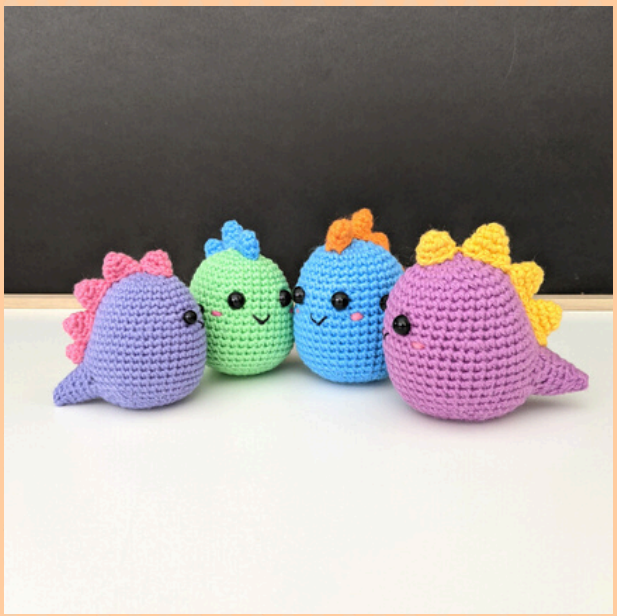
COLOURFUL MINI DINO

Free crochet pattern by Handmade by Ani



Have fun making this little dino in bright or pastel colours!

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NOTES

- This pattern uses UK terminology
- This pattern is worked in continuous rounds unless otherwise specified
- Rounded brackets ( ) indicate the pattern and the number of times it is repeated e.g. (dc 1, inc) x 6 means double crochet one stitch, increase in the next stitch. Repeat 6 times
- Square brackets [ ] indicate the number of stitches you should have after each round/row
- Use a stitch marker or piece of scrap yarn to mark the start of each round/row

MATERIALS

- Head and body:8 ply (DK) cotton in green
- Spikes: 8 ply (DK) cotton in blue
- Black embroidery thread to embroider mouth
- Pink embroidery thread to embroider cheeks
- 3mm crochet hook
- Yarn needle
- Polyester fibrefill stuffing
- 8mm safety eyes

Colourful Mini Dino will be approximately 7.5cm tall when using the suggested yarn weight and hook size.

ABBREVIATIONS - UK TERMINOLOGY

- dc: double crochet
- inc: double crochet increase
- dec: double crochet invisible decrease
- R: round
- st(s): stitch(es)
- ch: chain

CONVERSION TABLE - UK vs. US TERMINOLOGY

UK	US
Double crochet (dc)	Single crochet (sc)
Half treble crochet (htr)	Half doublecrochet (hdc)
Treble crochet (tr)	Double crochet (dc)
Chain (ch)	Chain (ch)
Slip stitch (sl st)	Slip stitch(sl st)

USEFUL VIDEOS

- Magic circle (USterminology)
- Invisible decrease (US terminology)
- Joining tail to body (US terminology)
- Re-join yarn using a standing crochet stitch (US terminology)
- Close an amigurumi piece

Note: I am not affiliated with these YouTube videos

HEAD AND BODY

8 ply cotton in green

The head and body is one piece, starting from the top of the dino

R1: 6 dc in magic circle [6 sts]
R2: (inc) x 6 [12 sts]
R3: (dc 1, inc) x 6 [18 sts]
R4: (dc 1, inc, dc 1) x 6 [24 sts]
R5: (dc 3, inc) x 6 [30 sts]
R6: dc in each st [30 sts]
R7: (dc 7, inc, dc 7) x 2 [32 sts]
R8: (dc 15, inc) x 2 [34 sts]
R9: (dc 8, inc, dc 8) x 2 [36 sts]
R10: dc in each st [36 sts]
R11: (dc 5, inc) x 6 [42 sts]
R12 - R15: dc in each st i.e. 4 rounds [42 sts]

Place safety eyes between rounds 9 and 10 (st 12 and st 18). This placing is important as we will be crocheting the tail to the body.

Embroider a mouth between the eyes and some cheeks next to the eyes.

R16: dc 34, ch 8, skip 8 sts [42 sts]

We will be crocheting the tail using this chain and the skipped 8 stitches later on

R17 - R18: dc in each st i.e. 2 rounds [42 sts]
R19: (dc 5, dec) x 6 [36 sts]



Eye, mouth and cheek placement



Completed R16 and first st of R17



Crochet along chain in R17

HEAD AND BODY (continued)

R20: (dc 2, dec, dc 2) x 6 [30 sts]
R21: (dc 3, dec) x 6 [24 sts]
R22: (dc 1, dec, dc 1) x 6 [18 sts]

Begin stuffing

R23: (dec) x 9 [9 sts]

Finish stuffing

Fasten off and leave a long thread. Thread the yarn through the front loops of the 9 sts and pull toclose.Weave in the end.



Finished head and body

TAIL

8plycotton in green

Re-join yarn to first skipped stitch of R16 using a standing dc (or your preferred method). The standing dc will count as the first st of the round.

Note: refer to video links on page 3 which show how to re-join yarn using a standing dc as well as how to crochet the tail into the skipped stitches and chain from R16 of the body



Re-join yarn to first skipped st of R16

R1: dc in each st [16 sts]
R2: (dc 3, dec, dc 3) x 2 [14 sts]
R3: (dc 5, dec) x 2 [12 sts]
R4: (dc 2, dec, dc 2) x 2 [10 sts]

Begin stuffing

R5: (dc 3, dec) x 2 [8 sts]

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TAIL (continued)

R6: (dc 1, dec, dc 1) x 2 [6sts]
R7: (dc 1, dec) x 2 [4 sts]

Finish stuffing

Fasten off and leave a long thread. Thread the yarn through the front loops of the 4 sts and pull to close. Weave in the end.



Completed tail

SMALL SPIKE (make 1)

8ply cotton in blue

R1: 4 dc in magic circle [4 sts]
R2: (dc 1, inc) x 2 [6 sts]
R3: (dc 1, inc, dc 1) x 2 [8 sts]

Fasten off and leave a long thread for sewing - we will be using the thread from the small spike to sew all the spikes to the body

MEDIUM SPIKE (make 3)

8ply cotton in blue

R1: 4 dc in magic circle [4 sts]
R2: (dc 1, inc) x 2 [6 sts]
R3: (dc 1, inc, dc 1) x 2 [8 sts]
R4: (dc 3, inc) x 2 [10 sts]

Fasten off - no need to leave a long thread as we will be using the thread from the small spike to sew these spikes to the body

X-SMALL SPIKE (make 1) - optional

8ply cotton in blue

R1: 4 dc in magic circle [4 sts]
R2: (dc 1, inc) x 2 [6 sts]

Fasten off - no need to leave a long thread as we will be using the thread from the small spike to sew this spike to the body

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

- Sew small spike overrounds 1 and 3of the head and body
- Sew the 3 medium spikes in a line using the thread from small spike
- (Optional) Sew x-small spike last



Finished dino

Your Colourful Mini Dino is now finished!

