

Baby Sloth

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Materials:

Worsted weight yarn
light brown (A), gray
5 mm black safety eyes
6 mm black animal nose (optional)

Felt:

cream, dark brown Fiberfill stuffing Black embroidery floss Brown embroidery floss

Notions:

Craft glue OR
Needle & matching thread
Large-eye Yarn needle
Embroidery needle
Size E crochet hook

Key:

st: stitch ch: chain

sc: single crochet

rep: repeat

hdc: half double crochet

adjustable ring: make loop; from front, pull up working yarn through loop with hook, continue as described in pattern

BODY:

Rnd 1: Starting at top of body, with yarn A and E Hook, make an adjustable ring, ch 1, and sc 6 into the ring. Pull closed.

Rnd 2: Work 2 sc into each st (12 sts)

Rnd 3: *(2 Sc into next st, sc into next st) rep from * around (18 sts)

Rnds 4-5: Sc into each st (18 sts)

Rnd 6: *(Sc2tog, sc into next 4 sts) rep from * around (15 sts)

Rnd 7: *(2 Sc into next st, sc into next 4 sts) rep from

* around (18 sts)

Rnds 8-11: Sc into each st.

*Insert a stitch marker to hold your spot.

Felt and Face: Cut 1 1/4" wide rounded heart shape from the cream felt for the face, and long ovals from dark brown felt. Cut a slit on each side of face mask, and corresponding slits in each long oval. Insert each eye into oval, then into face mask, then into the Body between 3rd and 4th rnds, 4 sts apart. Glue down free-hanging edges of felt if desired.

Rnd 12: Working into BLO of each st, *(sc2tog, sc into next st) rep from * around (12 sts) Stuff Body firmly.

Rnd 13: Sc2tog around (6 sts)

FEET:

Row 1: Holding animal upside down, and working into a stitch to the right of center for the right foot and to the left of center for the left foot, join yarn A to Body at unused front loops of Rnd 12 with a sc. Ch 3, hdc into 2nd ch and side of sc, sl st to next stitch of Rnd 12 of Body. Fasten off and weave in both ends.



Arms:

Rnd 1: With yarn A, make adjustable ring, ch 1, sc 6 into ring. Pull tail to close the ring. (6 sts) Rnds 2-7: Sc into each st around.

Rnd 8: Sc2tog, sc into each st (5 sts)

Rnds 9-11: Sc into each st.

Fasten off and sew to sides of body. No stuffing is necessary.

FINISHING:

Stitch a nose onto the Sloth's face, centered between eyes, using satin stitches. Alternatively, use a plastic animal nose. Insert it into the felt face and use plastic washer or superglue into place.

Stitch a smile using black embroidery floss.

Use a yarn needle and gray yarn to stitch three long claws onto ends of Arms.

- * Make an ornament by tying a narrow ribbon to the top of the head. Make a keychain by attaching a jump ring to the top of the head, and attaching a chain and keyring to the jump ring.
- * For a much larger sloth, use super bulky yarn and a corresponding hook size. For a much smaller sloth, use finer yarn and a tiny hook.

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