Free crochet pattern Activity Toy Ostrich

This crochet pattern is designed as an activating and stimulating toy for babies. The idea is to stimulate their senses with the many vibrant colours and the different materials that are fun to touch, as well as the different sounds.

The crochet pattern is made beginner-friendly with many detailed descriptions and pictures to guide you along. The activity toy ostrich is made with [Infinity Hearts Rose 8/4 yarn](#), which is made from 100% cotton with a thickness of 8/4. Find a kit with yarn and content for the activity toy [here](#).

Measurements

The ostrich measures approx. 22 cm + legs of 18 cm incl. feet.

Materials

[Infinity Hearts Rose 8/4 yarn](#) colour:

- 50 grams [Infinity Hearts Rose 8/4 Yarn Unicolour 19 Red](#)
- 25 grams [Infinity Hearts Rose 8/4 Yarn Unicolour 101 Cobalt-Blue](#)
- 25 grams [Infinity Hearts Rose 8/4 Yarn Unicolour 56 Dark Purple](#)
- 25 grams [Infinity Hearts Rose 8/4 Yarn Unicolour 156 Green](#)
- 25 grams [Infinity Hearts Rose 8/4 Yarn Unicolour 179 Yellow](#)
- Small amount of [Infinity Hearts Rose 8/4 Yarn Unicolour 02 White](#)
- Small amount of [Infinity Hearts Rose 8/4 Yarn Unicolour 01 Black](#)
- 4 x [Infinity Hearts Wooden Rings 60 mm](#)
- 1 x [Infinity Hearts Rattlebox 21 mm](#)
- 1 x [Infinity Hearts Squeaker 60 mm](#)
- 2 x [Infinity Hearts Wooden Beads 20 mm](#)
- [Wadding/Stuffing](#)
- [Cellophane bags](#) or cooking bag for wing-noises.
- 2 x Teether feet

Tools

- [Crochet hook](#) size 2.50 mm
- [Scissor](#)
- [Sewing needle](#)
- (Possibly) [Pins for assembly](#)
- (Possibly) [Measuring tape](#)

Abbreviations

mr: magic ring

ch: chain stitch

dc: double crochet

sl st: slip stitch

htr: half treble

htr-inc: half treble-increase (2 htr in the same)

tr: treble

tr-inc: treble-increase (2 tr in the same)

inc: increase (2 dc in the same)

dec: decrease (2 dc together)

rd: round (crochet circular)

rw: row (you crochet back and forth)

** x (a number) means repeat from * to * the specified number of times

(x) number of stitches after round finishes

Instructions

The crochet pattern contains photo guides for individual points.

Head + neck + body (crocheted in one)

Begin with blue

Rd. 1: Make 6 dc in mr (6)

Rd. 2: *inc* x6 (12)

Rd. 3: *inc, 1 dc* x6 (18)

Rd. 4: *inc, 2 dc* x6 (24)

Rd. 5: *inc, 3 dc* x6 (30)

Rd. 6: 2 dc, *inc, 4 dc* x5, inc, 2 dc (36)

Rd. 7: *inc, 5 dc* x5 (42)

Rd. 8: 3 dc, *inc, 6 dc* x5, inc, 3 dc (48)

Rd. 9: *inc, 7 dc* x6 (54)

Rd. 10: 4 dc, *inc, 8 dc* x5, inc, 4 dc (60)

Rd. 11.-19: 1 dc in each [9 rounds] (60)

Rd. 20: 4 dc, *dec, 8 dc* x5, dec, 4 dc (54)

Rd. 21: *dec, 7 dc* x6 (48)

Rd. 22: 3 dc, *dec, 6 dc* x5, dec, 3 dc (42)

Rd. 23: *dec, 5 dc* x6 (36)

Rd. 24: 2 dc, *dec, 4 dc* x5, dec, 2 dc (30)

Insert stuffing and rattle box.

Change colour to purple – Now, crochet the neck

Stuff as you go– add extra stuffing between the head and neck in order to stabilize the head.

Rd. 25.-26: 1 dc in each (30)

Change to green – you may want to bring the strands along when crocheting the neck so that you don't cut the strand by the colour changes.

Rd. 27: *8 dc, dec* x3 (27)

Rd. 28: 1 dc in each (27)

Change to purple

Rd. 29.-30: 1 dc in each (27)

Change to green

Rd. 31.-32: 1 dc in each (27)

Change to purple

Rd. 33.-34: 1 dc in each (27)

Change to green

Rd. 35.-36: 1 dc in each (27)

Change to purple

Rd. 37.-38:1 dc in each (27)

Change to green

Rd. 39: 1 dc in each (27)

Rd. 40: *8 dc, inc* x3 (30)

Change to purple and cut the green yarn.

Rd. 41.-42: 1 dc in each (30)

Now cut the purple strand, leaving a long tail so you can add the three wooden rings around the neck.

Photo guide: Once you have cut the purple strand, you put the wooden rings on the neck before switching to the red yarn and crocheting the body.

Change to red – Now, crochet the body

Stuff as you go – Stuff generously between head and neck

Rd. 43: 2 dc, *inc, 4 dc* x5, inc, 2 dc (36)

Rd. 44: *inc, 3 dc* x9 (45)

Rd. 45: 2 dc, *inc, 4 dc* x8, inc, 2 dc (54)

Rd. 46: 4 dc, *inc, 8 dc* x5, inc, 4 dc (60)

Rd. 47: *inc, 9 dc* x6 (66)

Rd. 48: 1 dc in each (66)

Rd. 49: 5 dc, *inc, 10 dc* x5, inc, 5 dc (72)

Rd. 50: 1 dc in each (72)

Rd. 51: *inc, 11 dc* x6 (78)

Rd. 52.-61: 1 dc in each [10 rounds] (78)

Rd. 62: *dec, 11 dc* x6 (72)

Rd. 63: 5 dc, *dec, 10 dc* x5, dec, 5 dc (66)

Rd. 64: *dec, 9 dc* x6 (60)

Rd. 65: 4 dc, *dec, 8 dc* x5, dec, 4 dc (54)

Rd. 66: *dec, 7 dc* x6 (48)

Insert the squeaker in the body.

Rd. 67: 3 dc, *dec, 6 dc* x5, dec, 3 dc (42)

Rd. 68: *dec, 5 dc* x6 (36)

Rd. 69: 2 dc, *dec, 4 dc* x5, dec, 2 dc (30)

Rd. 70: *dec, 3 dc* x6 (24)

Rd. 71: *dec, 2 dc* x6 (18)

Rd. 72: *dec, 1 dc* x6 (12)

Rd. 73: *dec* (6)

Stuff the body generously, cut the strand and weave in end.
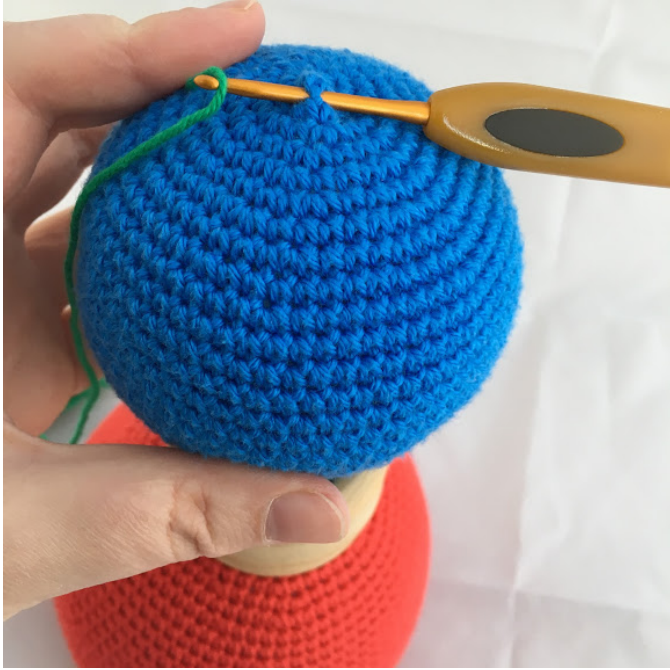
Head feather (make 3 – 1 green, 1 purple, 1 red) – Photo guide

Photo guide: Attach the yarn strand to the head (Figure 3.1 + 3.2) and make 15 ch (Figure 3.3). Then start in 2nd stitch from the hook and make 2 dc in each ch all the way back. Finish the feather by making a sl st in the head (Fig. 3.4). Cut the strand and weave in ends.

Eyes (make 2)

Begin with black

Rd. 1: Make 6 dc in mr (6)

Rd. 2: *inc* x6 (12)

Rd. 3: *inc, 1 dc* x6 (18)

Rd. 4: *inc, 2 dc* x6 (24)

Change to white

Rd. 5: 2 dc, 3 htr, htr-inc, 2 tr, *tr-inc* x3, 2 tr, htr-inc, 3 htr, 7 dc, 1 sl st in first stitch.

Cut and leave long tail for sewing.

Twinkle (make 2)

Make a white twinkle – 6 dc in mr, 1 sl st.

Finish and leave tail for sewing.

Assembly/Finishing

Sew on the eyes between round 5 and 15, see photos for location.

Sew on the little twinkle after the eye and place it wherever you prefer.

Beak

Crochet in yellow

Cast on 6 ch.

Rd. 1: Start with 1 dc in 2nd ch from the hook, make 1 dc in the next 3 ch and make 3 dc in the last ch. Continue around the other side and make 3 dc and 2 dc in the ch you started in (12)

Rd. 2: inc, 3 dc, *inc* x3, 3 dc, *inc* x2 (18)

Rd. 3.-5: 1 dc in each [3 rounds] (18)

Finish with 1 sl st, cut and leave tail for sewing.

Assembly/Finishing

Attach the beak between round 14 and 18 – right between the eyes – add stuffing during assembly.

Wings (make 2)

Crochet using purple

Rd. 1: Make 6 dc in mr (6)

Rd. 2: 1 dc in each (6)

Rd. 3: *inc* x6 (12)

Rd. 4: 1 dc in each (12)

Rd. 5: *inc, 1 dc* x6 (18)

Rd. 6: 1 dc in each (18)

Rd. 7: *inc, 2 dc* x6 (24)

Rd. 8: 1 dc in each (24)

Rd. 9: *inc, 3 dc* x6 (30)

Rd. 10.-11: 1 dc in each (30)

Rd. 12: *inc, 4 dc* x6 (36)

Rd. 13.-18: 1 dc in each [6 rounds] (36)

Rd. 19: *dec, 4 dc* x6 (30)

Rd. 20.-21: 1 dc in each (30)

Cut a piece of a cellophane bag at least 4 times larger than the wing and fold it to fit the largest piece of the wing. The more folded layers you make, the more it crunches.

Rd. 22: *dec, 3 dc* x6 (24)

Press the wing together and crochet with 12 dc. Leave a long tail for sewing.

Assembly – photo guide

Place the wings on each side of the body about 4-5 rounds from the neck and sew on the wings.

Legs (make 2)

Crochet with green

Cast on 41 ch (or so the strand is maximum around 18 cm). Make sure you have some extra yarn on

your ch that you can use later for assembly. Now you work in rows, starting in 2nd ch from hook; 1st rw: inc, turn with 1 ch (2) 2nd rw: inc, 1 dc, turn with 1 ch (3) 3rd rw: inc, 2 dc, turn with 1 ch (4) 4.-6. K: 1 dc in each, turn with 1 ch [3 rows] (4) 7. rw: dec, 2 dc, turn with 1 ch (3) 8. rw: dec, 1 dc, turn with 1 ch (2) 9. rw: dec, turn with 1 ch (1) Now make 1 sl st in dc and cut the yarn so you have approx. 130 cm yarn – possibly apply a stitch marker in the loop when measuring. Photo guide: Crochet in rows (see photo 1 below), after cutting the yarn, you need a teether foot (see photo 2 below). You now fold up the long strand of yarn and pull it through the foot (see photo 3 below) and then pull approx. half of your 9 rows through the foot (see photo 4 below). Now, continue crocheting your ch on the other side of the foot (see photo 5 below). Begin in the ch just before you started the rows (see photo 6 below) and make a dc in each ch (see photo 7 below). Finish by cutting the strand and leaving a tail for assembly, remember to add one wooden bead on each leg.

Assembly and application of beads

Draw the two strand-ends through the needle and lead the needle through the bead.

Now, sew the leg onto the body approximately 4 rounds from the last round on the body.

Sew on tightly, so the baby doesn't accidentally pull it off.

Do this by inserting the two strands into two stitches placed right next to each other - ie one strand through each stitch. Then you insert the two strands around inside the body so that the strand is

firmly attached to the stuffing. You now lead each strand out of the body through the same stitch. Here you pull the two strands tight, make two to three knots and push it into the body of the ostrich.

Spots

You can make as many spots as you want, but here are some suggestions.

Crochet in yellow

Spot 1 (make 4)

Rd. 1: Make 6 dc in mr (6)

 sl st and leave a tail for sewing.

Spot 2 (make 3)

Rd. 1: Make 6 dc in mr (6)

Rd. 2: *inc* x6 (12)

 sl st and leave a tail for sewing.

Spot 3 (make 4)

Rd. 1: Make 6 dc in mr (6)

Rd. 2: *inc* x6 (12)

Rd. 3: *inc, 1 dc* x6 (18)

 sl st and leave a tail for sewing.

Spot 4 (make 2)

Rd. 1: Make 6 dc in mr (6)

Rd. 2: *inc* x6 (12)

Rd. 3: *inc, 1 dc* x6 (18)

Rd. 4: *inc, 2 dc* x6 (24)

sl st and leave a tail for sewing.

Sew the spots onto the body.

You can mix and match the tail how you prefer. You can make less or more, and/or shorter or longer tail feathers than what has been suggested in the photos. Remember to make the tail feathers max. 22 cm long.

You begin all the feathers with xx ch and then you start in 2nd ch from the hook.

You can begin all tail feathers – except from yellow - by attaching the yarn directly to the body. The tail is placed roughly in the middle on the back, about 5-10 rounds from the bottom. You could, for example, place two tails next to each other, two above and one below the first two, so that they are slightly separated and not all placed on one row.

Tail feather colour	Description
Yellow	Cast on 61 ch and make 1 dc in each. Sew on the one end, add a wooden ring and sew on the other

end.

Green	Make 51 ch (tight) and make 2 dc in each ch.
Red	Make 55 ch (tight) and make 1 htr in each.
Blue	Make 45 ch (tight) and crochet 2 htr in the next 15 ch and hereafter 1 dc in each ch.
Purple	Make 55 (tight) and make 3 dc in each ch.

Your ostrich is now finished!

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