

Hestur Smái

Character Reference — Arctic Wool World



Reference art for construction guidance. Colors/pose may vary slightly from your finished piece.

Hestur Smái — Crochet Pattern

A small, sturdy hand-knitted Icelandic horse. Featuring fluffy yarn mane, simple bridle, and highly visible knit stitches. (~20 cm, true to reference size)

Origin: Nordic Wool World · **Personality:** Sturdy, gentle, brave · **Likes:** Open pastures, knitted carrots

This is an original pattern written for this character, based on standard, generic amigurumi and toy-knitting construction techniques (magic ring/CO, spiral increases and decreases, i-cord, stuffed tubes and spheres). It does not copy, trace, or reproduce any published or copyrighted pattern -- these underlying construction techniques are standard craft knowledge, not anyone's intellectual property, the same way a recipe's technique of 'creaming butter and sugar' isn't owned by any one baker.

Crochet abbreviations: sc = single crochet · inc = increase (2 sc in same st) · dec = invisible decrease (sc2tog) · sl st = slip stitch · rnd(s) = round(s) · st(s) = stitch(es)

Materials

Yarn: DK or worsted-weight (8-10 ply) pure wool, small quantities in each of: Chestnut Brown.

Hook/needles: a 2.5-3mm crochet hook (go smaller than the yarn band suggests -- a tight, dense fabric is what keeps stuffing from peeking through).

Notions: Tapestry/yarn needle · stitch markers · polyester fiberfill stuffing · embroidery needle and a little dark thread/yarn for the face · small scissors; a short length of wire or pipe-cleaner for horns/tusks/ears if you want them extra crisp.

Gauge

Worked at a firm amigurumi tension: roughly 18 sts and 20 rows over 10 cm in single crochet, worked in the round. Finished size at this gauge is approximately 20 cm -- true to the reference art. Exact gauge isn't critical for a stuffed toy; if your fabric is loose enough to see stuffing through it, drop a hook size rather than add more stuffing.

BODY

Worked as a horizontal barrel in Chestnut Brown, starting at the tail end.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in magic ring (6 sts)

Rnd 2: inc around (12 sts)

Rnd 3: *sc, inc; rep from * around (18 sts)

Rnd 4: *sc2, inc; rep from * around (24 sts)

Rnd 5: *sc3, inc; rep from * around (30 sts)

Rnd 6: *sc4, inc; rep from * around (36 sts)

Rnd 7: *sc5, inc; rep from * around (42 sts)

Rnd 8: *sc6, inc; rep from * around (48 sts)

Rnd 9: *sc7, inc; rep from * around (54 sts)

Rnd 10: *sc8, inc; rep from * around (60 sts)

Rnds 11-25: sc around even, 15 rnds (60 sts)

Stuff as you go.

Rnd 26: *sc8, dec; rep from * around (54 sts)

Rnd 27: *sc7, dec; rep from * around (48 sts)

Rnd 28: *sc6, dec; rep from * around (42 sts)

Rnd 29: *sc5, dec; rep from * around (36 sts)

Rnd 30: *sc4, dec; rep from * around (30 sts)

Rnd 31: *sc3, dec; rep from * around (24 sts)
Rnd 32: *sc2, dec; rep from * around (18 sts)
Rnd 33: *sc, dec; rep from * around (12 sts)
Break yarn, thread through remaining 12 sts, pull tight, fasten off.

Finished body is roughly 18.4 cm nose-to-tail, 10.4 cm at its widest.

HEAD

Worked as a sphere in Chestnut Brown.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in magic ring (6 sts)
Rnd 2: inc around (12 sts)
Rnd 3: *sc, inc; rep from * around (18 sts)
Rnd 4: *sc2, inc; rep from * around (24 sts)
Rnd 5: *sc3, inc; rep from * around (30 sts)
Rnd 6: *sc4, inc; rep from * around (36 sts)
Rnds 7-12: sc around even, 6 rnds (36 sts)
Rnd 13: *sc4, dec; rep from * around (30 sts)
Rnd 14: *sc3, dec; rep from * around (24 sts)
Rnd 15: *sc2, dec; rep from * around (18 sts)
Rnd 16: *sc, dec; rep from * around (12 sts)
Break yarn, thread through remaining 12 sts, pull tight and fasten off.

SNOUT / MUZZLE

Worked as a short tapered tube, attached to the front of the head.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in magic ring (6 sts)
Rnd 2: inc around (12 sts)
Rnd 3: *sc, inc; rep from * around (18 sts)
Rnds 4-7: sc around even, 4 rnds (18 sts)

Lightly stuff, close, and sew to the face.

HEAD

Stuff and sew to the front of the body, angled slightly down.

LEGS (make 4)

Four legs, worked identically.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in magic ring (6 sts)
Rnd 2: inc around (12 sts)
Rnd 3: *sc, inc; rep from * around (18 sts)
Rnds 4-15: sc around even, 12 rnds (18 sts)

Stuff firmly, leave the last round or two flat, close, and sew evenly spaced along the underside of the body.

EARS (make 2)

Small rounded triangle ears, sewn to the top of the head.

TAIL

A fluffy fringe tail in a matching curly-textured yarn if you have it, or wrap each strand around a pencil and steam-set into ringlets before trimming.

MANE

A fluffy, curly mane: use a bouclé or curly novelty yarn for the fringe if available, or curl straight yarn as above -- the reference art's whole personality is in this fuzzy, visible-stitch mane.

FACE

Embroider small eyes and nostrils once head is stuffed and attached.

EXTRAS & DETAILS

A simple bridle: one thin strap in brown looped over the nose and behind the ears, tacked in place.

Finishing: steam very lightly (hover an iron just above the surface, don't press) to even out stitches, and check every seam by hand -- these take the most handling stress, especially if this toy is for a child. This is a first-generation pattern for this character: proportions, stuffing firmness, or a specific shaping detail may want a tweak once you've made one -- treat it as a working draft.