36 sts)

Rd 15 SC in each st around (36 sts)

Rd 16 [1 dec , 10 SC] x 3 (33 sts)

Rd 17 [1 dec , 9 SC] x 3 (30 sts)

Rd 18 SC in each st around (30 sts)

Rd 19 [1 dec , 8 SC] x 3 (27 sts)

Rd 20 SC in each st around (27 sts)

Rd 21 [1 dec , 7 SC] x 3 (24 sts)

Rd 22 SC in each st around (24 sts)

Rd 23 [dec, 6 SC] x 3 (21 sts)

Rd 24 SC in each st around (21 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail about 35 cm (14 inch) for sewing.

Arms (make 2 of them)

Hook US 1 ½ or 2,5 mm, light green color yarn

Work the arms in spiral rounds

Rd 1 6 SC in a magic ring (6 sts)

Rd 2 inc, 2 SC, inc, 2 SC (8 sts)

Rds 3 – 11 SC in each st around (8 sts)

Start to little fill the arm.

TIP! Be gentle and do not stuff the arm too firmly to avoid losing the shape. Use the scissors or something pointy to insert the stuffing. Do not add stuffing to the top of the arm (after Rd 8) otherwise the arms will not lay neatly flat but stick out too far from the body.

Rds 12 - 20 SC in each st around (8 sts)

Push the top of the arm flat. Insert the hook through loops of both stitches. Crochet over the opening with SC until the end. Fasten off, leaving a long tail about 15 cm (6 inch) for sewing (photos 5, 6)

Patch on the chest (make 1)

Hook US 1 ½ or 2,5 mm, yellow color yarn

Work the patch in row

For the patch you start with 5 Ch.

Row 1 ... start from the 2nd Ch from the hook and crochet along the chain - 4 SC (4 sts), turn the work

Rows 2 - 4 1 Ch, 4 SC (4 sts), turn the work

Fasten off, leaving a long tail about 15 cm (6 inch) for sewing. (photo 7)

Muzzle (make 1)

Hook US 1 ½ or 2,5 mm, milk color yarn

Work the muzzle in spiral rounds

For the muzzle you start with 9 Ch.

Rd 1 ... start from the 2nd Ch from the hook and crochet along the chain - 7 SC , 3 SC into the last Ch , continue in the circle direction along the opposite side of the chain: 6 SC, 2 SC in last Ch (18 sts) (photo 8)

Rd 2 1 inc, 6 SC, 3 inc, 6 SC , 2 inc (24 sts) (photo 9)

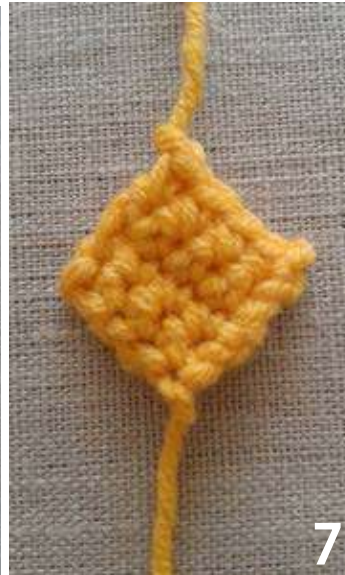
Rd 3 1 SC , 1 inc, 6 SC , [1 SC , 1 inc] x 3, 6 SC , [1 SC , 1 inc] x 2 (30 sts) (photo 10)

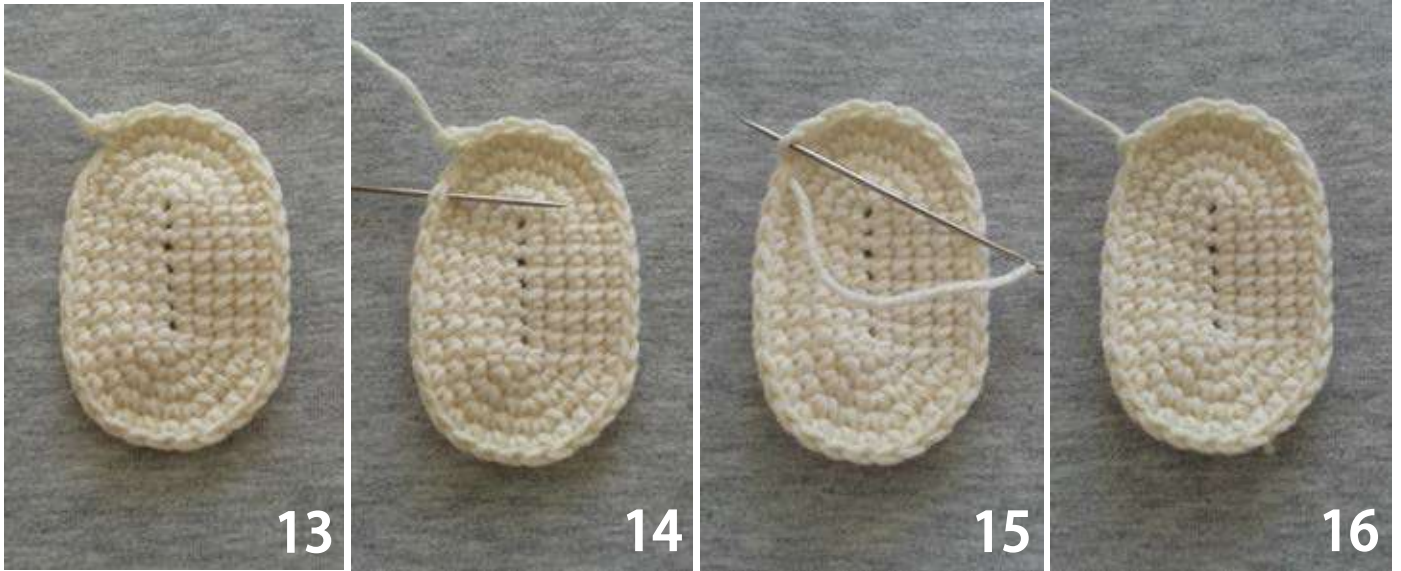
Rd 4 2 SC , 1 inc , 6 SC, [2 SC , 1 inc] x 3, 6 SC, [2 SC , 1 inc] x 2 (36 sts) (photo 11)

Rd 5 3 SC , 1 inc , 6 SC, [3 SC , 1 inc] x 3, 6 SC, [3 SC , 1 inc] x 2 (42 sts)

Rd 6 loosely! SC in each st around (42 sts) (photo 12)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail about 40 cm (16 inch). Make a neat finish of the muzzle. Thread the yarn tail into the tapestry needle. Skip one stitch and insert the needle into the next stitch back to front through both loops. Insert the needle from the top of the last stitch between loops and bring the yarn into the backside. Pull the yarn until the loop is the same size as other stitches. Use photos 13 - 16 as a guide.





Head

Hook US 1 ½ or 2,5 mm, light green color yarn

Work the head in spiral rounds

For the head you start with 15 Ch.

Rd 1 ... start from the 2nd Ch from the hook and crochet along the chain - 13 SC , 3 SC into . . the last Ch , continue in the circle direction along the opposite side of the chain: 12 SC, . 2 SC in last Ch (30 sts) (photo 17)

Rd 2 1 inc, 12 SC, 3 inc, 12 SC , 2 inc (36 sts) (photo 18)

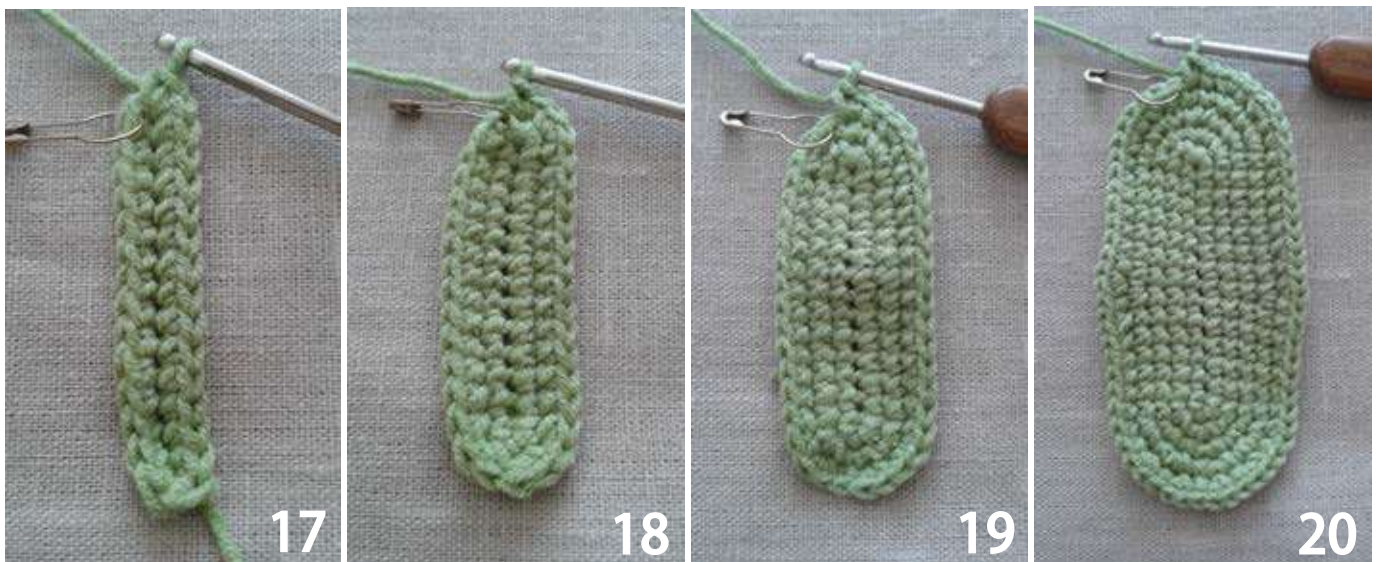
Rd 3 1 SC , 1 inc, 12 SC , [1 SC , 1 inc] x 3, 12 SC , [1 SC ,1 inc] x 2 (42 sts) (photo 19)

Rd 4 [1 SC , 1 inc] x 2, 5 SC, 1 inc, 6 SC , 1 inc , [1 SC ,1 inc] x 3, 6 SC, 1 inc, 7 SC, 1 inc, 1 SC, 1 inc, 2 SC (52 sts)

Rd 5 [1 SC , 1 inc] x 2, 7 SC, 1 inc, 1 SC , 1 inc , 7 SC, 1 inc, [1 SC ,1 inc] x 4, 7 SC, 1 inc, . 1 SC, 1 inc, 7 SC, 1 inc, 1 SC , 1 inc , 2 SC (65 sts) (photo 20)

Rd 6 [12 SC , inc] x 5 (70 sts)

Rds 7 – 19 SC in each stitch around (70 sts)



It's time to attach safety eyes to the head.

Safety eyes:

Attach the eyes (16 mm) between Rd 13 and Rd 14 with 15 stitches space between. Poke the eye shafts through to the inside of the head. If you are happy with the placement of the eyes push the washers into place. (photos 21, 22)



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Start decrease rounds

- Rd 20** [8 SC , dec] x 7 (63 sts)
Rd 21 SC in each stitch around (63 sts)
Rd 22 [7 SC , dec] x 7 (56 sts)
Rd 23 SC in each stitch around (56 sts)
Rd 24 [6 SC , dec] x 7 (49 sts)
Rd 25 SC in each stitch around (49 sts)
Rd 26 [5 SC , dec] x 7 (42 sts)
Rd 27 SC in each stitch around (42 sts)

Start to fill the head.

- Rd 28** [4 SC , dec] x 7 (35 sts)
Rd 29 SC in each stitch around (35 sts)

It's time to stuff the head tight, before we are finish the top of the head.

- Rd 30** [3 SC , dec] x 7 (28 sts)
Rd 31 [2 SC , dec] x 7 (21 sts)

Continue to fill of the head with fiberfill.

- Rd 32** [1 SC , dec] x 7 (14 sts)
Rd 33 [1 dec] x 7 (7 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a 10 cm (4 inch) tail. Close the hole as described on page 4.(photos 24 - 26)



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Ears

Hook US 1 ½ or 2,5 mm, light green and milk color yarn

Work the ears in spiral rounds

Inside ear (make 2 of them)

Milk color yarn

| | | |
|-------------|----------------------|----------|
| Rd 1 | 6 SC in a magic ring | (6 sts) |
| Rd 2 | [1 inc] x 6 | (12 sts) |
| Rd 3 | [1 SC, 1 inc] x 6 | (18 sts) |
| Rd 4 | [2 SC, 1 inc] x 6 | (24 sts) |
| Rd 5 | [3 SC, 1 inc] x 6 | (30 sts) |
| Rd 6 | 1 slst in the 1st st | (1 sts) |

Fasten off, cut the yarn

Outer ears

Light green color yarn

| | | |
|-------------|----------------------|----------|
| Rd 1 | 6 SC in a magic ring | (6 sts) |
| Rd 2 | [1 inc] x 6 | (12 sts) |
| Rd 3 | [1 SC, 1 inc] x 6 | (18 sts) |
| Rd 4 | [2 SC, 1 inc] x 6 | (24 sts) |
| Rd 5 | [3 SC, 1 inc] x 6 | (30 sts) |
| Rd 6 | SC in each st around | (30 sts) |

Do not cut the yarn.

To connect the both pieces turn wrong sides together and work the following **Rd 7**: Start in the 1st SC of the milk piece (photo 27) and work: 30 SC = (30 sts)

Rd 8 11 SC, 1 hdc, 1 DC, 4 Dc inc , 1 DC, 1 hdc, 11 SC (30 sts)

Now fold the ear in half and SC the 2 opposed st together: 3 SC

Fasten off, leaving a long tail about 10 cm (4 inch) for sewing. (photos 28, 29)

Tail (make 1)

Hook US 1 ½ or 2,5 mm, light green color yarn

Work the tail in spiral rounds

| | | | | | |
|-------------|----------------------|----------|--------------|----------------------|----------|
| Rd 1 | 3 SC in a magic ring | (3 sts) | Rd 9 | SC in each st around | (12 sts) |
| Rd 2 | [1 inc] x 3 | (6 sts) | Rd 10 | 5 SC, 2 inc, 5 SC | (14 sts) |
| Rd 3 | SC in each st around | (6 sts) | Rd 11 | SC in each st around | (14 sts) |
| Rd 4 | 2 SC, 2 inc, 2 SC | (8 sts) | Rd 12 | 6 SC, 2 inc, 6 SC | (16 sts) |
| Rd 5 | SC in each st around | (8 sts) | Rd 13 | SC in each st around | (16 sts) |
| Rd 6 | 3 SC, 2 inc, 3 SC | (10 sts) | Rd 14 | 7 SC, 2 inc, 7 SC | (18 sts) |
| Rd 7 | SC in each st around | (10 sts) | Rd 15 | SC in each st around | (18 sts) |
| Rd 8 | 4 SC, 2 inc, 4 SC | (12 sts) | | | |

Fasten off, leaving a long tail about 15 cm (6 inch) for sewing. (photo 30). Fill the tail slightly.



Wings

Hook US 1 ½ or 2,5 mm, milk color yarn

Work the wings in row

Note: The slst in the rows count as a stitch. Do not work the slst too tight. See also photos 31 – 32 how to work.

For the wings you start with 21 Ch

Wing right

Row 1 13 SC, 1 slst (14 sts), 1 Ch, turn the work

Note: 6 Ch remain unworked (rem chains)

Row 2 BL(O) 12 SC (12 sts), 1 Ch, turn the work (photos 31 - 32 show how to crochet 1st BL(O) SC)

Row 3 BL(O) 12 SC, and in the rem chains of the beg Ch: 1 SC, 1 slst (14 sts) (photo 33), 1 Ch, turn

Row 4 BL(O) 12 SC (12 sts), 1 Ch, turn the work

Row 5 BL(O) 12 SC, and in the rem chains of the beg Ch: 1 SC, 1 slst (14 sts)

Row 6 BL(O) 12 SC (12 sts), 1 Ch, turn the work

Row 7 BL(O) 12 SC, and in the rem chains of the beg Ch: 1 SC, 1 slst in the last Ch st, then 2 SC in the same last Ch, continue in the circle direction along the edge into the chain sts of the beg Ch 19 SC (35 sts) (photos 34, 35)

Fasten off and weave in ends.

Wing left

Repeat rows 1 – 6 of the wing right,

Row 7 BL(O) 12 SC, and in the rem chains of the beg Ch: 1 SC, 1 slst in the last Ch, Fasten off, turn the work and attach yarn to the 1st SC of Row 7 (photos 36 - 37) and

Row 8 13 SC, 1 inc in last st (15 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sew both wings on. (photo 39)





Spikes

Hook US 1 ½ or 2,5 mm, yellow and green color yarn

Work the spikes in spiral round

Spike 1 - make one - yellow color yarn

Rd 1 6 SC in a magic ring (6 sts)

Rd 2 [2 SC, 1 inc] x 2 (8 sts)

Rd 3 [3 SC, 1 inc] x 2 (10 sts)

Rd 4 [4 SC, 1 inc] x 2 (12 sts)

Rd 5 [5 SC, 1 inc] x 2 (14 sts)

Rd 6 [6 SC, 1 inc] x 2 (16 sts)

Rd 7 [7 SC, 1 inc] x 2 (18 sts)

Rd 8 [8 SC, 1 inc] x 2 (20 sts)

Rd 9 [9 SC, 1 inc] x 2 (22 sts)

Rd 10 [10 SC, 1 inc] x 2 (24 sts)

Do not fill the spikes with fiberfill. Finish all spikes same way as for the arms: push the spike flat. Insert the hook through loops of both stitches. Crochet over the opening with SC until the end. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Spike 2 – make two - yellow color yarn

Rd 1 6 SC in a magic ring (6 sts)

Rd 2 [2 SC, 1 inc] x 2 (8 sts)

Rd 3 [3 SC, 1 inc] x 2 (10 sts)

Rd 4 [4 SC, 1 inc] x 2 (12 sts)

Rd 5 [5 SC, 1 inc] x 2 (14 sts)

Rd 6 [6 SC, 1 inc] x 2 (16 sts)

Rd 7 [7 SC, 1 inc] x 2 (18 sts)

Spike 3 - make one yellow and two green color

Rd 1 6 SC in a magic ring (6 sts)

Rd 2 [2 SC, 1 inc] x 2 (8 sts)

Rd 3 [3 SC, 1 inc] x 2 (10 sts)

Rd 4 [4 SC, 1 inc] x 2 (12 sts)

Rd 5 [5 SC, 1 inc] x 2 (14 sts)

Spike 4 - make one – yellow color yarn

Rd 1 6 SC in a magic ring (6 sts)

Rd 2 [2 SC, 1 inc] x 2 (8 sts)

Rd 3 [3 SC, 1 inc] x 2 (10 sts)

The sequence of the yellow spikes attached to the head starting from the forehead is: 2, 1, 2, 3, 4. (photo 40)



Assembling all the parts

Step 1: MUZZLE AND HEAD

Fasten the muzzle with some sewing pins first to find the right placement. Sew the muzzle onto the head. Use tapestry needle and a yarn tail. (photos 41 42)

Step 2: EMBROIDER NOSTRILS, MOUTH AND EYELASHES

Use sewing pins to mark the location of the nostrils and the mouth (photo 43). Embroider the nostrils as two loops loosely and the mouth as one loop loosely. I used a tapestry needle and black yarn.

Tip: sew the nostrils and mouth on with regular sewing thread, when the doll is made for a baby

Use sewing pins to mark the location of the eyelashes (photos 44 - 46). Thread the embroidery floss to a needle and embroider the eyelashes. I used a tapestry needle and black and milk yarn threads.

Embroider the muzzle along the edge. I used a tapestry needle and yellow yarn thread (I split it and remove one thread to get more slim thread). (photos 47 - 48)





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Step 3: HEAD AND BODY

Make a neat finish of the body (same way as of the muzzle).

Make sure the body is stuffed firmly, especially the neck (it's even better to overstuff the neck for extra strength) and sew the head onto the body.

Tip: Use sewing pins to attach the head to the body before sewing to get a symmetrical result. Add a bit more stuffing before closing the seam. (photos 49, 50)

A great video how to do an almost invisible join in amigurumi, when you join an open ended piece to a closed piece you can find here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JwnVv0BJOIE>

Step 4: ARMS AND BODY

Fasten the arms with sewing pins between rounds 19 and 22 of the body in a slightly diagonal position. (photos 51, 52) Sew the arms onto the body. Use a tapestry needle and the yarn tails.



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Step 5: PATCH AND BODY

Fasten the patch to the body with some sewing pins first to find the right placement. Sew the patch onto the body. Use a tapestry needle and the yarn tail. Thread the black embroidery floss (or black yarn) to a tapestry needle and embroider 4 of decoration seams. Use photos 53 and 54 as a guide.

Step 6: EMBRODER NAVEL

Embroider a navel as X, using a tapestry needle and black (or pink) yarn thread. (photo 53 - 54)

Step 7: SPIKES, EARS AND HEAD

Fasten the spikes the spikes and ears with some sewing pins first to find the right placement. (photos 55, 56) (plase the ears between Rd 18 and Rd 22 of the head) Sew the spikes and ears onto the head. Use tapestry needle and yarn tails.

Step 8: TAIL AND BODY

Fasten the tail to the bottom of the back with some sewing pins first to find the right placement between Rd 2 and Rd 8 of the body (photo 54) Sew the tail onto the body. Use tapestry needle and the yarn tail.

Step 9: WINGS AND BODY

Fasten the wings with some sewing pins first to find the right placement (photo 61) Sew the wings onto the back. Use tapestry needle and yarn tails.



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Congratulations!
You finished your own handmade
dragon David - amigurumi doll!
Now let's play!