Olaf

Crochet Pattern

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A present for you!

Hello dear fellow crocheters! My name is Chiara (pronounced "Kiara", as I'm Italian) and I'm not only the girl in the picture down there but, most importantly, the person behind the Instagram account @chiacrafts!

I've started my instagram adventure in December 2019, and begun sharing my patterns not long after that. You've all been amazing, making me feel appreciated, supported and part of a big, nice community :)

This pattern is my Xmas present for you, to thank you all for your support! It comes a little bit early, but crocheters got to think ahead of time: it's our thing :D !

I think most of you are familiar with my princesses' free patterns: this one is a bit different because I decided to write it using the style and template of my most recent paying patterns. I hope you'll appreciate its level of detail which, I hope, will help even the less experienced between you carrying it out successfully :)

Just let me thank you once again for all your love: you're a source of great motivation for me!

Cheers,

Chiara

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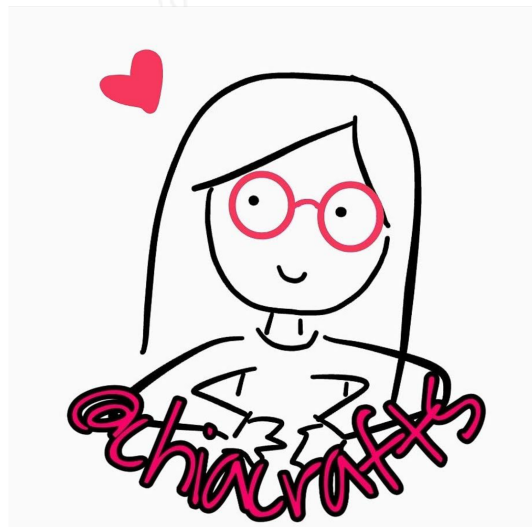
Indications

★ Work in continuous rounds technique
★ Work through the entire stitch, not FLO or BLO (unless specified otherwise)
★ At the beginning of each **row** of sc, you should always make a turning chain. As this is the most plain way of working in rows, **the turning chain is't mentioned in the pattern. However, it is included in the diagrams.**
★ After a chain, always work from second loop from hook (if not indicated otherwise)

Tips

★ Use stitch markers
★ Count your stitches
★ **Work tight**
★ The correct way of working in rounds is:
  ○ If you are right-handed: clockwise keeping the hook between you and the work
  ○ If you are left-handed: counterclockwise keeping the hook between you and the work
  ○ If you are left handed, all instructions and images should be specular for you!
  ○ If you have doubts about if you're working correctly or not, you can find more info in my YouTube tutorial "The dark side of amigurumis"

And don't forget your magic touch!

This pattern contains the complete instructions set to crochet your Olaf, but **your personal craftsmanship plays a big role too**! He is a very expressive character: that little something which makes the difference between a static character and an expressive one isn't something which can be taught via written instructions. **It will be up to you to make Olaf really alive :)**

Stitches conventions

US standard abbreviations + something I've made up

- ★ **MR** = Magic Ring
- ★ **st** = stitch
- ★ **sc** = single crochet
- ★ **inc** = sc increase (invisible)
- ★ **dec** = sc decrease (invisible)
- ★ **dc** = double crochet
- ★ **hdc** = half double crochet
- ★ **ch** = chain
- ★ **sl** = slip stitch
- ★ **tr** = treble crochet
- ★ **BLO** = back loop only (corresponds to the inner loop when working in rounds)
- ★ **FLO** = front loop only (corresponds to the outer loop when working in rounds)
- ★ **Ldec** = Line decrease, decrease at the beginning of a row (skip the turning chain and start working in the second stitch of the row to make a decrease)
- ★ **[ ]** = means that the stitches are to be done in the same loop or stitch
- ★ **CY-PO =** cut the yarn and pull it out from the stitch
- ★ **IJ** = Invisible Join
- ★ **FO =** fasten off (CY-PO + IJ)
- ★ **stsc =** standing sc

Materials

★ 2.0 mm hook
★ Tapestry needle
★ Stuffing (poly fiber fill or other)
★ 6 mm black safety eyes
★ White yarn
★ Orange yarn
★ Black yarn
★ Brown yarn
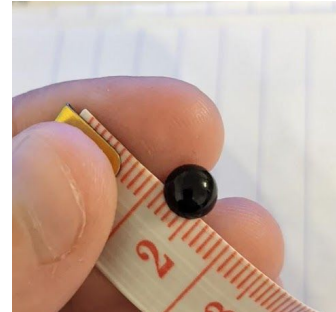
Note on the yarn

I've used yarn for a 3.0 hook, and worked it with a 2.0 hook, as frequently done in amigurumis to make the mesh tighter.
I didn't forget to insert the brand of the yarn I've used: this is information which is present in my paying patterns but not in my free ones.
You should get a good result with this pattern as long as you pick the same yarn in different colors and you work it with a hook 1 size smaller than indicated. I'd advise you not to choose a yarn much thicker than mine though: the resolution of the pattern stays the same, and could bring you a sloppy result (like a low quality video on a much bigger screen).

Note on the eyes

Please note that the right safety eyes size to be used depends on your Olaf's dimensions! Don't purchase 6mm ones only if you're not sure the dimensions of your Olaf will be similar to mine. My advice is to purchase a box with many different sizes, and use the one which suits you better.

Dimensions

Using the yarn and hook size indicated, the dimensions of the finished character are:
● Head: 6 cm long, 9.5 cm circumference taken below the eyes
● Body: 4 cm tall (5 cm taking the feet into account), 11 cm belly circumference

Body

Feet

Hook: 2.0

#R	Foot Pattern (x2)	Tot
	Use white yarn	
1	**6 sc in MR**	6
2	**6 inc**	12
3	**12 sc BLO**	12
4	**12 sc**	12
5	**12 sc, sl, FO**	12

Make 2 feet. Remember to stuff them a bit before sewing them up.

Torso

Hook: 2.0

#R	Torso Pattern	Tot
	Use white yarn	
1	**6 sc in MR**	6
2	**6 inc**	12
3	**12 inc**	24
4	**(sc, inc) x 12**	36
5	**36 sc BLO**	36
6-13	**36 sc**	36
If you want, you can stop to sew the feet now. I prefer to do it at this stage, while I can still see inside. But you might as well do it later on if you're more comfortable with it :)		

14	(sc, dec) x 12	24
15	(2 sc, dec) x 6	18
16	18 sc FLO	18
17	(2 sc, inc) x 6	24
18	24 sc	24
19	(sc, dec) x 8	16
Stop to sew the buttons on. Each button is: **6 sc in a MR + IJ in the first sc of the MR** Just like before, it's not compulsory to do it now if you feel more comfortable with doing it after having closed the body. Stuff the body if not done before		
20	(2 sc, dec) x 4	12
21	**6 dec BLO** a BLO decrease is made like a normal invisible decrease but working in the 2 back loops instead of in the 2 front ones.	6
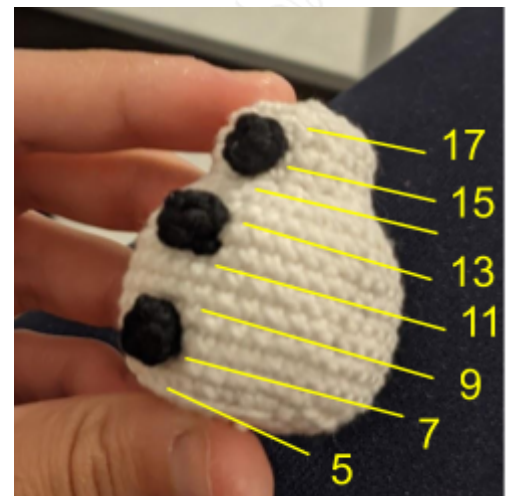
Cut the yarn and pull it out the stitch. Using a tapestry needle, pass it through the front loops of the last round, pull, make a knot and hide the yarn inside the body
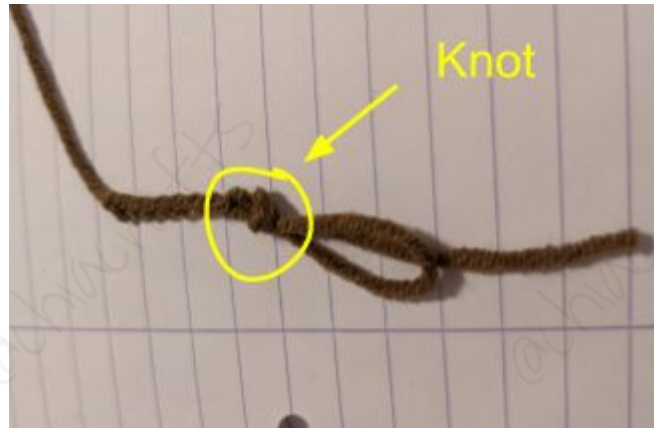
Arms

Each arm is made this way

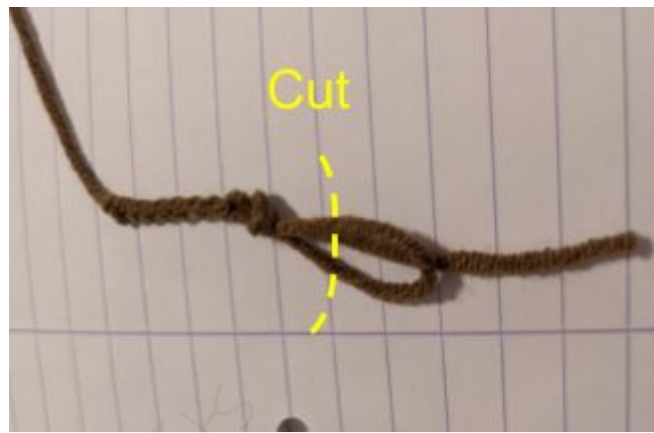| Instruction	Pic
1. chain 7, widen the last loop	

2. Make a knot at the end of the chain	
3. Cut the yarn a bit above the knot	
4. Sew the arms to the body	

Head

Nose

Hook: 2.0

#R	Nose Pattern	Tot
	Use orange yarn	
1	**6 sc in MR**	6
2	**(2 sc, inc) x 2**	8
3	**8 sc**	8
4	**(2 sc, dec) x 2**	6
5	**2 sc, dec, 2 sc**	5

Cut the yarn and pull it out the stitch. Using a tapestry needle, pass the tail left through the front loops of the last round, pull, make a knot and pass it inside the nose and out the magic ring. You'll use this tail later on to sew the nose to the head.

Black part of the mouth

Hook: 2.0

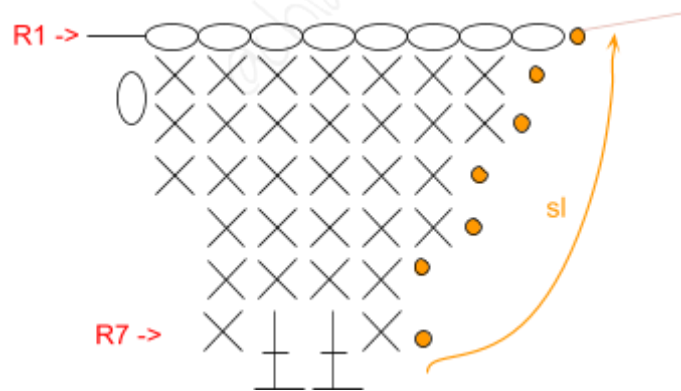| #R	Mouth - black part	Tot
	Use black yarn, work in rows *(see also the diagram below!)*	
1	**ch 8**	7
2-3	**7 sc**	7
4	**Ldec, 5 sc**	6
5	**Ldec, 4 sc**	5
6	**Ldec, 3 sc**	4
7	**sc, 2 dc, 1 sc**	4

Then proceed making sl stitches along the edge till you'll be back to R1 and fasten off.

Remember that you don't have to crochet any additional chain before the dc, just make the plain stitch.
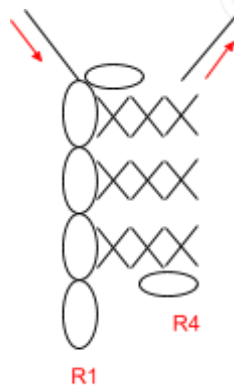
Here's the diagram:

Teeth

Hook: 2.0
The teeth are a straight stripe of 4 lines of 3 sc.
The part visible through the mouth is the side without tails.
Here's the diagram:

Eyes

Hook: 2.0

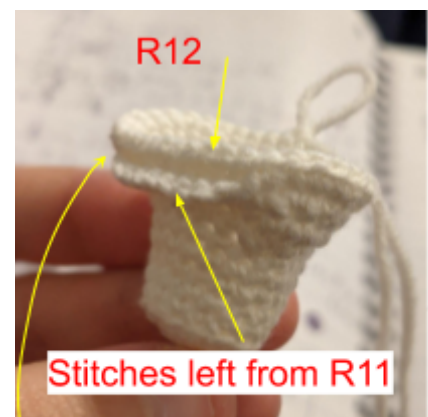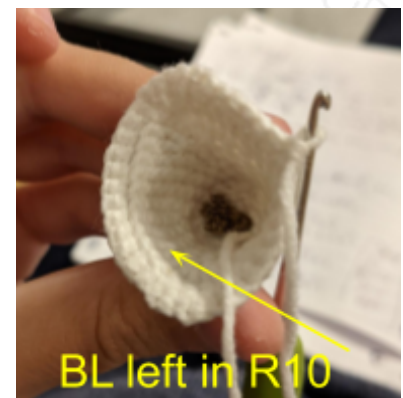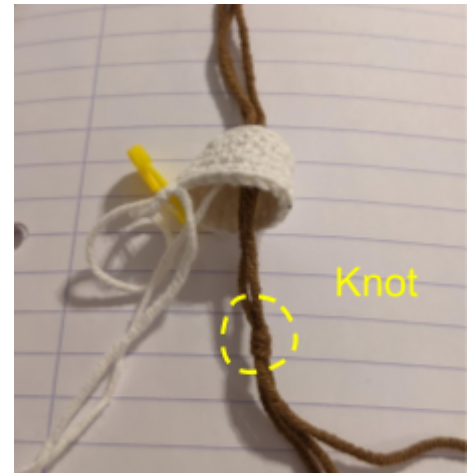| Instruction	Pic

1. Make a small donut:
   a. ch 2
   b. [9 sc] in 2nd loop from hook
   c. lJ in the first sc of round b
The bigger your safety eye, the more sc you have to make in point b.	

2. Cut a piece of the black yarn and **divide it into two thinner threads**. As an alternative, you can also use a black yarn much thinner than the other yarn used for this project	
3. Using this thinner black thread, crochet sl stitches all around the donut, working BLO. This slightly curves the donut, giving it some depth. Don't cut the tails, you'll use them later on to sew the eyes to the head	
4. The safety eye will be placed inside the donut's hole	

Head

<u>Hook: 2.0</u>

<u>Before starting, put aside a small ball of white yarn (a couple of meters). You'll use it to work the white part under the nose after R12 without cutting the yarn used for the head.</u>

Knot

| #R	Head part 1	Tot
Use white yarn, work in rows		
1	**6 sc in MR**	6
2	**6 inc**	12
3	**(2 sc, inc) x 4**	16
4	**16 sc BLO**	16
5	**16 sc**	16
6	**(3 sc, inc) x 4**	20
7-8	**20 sc**	
Stop to place the "sticks" on the top. I've made them pass through the hole of the MR, and I've blocked them with a knot on the inner side. I've also added some small little knots, to make it more bark-like. Stuff a bit the tip.		
9	**4 sc, inc, [4 sc], inc, 6 sc, inc, [4 sc], inc, 4 sc**	30
10	**30 sc**	30
11	**6 sc, 3 inc, 1 sc, 10 sc worked in <mark>FLO</mark>, 1 sc, 3 inc, 6 sc**	36
12	**13 sc, 10 sc in the <mark>BLs left in R10 (NOT 11!!!)</mark>, 13 sc** As you're working in the loops left at the previous round, <u>you will leave out 10 stitches from R11</u>	36
<mark>Stop</mark> in order to work the white part under the nose, **don't cut the yarn**. Work the following **<u>rows</u>** starting from the 10 stitches left in R11 *(you find the diagram below). The yarn must be joined on Olaf's left side.*		

BL left in R10

R12

Stitches left from R11

Join here to work the front white part

| a	1 stsc, 9 sc	10
b	Ldec, 8 sc	9
c	Ldec, 7 sc, cut the yarn	8
Join the yarn in "A" (see the scheme) and proceed working sc all around this part. Don't cut the yarn tails because you'll use them later on to fix this part.		

Olaf's right cheek

Olaf's left cheek

10 stitches left from R 11

a

b

c

S

A

SC all around
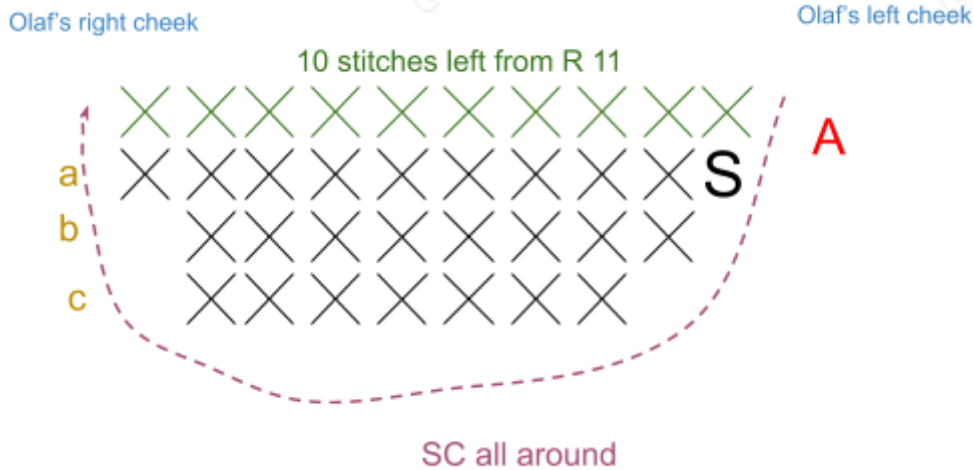
Now sew the eyes. The eyes must be placed so that the lower part of the eye will be right above the beginning of the white part you've just worked (see the image below), 3 stitches apart (they must slightly **touch** one another).
As a first thing, just pass the safety eyes inside the donuts, place them on the head and fix them with the washer. The hole of the donut you've made must be large enough to host the safety eye almost perfectly. In this way the safety eye only needs to go through 1 layer of crochet. if you make it too tight, you risk the safety eye not to be long enough for you to clip it.

Tip: put the washer oriented this way to gain a few mms.
Second tip: the part of the donut where you did the IJ is slightly thicker than the rest, and should stay in the outer top corner. This will give a friendlier expression to your olaf!
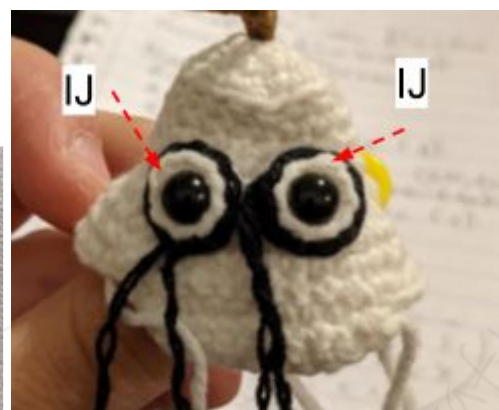
After having fixed the eyes using the washers, sew them to the head using the thinner black thread, making back stitches inside the black sl stitches all around. During this operation, pay attention not to flatten the eyes, which should keep the three dimensional shape you gave them by making the sl stitches.

At last, you can embroider the eyebrows!
To make the eyebrows I usually first pass a thread from point A to point B and then add a stitch in the middle to curve them as I want

Continue working the head from where you left before.

#R	Head part 2	Tot
13	**(4 sc, dec) x 6**	30
14	**(8 sc, dec) x 3**	27
15	**27 sc**	27

16	(dec, 25 sc)	26
17	6 sc, dec, 11 sc, dec, 5 sc	24
18	5 sc, dec, 11 sc, dec, 4 sc	22
19	22 sc	22
Stuff the head before closing up.		
20	dec, 20 sc	21
21	dec, 19 sc	20
22	(2 sc, dec) x 5	15
23	15 sc	15
24	(1 sc, dec) x 5	10

Cut the yarn and pull it out the stitch. Using a tapestry needle, pass it through the front loops of the last round, pull, make a knot and hide the yarn inside the head.
Sew the black part of the mouth below the white part, making back stitches around the edges, and the teeth on it. **Don't** sew the white part of the mouth just yet.
Sew the nose between the eyes.
Using the white tails left, fix the end extremities of the last row of the white part to R11 (X): this will accentuate the smiley shape. I haven't sowed further the white part of the mouth, that's it.

Tip:
if it looks like the eyes are drifting apart too much, you can sculpt a bit the head in this way:
Insert 2 threads inside the head and pass them underneath the eyes as in the picture below, then pull. This will make the eyes come closer and more parallel to each other, giving your amigurumi a more "Olaf-y" look :)

That's it, your Olaf is done!

I didn't sew the head to the body on purpose, so I can have fun putting it in different positions and play with it :D