

# Dusty the Donkey



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# Materials

- Yarn/wool: I have used Catania yarn from Schachenmayr in grey (0242 - 2 x 50g), dark grey (0393 < 50g), white (0106 < 50g) and Brazilia yarn from Schachenmayr in light grey (00090) color. For the basket Catania yarn in auburn (0388 < 50g), for the carrot Catania yarn in orange (0281 < 50g) and green (0212 < 50g) color.
- Crochet hook: 3.0 mm
- Approx. 190 cm of single core copper PVC-coated electrical wire (diameter: 3 mm)
- Rubber tape (electrician's tape) 1,5 cm wide to secure wire ends
- Tapestry needle
- Filling
- Scissors
- Pliers for cutting wire
- Two 9 mm black safety eyes
- Optional: small pebble (diameter: 2 cm) to make Dusty's bottom heavier

# Abbreviations

St(s)	-	stitch(es)
Ch	-	chain
Sc	-	single crochet
Inc	-	increase (2 sc in next st)
Dec	-	decrease (2 sc worked off together)
Slst	-	slip stitch
Dc	-	double crochet
Hdc	-	half double crochet
(nr)	-	indicates the total number of stitches in the current row/round
FO	-	fasten off

# Important Notes

- All rounds are worked in a continuous spiral (except Dusty's bottom, nostrils, eyelids and part of the hooves). Do not join or turn, unless instructed otherwise
- You may find it useful to use a stitchmarker for counting your rounds
- Take your time to create your amigurumi's face, it is a very important part of the final result
- While stuffing and making the wire frame take care to give each part a nice shape
- Using invisible decrease instead of decrease makes the final result nicer

# Size of finished figure

using the given yarn and hook size the complete size of Dusty will be 23 cm by 30 cm.

## Realization

### Mouth



With white yarn:

Round 1.	6 sc in double adjustable ring	(6)
Round 2.	inc*	(12)
Round 3.	(sc, inc)*	(18)
Round 4.	(2 sc, inc)*	(24)
Round 5.	- Round 10. sc*	(24)
Round 11.	(2 sc, dec)*	(18)

FO.

### Head



With white yarn:

Round 1.	6 sc in double adjustable ring	(6)
Round 2.	inc*	(12)
Round 3.	(sc, inc)*	(18)
Round 4.	(2 sc, inc)*	(24)
Round 5.	(3 sc, inc)*	(30)

Round 6.	(4 sc, inc)*	(36)
Round 7.	(5 sc, inc)*	(42)
Round 8.	- Round 15. sc*	(42)
Round 16.	(5 sc, dec)*	(36)
Round 17.	(4 sc, dec)*	(30)
Round 18.	(3 sc, dec)*	(24)

In next round mouth and head will be crocheted together. Please prepare the mouth and fold it in half.



- Round 19. Take the mouth, insert hook through mouth and head stitches, as you see on the picture above: 9 sc, work again into the head stitches: 15 sc (24)
- Round 20. Insert hook through the remaining stitches of the mouth, see picture below: 9 sc, work again into the head stitches: 15 sc (24)



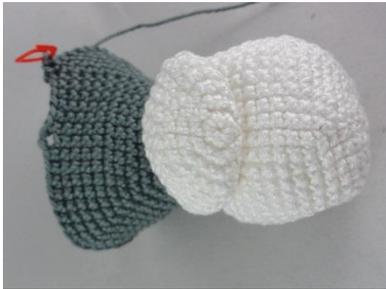
With grey yarn:

Round 21.	sc*	(24)
Round 22.	(7 sc, inc)*	(27)
Round 23.	(8 sc, inc)*	(30)
Round 24.	(9 sc, inc)*	(33)
Round 25.	(10 sc, inc)*	(36)
Round 26.	(11 sc, inc)*	(39)
Round 27.	(12 sc, inc)*	(42)
Round 28.	(13 sc, inc)*	(45)
Round 29.	(14 sc, inc)*	(48)
Round 30.	sc*	(48)

Round 31. 5 sc, ch2, skip 1, 42 sc

(49)

The hole you just created will be used for the stabilizing wire (skeleton).



Round 32. 5 sc, sc into the 2 ch loop from previous round, 42 sc

(48)

Round 33. (6 sc, dec)\*

(42)

Round 34. (5 sc, dec)\*

(36)

Round 35. (4 sc, dec)\*

(30)

Start to create the wire frame at this point. In my case the wire for the body and head was approximately 65 cm long. Keep in mind the size of the hook and the gauge of the yarn you are using. You may want to leave the wire rather a bit longer. Adjust it to the final length, when the body's size is evident.

Make a loop at one end of the wire. This loop should fit into the head. Secure the loop with the rubber tape. Insert the wire loop into the head as you see on the pictures below. Start stuffing the head and keep on stuffing as you go on.



Round 36. (3 sc, dec)\*

(24)

Round 37. (2 sc, dec)\*

(18)

Round 38. (sc, dec)\*

(12)

Round 39. dec\*

(6)

FO. Close the hole by leading the thread through the front loops of last round, pull it tight and weave the yarn tail into the head.

## Eyes



Eyeballs with white yarn (make 2):

Round 1.	ch 4	(4)
Round 2.	sc in second ch from hook, sc, 3 sc in last ch. Continue on the other side of beginning ch: sc, 2 sc into the last ch (you made the first sc into this ch)	(8)
Round 3.	inc, sc, 3 inc, sc, 2 inc	(14)
Round 4.	(sc, inc), sc, (sc, inc) 3-times, sc, (sc, inc) 2-times	(20)
Round 5.	sc*	(20)

FO. Leave a long yarn tail for sewing it to the head.

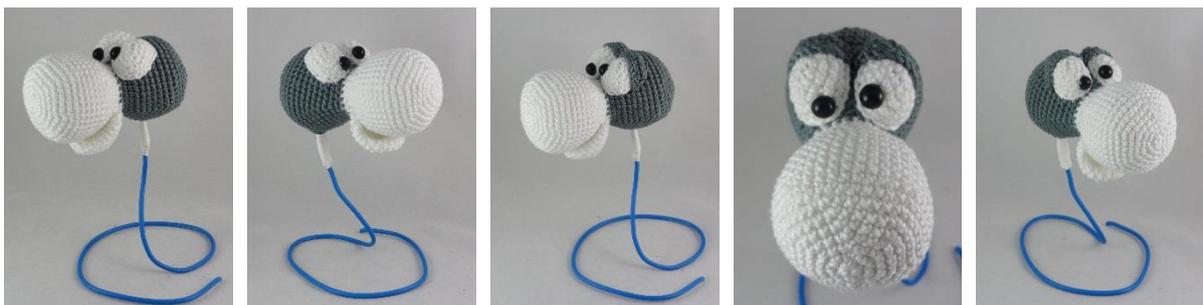
Eyelids with grey yarn (make 2):

Eyelids are crocheted in rows.

Row 1.	ch 10	(10)
Row 2.	Starting at second ch from hook 9 sc, turn	(9)
Row 3.	dec, 5 sc, dec, turn	(7)
Row 4.	3 dec, slst, DO NOT TURN!	

Slst around. FO. Leave a long yarn tail for sewing it to the head.

Insert the black safety eyes into the eyeballs (see pictures above). With invisible stitches sew the eyes to the head. For the exact place see the pictures below. Stuff the eyes softly with a small amount of filling while sewing. Sew the eyelids onto the eyeballs.



## Ears



With grey yarn (make 2):

Round 1.	3 sc in double adjustable ring	(3)
Round 2.	inc*	(6)
Round 3.	(sc, inc)*	(9)
Round 4.	(2 sc, inc)*	(12)
Round 5.	(3 sc, inc)*	(15)
Round 6.	(4 sc, inc)*	(18)
Round 7.	- Round 15. sc*	(18)
Round 16.	(4 sc, dec)*	(15)
Round 17.	(3 sc, dec)*	(12)

FO; leave a long yarn tail. With invisible stitches sew them to the head. See the pictures for the exact place.



## Nostrils



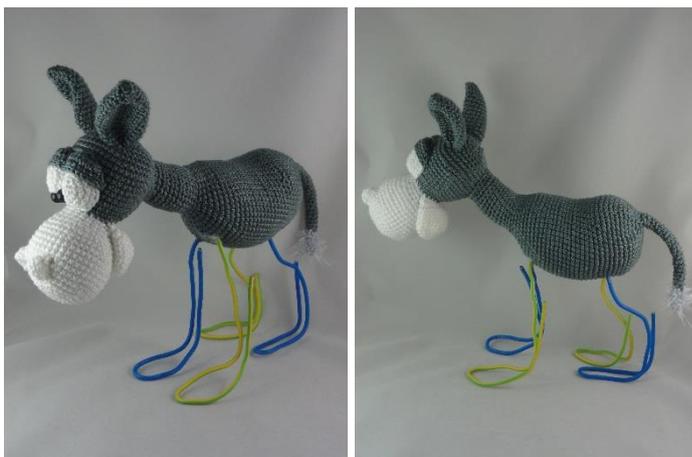
With green yarn (make 2):

Row 1. ch7 (7)

Row 2. Starting at second ch from hook 3 dec DO NOT TURN! (3)

slst around. FO. Leave a long yarn tail and with invisible stitches sew it to the head. For exact place and position see pictures above.

## Tail and Body



With light grey Brazilia yarn:

Round 1. 3 sc in double adjustable ring (3)

Round 2. inc\* (6)

Round 3. (sc, inc)\* (9)

Round 4. (sc, dec)\* (6)

Round 5. sc\* (6)

With grey Catania yarn:

Round 6. - Round 23. sc\* (6)

Round 24. 5 sc, inc (7)

Round 25. 6 sc, inc (8)

Round 26. 7 sc, inc (9)

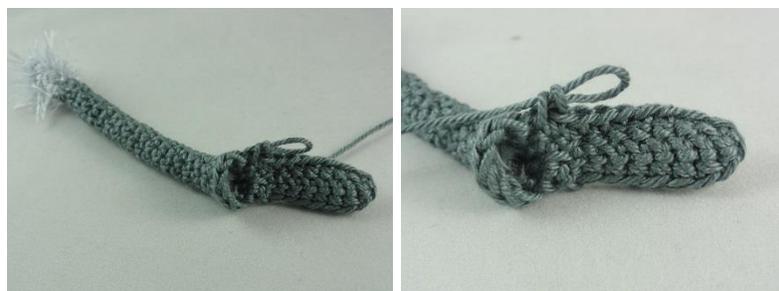
Round 27. 4 sc; Do not finish this Round. This will be the starting point for the bottom.

At this point stop working in spiral. To create Dusty's bottom work in rows instead:

Row 1. ch 8, from 2<sup>nd</sup> stitch from the hook 7 sc, sc into the same stitch where chain was started, sc into the next stitch of the tail, turn (17)



Row 2. Skip 2 stitches, 7 sc, inc, 6 sc, sc into the same stitch where chain was started, sc into the next stitch of the tail, turn (17)



Row 3. Skip 2, 6 sc, 3 inc, 6 sc (18)



Bottom part is ready, start working in spiral again.



Round 28. (sc, inc) 3-times (into the tail stitches), 6 sc, (sc, inc) 3-times, 6 sc (30)  
 Round 29. (2 sc, inc) 3-times, 6 sc, (2 sc, inc) 3-times, 6 sc (36)  
 Round 30. (3 sc, inc) 3-times, 6 sc, (3 sc, inc) 3-times, 6 sc (42)  
 Round 31. (4 sc, inc) 3-times, 6 sc, (4 sc, inc) 3-times, 6 sc (48)  
 Round 32. - Round 34. sc\* (48)

Round 35. 29 sc, ch 2, skip 1, 5 sc, ch2, skip 1, 12 sc (50)

The wire for the hind legs will later go through the holes just created.



Round 36. 29 sc, sc into the ch2 loop, 5 sc, sc into the ch2 loop, 12 sc (48)

Round 37. sc, dec, (5 sc, dec) 2-times, 6 sc, (4 sc, inc) 3-times, 10 sc (48)

Round 38. dec, (4 sc, dec) 2-times, 6 sc, (5 sc, inc) 3-times, 10 sc (48)

Round 39. - Round 50. sc\* (48)

Round 51. inc, (4 sc, inc) 2-times, 2 sc, (8 sc, dec) 3-times, 5 sc (48)

Round 52. 16 sc, (7 sc, dec) 3-times, 5 sc (45)

Round 53. 22 sc, dec, 3 sc, ch2, skip 1, 2 sc, dec, 2 sc, ch2, skip 1, 3 sc, dec, 5 sc (44)

The wire for the forelegs will later go through the holes just created.



Round 54. 21 sc, dec, 3sc, sc in ch2 loop, sc, dec, 2 sc, sc in ch2 loop, 2 sc, dec, 5 sc (39)

Round 55. dec, (4 sc, dec) 2-times, 2 sc, (4 sc, dec) 3-times, 5 sc (33)

Round 56. 13 sc, (3 sc, dec) 3-times, 5 sc (30)

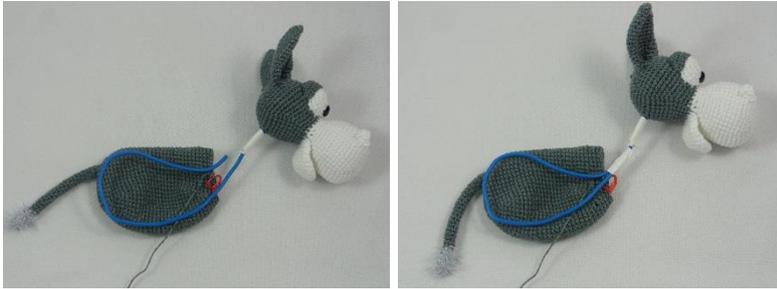
Round 57. 13 sc, (2 sc, dec) 3-times, 5 sc (27)

Round 58. 13 sc, (sc, dec) 3-times, 5 sc (24)

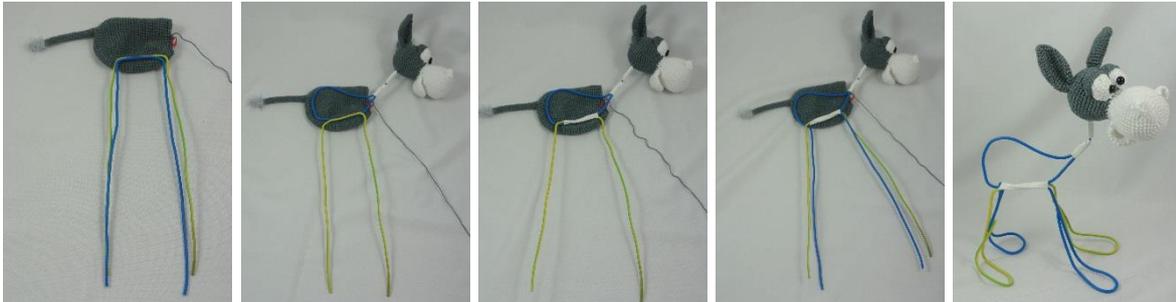
Round 59. 13 sc, 3 dec, 5 sc (21)

In the next step the main body skeleton will be created:

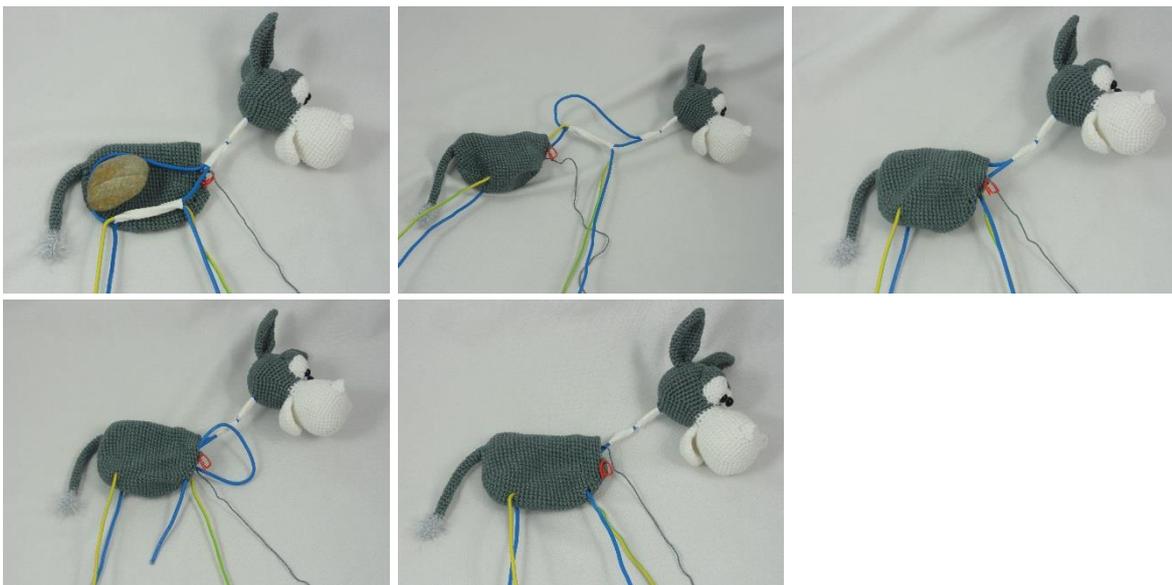
Adjust the length of the main skeleton wire (see pictures below). Make a loop at the end of the wire that fits into the body. Secure the loop with rubber tape.



Cut two pieces of wire for the legs. In my case the wire was approx. 60 cm long. You may want to leave it a little longer as the exact size can be adjusted later. One piece of wire will make one foreleg and one hind leg kitty-cornered. Secure the leg's wire with rubber tape to the main wire skeleton as you see on the pictures.



Lead the skeleton into the body. Insert the leg's wire through the corresponding holes on the body (see pictures). If you like, you may insert a pebble into Dusty's bottom in order to stabilize the ready figure.



Stuff the body carefully around the wire and pebble; take care to give it a nice shape.



Fold the legs flat to the body so that they do not disturb and keep on stuffing while crocheting.

Round 60. - Round 70. sc\* (21)

FO. Leave a long yarn tail. Finish stuffing the body. With invisible stitches sew the neck to the head.



## Mane

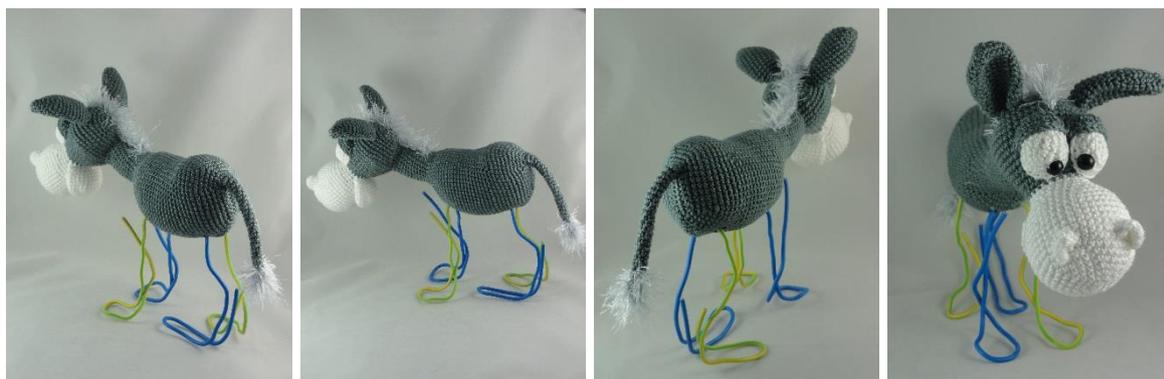


With light grey Brazilia yarn:

Round 1. ch 24 (24)

Round 2. sc in second ch from hook, 22 sc, 3 sc in last ch. Continue on the other side of beginning ch: 22 sc, 2 sc into the last ch (you made the first sc into this ch) (50)

FO. Leave a long yarn tail and with invisible stitches sew the mane to the body. For exact place and position see pictures below.



## Hooves and legs

Hooves with dark grey yarn (make 4):



- Round 1. ch 5 (5)  
Round 2. sc in second ch from hook, 2 sc (= sc in each of the next 2 ch), 3 sc in last ch. Continue on the other side of beginning ch: 2 sc (= sc in each of the next 2 ch), 2 sc into the last ch (you made the first sc into this ch) (10)  
Round 3. inc, 2 sc, 3 inc, 2 sc, 2 inc (16)  
Round 4. (sc, inc), 2 sc, (sc, inc) 3-times, 2 sc, (sc, inc) 2-times (22)  
Round 5. (2 sc, inc), 2 sc, (2 sc, inc) 3-times, 2 sc, (2 sc, inc) 2-times (28)  
Round 6. (3 sc, inc), 2 sc, (3 sc, inc) 3-times, 2 sc, (3 sc, inc) 2-times (34)  
Round 7. sc\* in back loops (34)  
Round 8. sc\* (34)  
Round 10. 7 sc, (3 sc, dec) 3-times, 12 sc (31)

At this point stop working in spiral, work in rows instead:

- Row 1. 7 sc, (2 sc, dec) 3-times, 4 sc, ch, turn (20)  
Row 2. 16 sc, ch, turn (16)



- Row 3. 4 sc, dec, (sc, dec) 2-times, 4 sc, 8 sc in remaining stitches of the main part (see picture above) DO NOT TURN! (21)

Start crocheting in spiral again:

- Round 11. 4 sc, 3 sc, 3 dec, 12 sc (22)  
FO.

Forelegs with grey yarn (make 2) starting from the top:



Round 1.	8 sc in double adjustable ring (do not close the hole and leave a long yarn tail for sewing it to the body - see pictures)	(8)
Round 2.	- Round 9. sc*	(8)
Round 10.	(sc, inc)*	(12)
Round 11.	- Round 12. sc *	(12)
Round 13.	(sc, dec)*	(8)
Round 14.	- Round 18. sc*	(8)
Round 19.	(sc, inc)*	(12)
Round 20.	- Round 21. sc*	(12)
Round 22.	(2 sc, inc)*	(16)
Round 23.	(3 sc, inc)*	(20)
Round 24.	(4 sc, inc)*	(24)
Round 25.	(5 sc, inc)*	(28)

FO. Leave a long yarn tail for sewing it to the hoof.

Stuff the knee softly. Insert the wire into the leg. Adjust the length of the wire (see picture below) and make a loop at the end. Secure the loop with rubber tape.



Pull the hoof over the end loop. Stuff the leg and hoof. Stuff it nicely around the wire. See pictures below. Sew the leg with invisible stitches to the second last round of the hoof.



Sew the leg with invisible stitches to the body. Finally bend the end hook of the wire inside the hoof into the proper position and shape.

Hind legs with grey yarn (make 2) starting from the top:



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| Round 1.  | 8 sc in double adjustable ring (do not close the hole and leave a long yarn tail for sewing it to the body - see pictures) | (8)  |
| Round 2.  | - Round 12. sc*  | (8)  |
| Round 13. | (sc, inc)*   | (12) |
| Round 14. | - Round 15. sc *   | (12) |
| Round 16. | (sc, dec)*   | (8)  |
| Round 17. | - Round 21. sc*  | (8)  |
| Round 22. | (sc, inc)*   | (12) |
| Round 23. | - Round 24. sc*  | (12) |
| Round 25. | (2 sc, inc)*   | (16) |
| Round 26. | (3 sc, inc)*   | (20) |
| Round 27. | (4 sc, inc)*   | (24) |
| Round 28. | (5 sc, inc)*   | (28) |

FO. Leave a long yarn tail for sewing it to the hoof.

Stuff the knee softly. Insert the hind leg's wire into the leg. Adjust the length of the wire (see picture below) and make a loop at the end. Secure the loop with rubber tape.



Pull the hoof over the end loop. Stuff the leg and hoof. Stuff it nicely around the wire. Sew the leg with invisible stitches to the second last round of the hoof.

Sew the leg with invisible stitches to the body. Finally bend the end hook of the wire inside the foot into the proper position and shape.

## Basket



With auburn yarn (make 2):

Round 1.	6 sc in double adjustable ring	(6)
Round 2.	inc*	(12)
Round 3.	(sc, inc)*	(18)
Round 4.	(2 sc, inc)*	(24)
Round 5.	(3 sc, inc)*	(30)
Round 6.	in front loops: sc*	(30)
Round 7.	sc*	(30)
Round 8.	(9 sc, inc)*	(33)
Round 9.	- Round 10. sc*	(33)
Round 11.	(10 sc, inc)*	(36)
Round 12.	- Round 13. sc*	(36)
Round 14.	sc* over last row	(36)

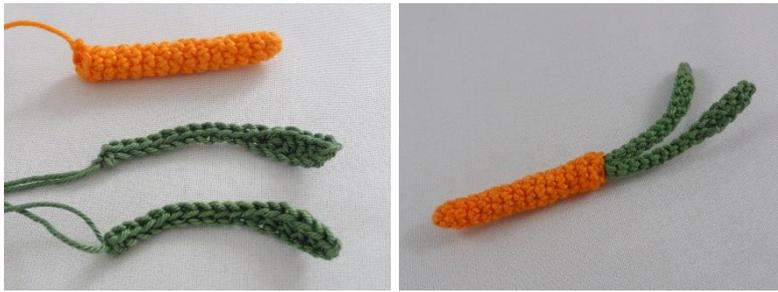
FO. Hide the yarn tail into the basket.

Belt with auburn yarn (make 2):

Round 1.	ch 16	(16)
Round 2.	sc in second ch from hook, 14 sc (= sc in each of the next 14 ch)	(15)

FO. Leave a long yarn tail and sew the belts to the baskets as you see on the pictures above.

## Carrot



With orange yarn:

- Round 1. 3 sc in double adjustable ring (3)  
Round 2. inc\* (6)  
Round 3. - Round 16. sc\* (6)

FO. Leave a long yarn tail for sewing it to the leaves later.

Leaves with green yarn (make 2):

- Round 1. ch 17 (17)  
Round 2. sc in second ch from hook, hdc, 2 dc, hdc, sc, 10 sc (= sc in each of the next 10 ch) (16)

FO. Insert the ends of the leaves into the opening of the carrot. With the orange yarn tail and invisible stitches sew them into the carrot (see picture above).



CONGRATULATIONS! Dusty the Donkey is ready 😊!!!

