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Crochet pattern

“Lea the Capybara”

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This crochet pattern does not contain crochet lessons.

You need to have basic crochet skills to finish the pattern!

If you have any trouble following the pattern, feel free to contact me directly from the shop.

Final size of the toy with the recommended materials and tools ~ 20 cm/7.87 inc.

Use any materials and tools you like, but the final size of your toy may differ.

Recommended materials and tools:

Scheepjes Catona 100% mercerized cotton yarn (Camel) #502 25g/62,5m
Scheepjes Catona 100% mercerized cotton yarn (Root beer) #157 10g/25m
Scheepjes Catona 100% mercerized cotton yarn (Old rose) #408 25g/62,5m
Scheepjes Catona 100% mercerized cotton yarn (Old lace) #130 10g/25m
Scheepjes Catona 100% mercerized cotton yarn (Silver blue) #402 10g/25m
Black and white embroidery floss
9 mm / 0.35 inches safety eyes
2.25 mm crochet hook (US B)
Fiberfill for stuffing
Tapestry needles
Sewing pins, scissors

Skill level: Intermediate

Suggested substitute yarn:

“Alize Bahar”
“Alpina Anabel”
“Ice Yarns Camilla Cotton”
“Schachenmayr Catania”
“Phildar Phil Cotton 3”
“Patons Grace”
“Gazzal Giza”

Abbreviations:

st / sts = stitch / stitches

ch = chain stitch

sc = single crochet

slst = slip stitch

inc = increase (2 single crochets in one stitch)

dec = invisible decrease (2 stitches together working on front loops only)

hdc = half double crochet

dc = double crochet

tr = treble crochet

BLO = back loop only

FLO = front loop only

(...) = repeat between () number of times indicated

[...] = total number of stitches in the round or row



Fine weight yarn.

Number 2 in Standard Yarn Weight System (SPORT, BABY).

I used **Sport (5 ply)** cotton yarn.

- Magic ring
- chain stitch
- slip stitch
- × single crochet
- ∨ increase (2 single crochets in one stitch)
- † double crochet

- ❖ **Toy is crocheted in continuous spirals without joining the rounds, do not turn or slip stitch unless otherwise stated in the pattern!**
- ❖ **You can use a scrap of contrasting yarn instead of the stitch marker!**

Head:

Working in rounds. Using Scheepjes Catona (Camel) #502.

Rnd 1. 8 sc in magic ring [8]

Rnd 2. (inc) * 8 times [16]

Rnd 3. (1 sc, inc) * 8 times [24]

Rnd 4. (3 sc, inc) * 6 times [30]

Rnd 5. 2 sc, inc, (4 sc, inc) * 5 times, 2 sc [36]

Rnd 6. (5 sc, inc) * 6 times [42]

Rnd 7. 3 sc, inc, (6 sc, inc) * 5 times, 3 sc [48]

Rnd 8. (7 sc, inc) * 6 times [54]

Rnds 9-12. 54 sc [54] – 4 rounds

Rnd 13. 4 sc, inc, (8 sc, inc) * 5 times, 4 sc [60]

Rnds 14-18. 60 sc [60] – 5 rounds

Rnd 19. (9 sc, inc) * 6 times [66]

Rnds 20-23. 66 sc [66] – 4 rounds

Insert safety eyes between the Rounds 16 and 17, with the distance 15 stitches between them *Image 2!*

Rnd 24. (9 sc, dec) * 6 times [60]

Rnd 25. (3 sc, dec) * 12 times [48]

Rnd 26. 3 sc, dec, (6 sc, dec) * 5 times, 3 sc [42]

Rnd 27. (5 sc, dec) * 6 times [36]

Stuff the head firmly with filler! Insert small amounts at a time until you get the right shape (insert more filler in the cheeks area). Take your time with this step.

Rnd 28. 2 sc, dec, (4 sc, dec) * 5 times, 2 sc [30]

Rnd 29. (3 sc, dec) * 6 times [24]

Rnd 30. BLO (back loop only): (2 sc, dec) * 6 times [18]

Rnd 31. (1 sc, dec) * 6 times [12]

Rnd 32. (dec) * 6 times [6]

Stuff the head completely with filler. The head should be well filled (firmly).



Using a needle or crochet hook thread the yarn tail through the front loops and pull to tighten! Fasten off and weave in the end.

Ears (make 2):

Working in rounds. Using Scheepjes Catona (Root beer) #157.

Rnd 1. 6 sc in magic ring [6]

Rnd 2. (inc) * 6 times [12]

Rnds 3-6. 12 sc [12] – 4 rounds

Fold the ear in half and crochet 5 sc through two layers [Image 5](#). Fasten off and leave long thread for sewing.

Fold the ears in half and sew two corners together [Image 6](#).



Muzzle:

Working in rounds. Using and Scheepjes Catona (Root beer) #157.

Start with foundation chain.

Rnd 1. 6 ch [6]

Start in the 2nd chain from the hook: 4 sc, 3 sc into the last chain, (turn the crocheting and on the other side of foundation chain work) 3 sc, 2 sc into the last chain [12]

Crochet in continuous spirals!

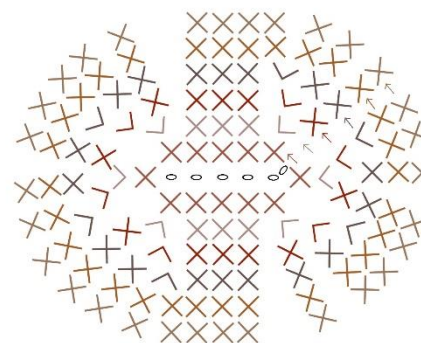
Rnd 2. inc, 3 sc, (inc) * 3 times, 3 sc, (inc) * 2 times [18]

Rnd 3. 1 sc, inc, 3 sc, (1 sc, inc) * 3 times, 3 sc, (1 sc, inc) * 2 times [24]

Rnd 4. 2 sc, inc, 3 sc, (2 sc, inc) * 3 times, 3 sc, (2 sc, inc) * 2 times [30]

Rnds 5-6. 30 sc [30] – 2 rounds

slst into the next stitch. Fasten off and leave long thread for sewing [Image 8](#).



Cheeks (make 2):

Working in rounds. Using Scheepjes Catona (Old rose) #408.

Rnd 1. 8 sc in magic ring [8]

Fasten off and leave long thread for sewing [Image 9](#).

Legs, Body (one detail).

First leg:

Working in rounds. Start with Scheepjes Catona (Root beer) #157.

Rnd 1. 5 sc in magic ring [5]

Rnd 2. (inc) * 5 times [10]

Rnd 3. (1 sc, inc) * 5 times [15]

Rnd 4. (2 sc, inc) * 5 times [20]

Rnds 5-6. 20 sc [20] - 2 rounds

Rnd 7. 8 sc, (dec) * 2 times, 8 sc [18]

Rnd 8. 7 sc, (dec) * 2 times, 7 sc [16]

Rnd 9. 6 sc, (dec) * 2 times, 6 sc [14]

Rnd 10. 5 sc, (dec) * 2 times, 5 sc [12]

Change yarn into Scheepjes Catona (Old rose) #408 *Images 11,12.*

Rnd 11. BLO: 12 sc [12] – 1 round *Image 13*

Rnd 12. 4 sc, (dec) * 2 times, 4 sc [10]

Rnd 13. 10 sc [10] – 1 round

Stuff the leg as you go!

Rnd 14. (4 sc, inc) * 2 times [12]

Rnd 15. (5 sc, inc) * 2 times [14]

Rnd 16. 14 sc [14] – 1 round

Finish the round in an invisible way!

To make this: Pull the end of the yarn through the last stitch completely. Thread the end of yarn through the needle. Skip one stitch and guide the yarn into the next stitch as shown on *Image 14.*

Insert the needle back in the same hole where the yarn comes from *Image 15.* Fasten the obtain stitch *Image 16.* This stitch is called a “closing stitch”. When you are finished, weave in the yarn inside the detail.

Insert the marker in the stitch right above the toe as shown on the *Image 17.*

Second leg:

Make the Second leg exactly as the First leg. Do **NOT** cut the yarn.

In the next round we will join both legs and start the body. Stuff with fiberfill as you go.



Useful Tip. Always change the color of yarn at the last step of the last stitch of the previous color



Body:

Rnd 17. Work 8 sc on the Second leg, you should be right above the toe
Image 18.

13 chains from the Second leg *Image 19*, attach the First leg and insert the hook into the marked stitch *Image 20*, work a sc to connect both legs *Image 21* (make sure the toes turned to each other).

This will be the beginning of next rounds.

Continue to sc in the next 13 stitches on the First Leg + 13 sc in the chains (working only in the loops facing you *Image 22*) + 14 sc on the Second leg + 13 sc on the opposite side of the chain *Image 23*.

14 sc + 13 sc + 14 sc + 13 sc = 54 sc *Images 24,25*



Rnds 18-20. 54 sc [54] – 3 rounds

Rnd 21. (8 sc, inc) * 6 times [60]

Rnds 22-29. 60 sc [60] – 8 rounds

Rnd 30. (8 sc, dec) * 6 times [54]

Stuff as you go.

Rnd 31-33. 54 sc [54] – 3 rounds

Rnd 34. (7 sc, dec) * 6 times [48]

Additionally work 8 sc and change the yarn into Scheepjes Catona (Old lace) #130 [Images 27,28](#).

Rnd 35. BLO: 48 sc [48] – 1 round

Rnd 36. 48 sc [48] – 1 round

Change the yarn into Scheepjes Catona (Silver blue) #402.

Rnd 37. 48 sc [48] – 1 round

Rnd 38. 3 sc, dec, (6 sc, dec) * 5 times, 3 sc [42]

Change the yarn into Scheepjes Catona (Old lace) #130.

Rnds 39-40. 42 sc [42] – 2 rounds

Change the yarn into Scheepjes Catona (Silver blue) #402.

Rnd 41. (5 sc, dec) * 6 times [36]

Rnd 42. 36 sc [36] – 1 round

Change the yarn into Scheepjes Catona (Old lace) #130.

Rnd 43. 2 sc, dec, (4 sc, dec) * 5 times, 2 sc [30]

Rnd 44. 30 sc [30] – 1 round

Change the yarn into Scheepjes Catona (Camel) #502.

Rnd 45. BLO: (3 sc, dec) * 6 times [24]

Rnds 46-47. 24 sc [24] – 2 rounds

Finish with slst. Fasten off and leave long thread for sewing.



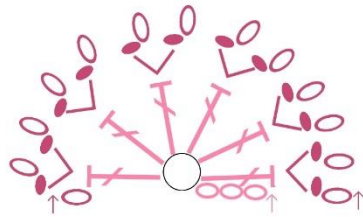
Collar:

Turn the body upside down and reattach yarn (Old lace) #130 to the Round 45 where we completed the stitches in **Back Loop Only (BLO)**. Insert your hook into the Front Loops of the first and last stitch of the Round 45 and slst *Image 31*. Continue to slst around and finish the round in an invisible way (or with a slip stitch in the first stitch where you started)!

Fasten off and weave in the yarn end.



Bib:



Working in rows. Using Scheepjes Catona (Old rose) #408.

Row 1. In magic ring work: 3 ch *Image 34*, 6 dc *Image 35*, pull the yarn tail to tighten the magic ring *Image 36*. Work 1 chain and turn

Row 2. (inc) * 6 times *Image 37*, 1 chain and turn

Row 3. (slst *Image 38*, 1 chain *Image 39*) repeat to the end.

Fasten off and leave long thread for sewing.



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Using the pins attach the Bib to the body (the edge of the trousers), centering it in the middle *Image 41*. Sew the bottom of the Bib to the visible loops of the Round 35 *Images 42,43*.

Now we will make the straps.

Useful tip! Check the length of the straps on your Capybara to ensure they fit, adjust the number of chains if needed.

Insert the hook into 2 loops on the back of the Bib *Image 44*, grab the yarn and work 23 chains *Image 45*. Sew the straps at the back of the trousers 3 sts apart *Image 47*. Weave in the ends.



Arms (make 2):

Working in rounds. Start with Scheepjes Catona (Root beer) #157.

Rnd 1. 6 sc in magic ring [6]

Rnd 2. (inc) * 6 times [12]

Rnds 3-6. 12 sc [12] – 4 rounds

Rnd 7. (2 sc, dec) * 3 times [9]

Rnd 8. 9 sc [9] – 1 round

Stuff this part slightly, the top remains unfilled.

Change the yarn into Scheepjes Catona (Old lace) #130.

Rnd 9. 9 sc [9] – 1 round

Rnd 10. BLO: 9 sc [9] – 1 round

Change the yarn into Scheepjes Catona (Silver blue) #402.

Rnds 11-12. 9 sc [9] – 2 rounds

Change the yarn into Scheepjes Catona (Old lace) #130.

Rnds 13-14. 9 sc [9] – 2 rounds

Change the yarn into Scheepjes Catona (Silver blue) #402.

Rnds 15-16. 9 sc [9] – 2 rounds

Change the yarn into Scheepjes Catona (Old lace) #130.

Rnds 17-18. 9 sc [9] – 2 rounds

Change the yarn into Scheepjes Catona (Silver blue) #402.

Rnds 19-20. 9 sc [9] – 2 rounds

Change the yarn into Scheepjes Catona (Old lace) #130.

Rnd 21. 9 sc [9] – 1 round

Fold the arm in half and crochet through two layers 4 sc [Image 52](#).

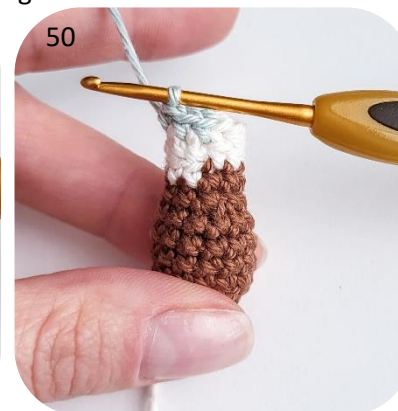
Fasten off and leave long thread for sewing.

Reattach (Old lace) #130 to round 10 where you completed the stitches in **Back Loop Only (BLO)**.

Insert your hook into the Front Loops of the first and last stitch of Round 10 and slst [Image 53](#).

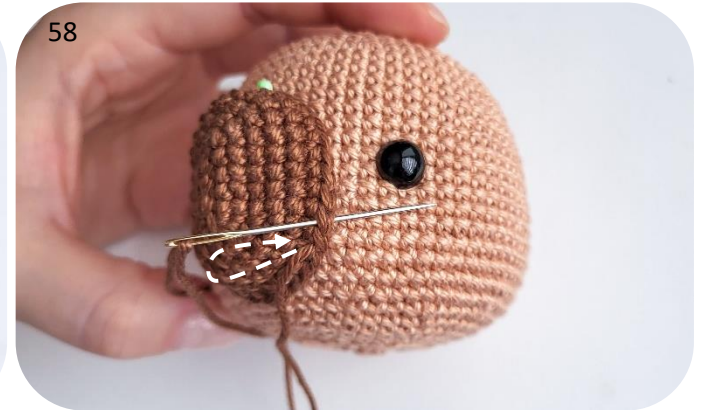
Continue to slst around and finish the round in an invisible way [Image 54](#) (or with a slip stitch in the first stitch where you started)!

Fasten off and weave in the yarn end.



Assembling:

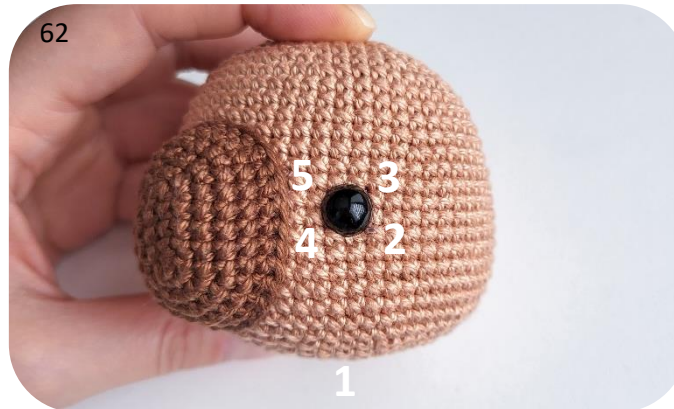
Place the muzzle between rounds 12 and 24. Fixate it correctly with a pins. Sew it around with mattress stitch. Stuff it slightly before finishing *Images 57-61*. Weave in the end.



Sculpting!

Take the same yarn we crocheted the head and long needle!

Insert the needle with a long piece of yarn in **point 1** (bottom of the head *Image 63*). Leave there a long piece of yarn (8-10 cm). Pull out the needle from **point 2**, insert the needle in the **point 3** *Image 63*, pull out from **point 1** where we inserted the needle. Skip there 1 stitch and insert the needle *Image 64*, pull out the needle from **point 4**, insert the needle in the **point 5**



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Image 65, pull out from **point 1** where we inserted the needle. Pull well both of threads and tie them tightly. Repeat sculpting with another eye! Cut and weave in the yarn ends inside the head.

Video tutorial for sculpting:

https://youtu.be/BQ2dEp_O8xQ?si=EdkbqgsCpEsCYvjI



Using 6 strands of white embroidery floss or yarn embroider the highlights. Weave in the ends!



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Using 3 strands of black embroidery floss embroider the lashes. Weave in the ends.



Using 2 strands of black embroidery floss embroider the brows on the Round 10. Weave in the ends.



Using Scheepjes Catona (Camel) #502 embroider the snout [Images 76-78](#). Weave in the end.



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Sew the cheeks 3 round lower the eyes *Images 79,80*. Weave in the ends.



Sew the ears onto either side of the head between rounds 8 and 9. For sewing thread both sides of the ear at a time *Image 82*. Weave in the yarn ends.



Sew the arms onto either side of the body under the collar *Image 85*. Weave in the yarn ends.



Attach the head to body, make sure the eyes are looking straight ahead. Sew the body to the head. You can use knitting needle to attach the head correctly *Image 87*. Thread the needle through the visible loops of the Round 30 of the head *Image 88* and the front loops of the last round of the neck *Image 89*. You can also add some stuffing material in the neck to strengthen it before you finish sewing *Image 91*. Weave in the yarn end!



Leaf headband:

Working in rounds. Using Scheepjes Catona (Silver blue) #402.

Start with foundation chain.

Rnd 1. 91 ch [91]

Start in the 2nd chain from the hook: slst, sc, hdc, dc, 2 tr, dc, hdc, sc, 72 slst, sc, hdc, dc, 2 tr, dc, hdc, sc, slst (turn the crocheting and on the other side of foundation chain work) slst, sc, hdc, dc, 2 tr, dc, hdc, sc, 72 slst, sc, hdc, dc, 2 tr, dc, hdc, sc, slst.

Fasten off and weave in the yarn ends.

Put the headband on the head and mark the point where the edges of the headband should be sewed. Work few stitches to sew them. Weave in the ends.



Baby Capybara:

Body and head (one detail):

First leg:

Working in rounds. Using Scheepjes Catona (Camel) #502.

Rnd 1. 5 sc in magic ring [5]

Rnd 2. (inc) * 5 times [10]

Rnds 3-4. 10 sc [10] - 2 rounds

Finish the round in an invisible way or with a slst! Cut off the yarn.



Second leg:

Make the Second leg exactly as the First leg. Do **NOT** cut the yarn.

In the next round we will join both legs and start the body. Stuff with fiberfill as you go.

Body:

Rnd 5. 5 chains from the Second leg *Image 97*, attach the First leg and work a sc to connect both legs.

This will be the beginning of next rounds.

Continue to sc in the next 9 stitches on the First Leg + 5 sc in the chains (working only in the loops facing you) + 10 sc on the Second leg + 5 sc on the opposite side of the chain *Images 98,99*.

10 sc + 5 sc + 10 sc + 5 sc = 30 sc

Rnds 6-10. 30 sc [30] – 5 rounds

Rnd 11. (3 sc, dec) * 6 times [24]

Rnd 12. 24 sc [24] – 1 round

Rnd 13. (2 sc, dec) * 6 times [18]

Rnd 14. 18 sc [18] – 1 round

Head:

Rnd 15. FLO (Front loop only): (inc) * 18 times [36]

Rnds 16-19. 36 sc [36] – 4 rounds

Rnd 20. (4 sc, dec) * 6 times [30]

Rnds 21-22. 30 sc [30] – 2 rounds

Rnd 23. (3 sc, dec) * 6 times [24]

Rnd 24. (2 sc, dec) * 6 times [18]

Rnd 25. (1 sc, dec) * 6 times [12]

Rnd 26. (dec) * 6 times [6]

Using a needle or crochet hook thread the yarn tail through the front loops and pull to tighten *Images 102,103!*
Fasten off and weave in the end.



Arms (make 2):

Working in rounds. Start with Scheepjes Catona (Root beer) #157.

Rnd 1. 6 sc in magic ring [6]

Rnds 2-3. 6 sc [6] – 2 rounds

Change the yarn into Scheepjes Catona (Camel) #502.

Rnds 4-6. 6 sc [6] – 3 rounds

Do **NOT** stuff. Fold the arm in half and crochet through two layers 2 sc.

Fasten off and leave long thread for sewing [Image 105](#).



Ears (make 2):

Working in rounds. Using Scheepjes Catona (Root beer) #157.

Rnd 1. 8 sc in magic ring [8]

Fasten off and leave long thread for sewing [Image 106](#).



Muzzle:

Working in rounds. Using and Scheepjes Catona (Root beer) #157.

Start with foundation chain.

Rnd 1. 4 ch [4]

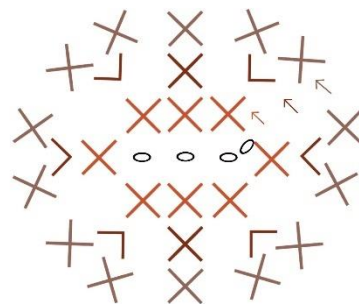
Start in the 2nd chain from the hook: 2 sc, 3 sc into the last chain, (turn the crocheting and on the other side of foundation chain work) 1 sc, 2 sc into the last chain [8]

Crochet in continuous spirals!

Rnd 2. inc, 1 sc, (inc) * 3 times, 1 sc, (inc) * 2 times [14]

Rnd 3. 14 sc [14] – 1 round

slst into the next stitch. Fasten off and leave long thread for sewing [Image 107](#).



Assembling:

Place the muzzle between rounds 15 and 22. Fixate it correctly with a pins. Sew it around with mattress stitch. Stuff it slightly before finishing *Images 108,109*. Weave in the end.



Sew the ears to the Round 22, fold the ear in half at the bottom *Image 111*. Weave in the ends.



Using 2 strands of the black embroidery floss embroider the sleepy eyes on the Round 20 *Image 113*. Weave in the ends.



Using Scheepjes Catona (Old rose) #408 embroider the cheeks between Rounds 17 and 18. Skip 2 stitches from the muzzle. For each cheek repeat this stitch 3 times *Image 114*. Weave in the ends.

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Using Scheepjes Catona (Camel) #502 embroider the snout *Images 116-118*. Weave in the end.



Sew the arms onto either side of the body *Images 119,121*. Weave in the yarn ends.





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YOUR TOY IS FINISHED!

I hope you enjoyed while making this cute Lea the Capybara toy.

I will really appreciate if you leave a review in my Etsy shop about this Capybara Crochet Pattern.

Best regards,
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