FREE PATTERN

Platypus Amigurumi

A complete free crochet pattern from AlandTina



From Aussie Animals Amigurumi Vol 1

One of 12 Aussie animal amigurumi crochet patterns

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Materials

DK / light-worsted (8-ply) yarn in the colours given per pattern — about 40-50 g of the main colour per animal, plus small amounts of the contrast colours; 3.5 mm (US E-4) crochet hook; polyester fibre fill; tapestry (yarn) needle; stitch markers; scissors; black embroidery thread for mouths and (optionally) eyes; and ONE pair of 9 mm safety eyes per animal if you use them. EYES — please read: safety eyes are fine for older children and collectors, but embroidered eyes are recommended if the toy is for a child under 3 — embroider the eyes with black thread instead and the toy stays soft and safe for the smallest hands.

Gauge

18 sc x 20 rounds = 10 cm (4 in) with DK yarn and a 3.5 mm hook, worked tightly for amigurumi so the stuffing does not show through. At this gauge the 48-stitch body sphere is about 8.5 cm across and the finished animals stand about 14-17 cm tall as stated per pattern; a looser tension makes a bigger, softer toy.

Abbreviations (US terms)

ch	chain
sl st	slip stitch
sc	single crochet
hdc	half double crochet
dc	double crochet
inc	increase — 2 sc in one st
dec	decrease — sc2tog
MR	magic ring
st(s)	stitch(es)
rnd	round
rep	repeat
*** ***	repeat instructions between asterisks

Getting started

Every animal in this book is built the same way: a stuffed sphere body and a stuffed sphere head (magic ring, increase ladder, plain rounds, mirror decrease ladder — learn it once, make twelve), plus small separate pieces — ears, muzzles, bills, beaks, wings, limbs, spikes and tails — sewn on before the head joins the body. Stitch counts are stated at the end of EVERY round and row and the ladders

are arithmetically consistent: place a stitch marker in the first stitch of every round, count as you go, and stuff firmly a little at a time. All terms are US crochet terms. One honest note on eyes, repeated in every pattern: safety eyes are fine for older children and collectors, but embroidered eyes are recommended if the toy is for a child under 3.



Pattern 5

Platypus

Brown amigurumi platypus with a wide flat bill and tail

Type	Amigurumi stuffed toy
Size	About 14 cm (5.5 in) tall
You will make	Body, head, flat bill, tail, belly patch, 2 arms, 2 legs.
Yarn	Mid brown DK (body, head, limbs); dark brown DK (bill, tail); cream DK (belly patch).
Level	Confident beginner

Australia's most improbable animal as a classic plush: a plump brown sphere body and head, one wide flat dark bill across the face, and a flat paddle tail peeking out behind. Simple, unmistakable, and oddly adorable.

BODY — make 1 (mid brown) — stuff firmly as you close

Rnd 1: 6 sc in magic ring, join with sl st to first sc **(6 sts)**
Rnd 2: inc in each st around **(12 sts)**
Rnd 3: *sc, inc* rep 6 times **(18 sts)**
Rnd 4: *2 sc, inc* rep 6 times **(24 sts)**
Rnd 5: *3 sc, inc* rep 6 times **(30 sts)**
Rnd 6: *4 sc, inc* rep 6 times **(36 sts)**
Rnd 7: *5 sc, inc* rep 6 times **(42 sts)**
Rnd 8: *6 sc, inc* rep 6 times **(48 sts)**
Rnd 9: sc in each st around **(48 sts)**

Rnd 10: sc in each st around **(48 sts)**
Rnd 11: sc in each st around **(48 sts)**
Rnd 12: sc in each st around **(48 sts)**
Rnd 13: *6 sc, dec* rep 6 times **(42 sts)**
Rnd 14: *5 sc, dec* rep 6 times **(36 sts)**
Rnd 15: *4 sc, dec* rep 6 times **(30 sts)**
Rnd 16: *3 sc, dec* rep 6 times **(24 sts)**
Rnd 17: *2 sc, dec* rep 6 times **(18 sts)**
Rnd 18: *sc, dec* rep 6 times **(12 sts)**
Rnd 19: *dec* rep 6 times **(6 sts)**
Stuff firmly with fibre fill, fasten off, weave the tail through the last 6 sts and pull closed (6 sts)

HEAD — make 1 (mid brown) — mark the eye line before you stuff

Rnd 1: 6 sc in magic ring, join with sl st to first sc **(6 sts)**
Rnd 2: inc in each st around **(12 sts)**
Rnd 3: *sc, inc* rep 6 times **(18 sts)**
Rnd 4: *2 sc, inc* rep 6 times **(24 sts)**
Rnd 5: *3 sc, inc* rep 6 times **(30 sts)**
Rnd 6: *4 sc, inc* rep 6 times **(36 sts)**
Rnd 7: *5 sc, inc* rep 6 times **(42 sts)**
Rnd 8: sc in each st around **(42 sts)**
Rnd 9: sc in each st around **(42 sts)**
Rnd 10: sc in each st around **(42 sts)**
Rnd 11: *5 sc, dec* rep 6 times **(36 sts)**
Rnd 12: *4 sc, dec* rep 6 times **(30 sts)**
Rnd 13: *3 sc, dec* rep 6 times **(24 sts)**
Rnd 14: *2 sc, dec* rep 6 times **(18 sts)**
Rnd 15: *sc, dec* rep 6 times **(12 sts)**
Rnd 16: *dec* rep 6 times **(6 sts)**
Stuff firmly with fibre fill, fasten off, weave the tail through the last 6 sts and pull closed (6 sts)

BILL — make 1 (dark brown, worked flat)

Ch 13, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn (12 sts)
Rows 2-3: ch 1, sc in each st across, turn **(12 sts)**
Row 4: ch 1, dec, sc in next 8 sts, dec, turn **(10 sts)**
Fasten off, leaving a 20 cm tail for sewing (10 sts)

TAIL — make 1 (dark brown, worked flat)

Ch 11, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn (10 sts)

Rows 2-3: ch 1, sc in each st across, turn **(10 sts)**

Row 4: ch 1, dec, sc in next 6 sts, dec, turn **(8 sts)**

Fasten off, leaving a 20 cm tail for sewing (8 sts)

BELLY PATCH — make 1 (cream)

Rnd 1: 6 sc in magic ring, join with sl st to first sc **(6 sts)**

Rnd 2: inc in each st around **(12 sts)**

Rnd 3: *sc, inc* rep 6 times **(18 sts)**

Rnd 4: *2 sc, inc* rep 6 times **(24 sts)**

Rnd 5: sc in each st around **(24 sts)**

Fasten off, leaving a 30 cm tail for sewing (24 sts)

ARMS — make 2 (mid brown) — make 2

Rnd 1: 6 sc in magic ring, join with sl st to first sc **(6 sts)**

Rnd 2: inc in each st around **(12 sts)**

Rnds 3-5: sc in each st around **(12 sts)**

Rnd 6: *2 sc, dec* rep 3 times **(9 sts)**

Stuff lightly, fasten off, leaving a 20 cm tail for sewing (9 sts)

LEGS — make 2 (mid brown) — make 2

Rnd 1: 6 sc in magic ring, join with sl st to first sc **(6 sts)**

Rnd 2: inc in each st around **(12 sts)**

Rnds 3-5: sc in each st around **(12 sts)**

Rnd 6: *2 sc, dec* rep 3 times **(9 sts)**

Stuff lightly, fasten off, leaving a 20 cm tail for sewing (9 sts)

Assembly

1. Sew the head firmly to the top of the body — two full passes of stitches all the way around the neck join; amigurumi heads must not wobble.

2. Fit the eyes now, before stuffing is finished: push safety eyes between the marked rounds of the head and secure the washers — or, if this toy is for a child under 3, skip the safety eyes and embroider the eyes instead (embroidered eyes recommended if the toy is for a child under 3).

3. Sew the bill flat across the lower front of the head and the belly patch to the front of the body.

4. Sew the tail to the back base of the body so it peeks out behind, and the arms and legs on low for a seated, riverbank pose.

5. Roll the finished toy gently between your palms to even out the stuffing, and check it sits upright on its base before gifting.

Maker's tip

Pin the bill dead level before sewing — a tilted bill makes the whole platypus look puzzled (which, to be fair, is also charming).

One down, 11 to go!

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