



# NOEL *the Reindeer*



**Noel** was born in a very small village where the snow covers the ground all year round. He always wears his **striped scarf** while playing in the valley and dreaming of becoming one of **Santa's reindeer!**



## Materials

- fingering/4ply/DK weight cotton yarn, 2 balls of **Light Brown** and 1 ball of **Dark Brown** {suggested yarns: DMC Natura Just Cotton, Silke Estate, Drops Safran, Scheepjes Catona, Must-Have Yarn and Colors}
- sport weight yarn in **Yellow** and **Light Blue** {suggested yarn: Scheepjes Stone Washed}
- leftover piece of pink cotton yarn
- 2.5 mm and 3.5 mm crochet hook
- 2 x 9 mm safety eyes
- pipe cleaners
- tapestry needle
- stitch markers
- toy stuffing

**Skill level:** intermediate

**Size:** 20 cm tall (26 cm to the antlers), 17 cm long when made with the indicated or similar yarn

## Pattern notes

It is not necessary to use the recommended yarn and crochet hook to make this amigurumi. Using a larger crochet hook, and suitable yarn, the

amigurumi will be bigger while preserving the same proportions.

The pattern is mainly worked using the amigurumi method. Work in a continuous spiral without closing off the round with a slst. It may help to use a stitch marker in the last stitch of each round, moving it up as you work.

\* All the step by step photos are shown in a neutral color instead of the real color of the character.

## Construction

The body and legs are worked in one piece starting from the neck. The head, ears, tail and antlers are made separately and then sewn to the main parts.

## Abbreviations (US terms)

- **st**: stitch/es
- **ch**: chain
- **slst**: slip stitch
- **sc**: single crochet
- **Rnd**: round/s
- **inc**: single crochet increase
- **dec**: single crochet decrease
- **[number]**: number of stitches of the round or row

## Instructions

### HEAD

In Light Brown using a 2.5 mm hook.

**Rnd 1:** Start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

**Rnd 2:** inc in each st around [12]

**Rnd 3:** sc in next 6 st, inc in next 6 st [18]

**Rnd 4:** sc in each st around [18]

**Rnd 5:** sc in next 6 st, (inc in next st, sc in next st) repeat 6 times [24]

**Rnd 6:** sc in each st around [24]

**Rnd 7:** sc in next 6 st, (inc in next st, sc in next 2 st) repeat 6 times [30]

**Rnds 8 - 11 {4 rounds}:** sc in each st around [30]

**Rnd 12:** (inc in next st, sc in next 4 st) repeat 6 times [36]

**Rnd 13:** (inc in next st, sc in next 5 st) repeat 6 times [42]

**Rnd 14:** (inc in next st, sc in next 6 st) repeat 6 times [48]

**Rnds 15 - 26 {12 rounds}:** sc in each st around [48]

**Rnd 27:** (dec, sc in next 6 st) repeat 6 times [42]

**Rnd 28:** (dec, sc in next 5 st) repeat 6 times [36]



Place the eyes between Rnds 13 and 14 of the head approx. 12 stitches apart.

Stuff the head with toy stuffing and continue as you go.

**Rnd 29:** (dec, sc in next 4 st) repeat 6 times [30]

**Rnd 30:** (dec, sc in next 3 st) repeat 6 times [24]

**Rnd 31:** (dec, sc in next 2 st) repeat 6 times [18]

**Rnd 32:** (dec, sc in next st) repeat 6 times [12]

**Rnd 33:** dec 6 times [6]

Fasten off *{look at the box below}*.

Using the pink yarn, embroider the nose with long stitches across Rnds 2 and 4 of the head.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing the ears to the head between Rnds 24 and 26 approx 12 st apart.

### ANTLERS (make 2)

In Dark Brown using a 2.5 mm hook.

#### LONG PIECE

**Rnd 1:** start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

**Rnd 2 – 5 {4 rounds}:** sc in each st around [6]

**Rnd 6:** inc in next st, sc in next 5 st [7]

**Rnd 7 – 10 {4 rounds}:** sc in each st around [7]

**Rnd 11:** inc in next st, sc in next 6 st [8]

**Rnd 12 – 16 {5 rounds}:** sc in each st around [8]

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

#### MEDIUM PIECE

**Rnd 1:** start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

**Rnd 2 – 6 {5 rounds}:** sc in each st around [6]

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

#### SMALL PIECE

**Rnd 1:** start 5 sc in a magic ring [5]

**Rnd 2 – 4 {3 rounds}:** sc in each st around [5]

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Insert a piece of pipe cleaner into each section of the antlers. Sew the medium and small pieces onto the long one using the images as a guide. Sew the antlers between rounds 28 and 30 of the head, approx. 5 st apart.

### Fasten Off Invisibly

1. Thread tail end of yarn into a tapestry needle.
2. Insert the needle into the front loop of each st of the last Rnd.
3. Pull tight to close the hole and weave in the yarn end.
4. The last round is perfectly closed!



### EARS (make 2)

In Light Brown using a 2.5 mm hook.

**Rnd 1:** start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

**Rnd 2:** inc in next st, sc in next 5 st [7]

**Rnd 3:** inc in next st, sc in next 6 st [8]

**Rnd 4:** (inc in next st, sc in next 3 st) repeat twice [10]

**Rnd 5:** (inc in next st, sc in next 4 st) repeat twice [12]

**Rnd 6:** sc in each st around [12]

**Rnd 7:** (dec, sc in next 4 st) repeat twice [10]

Do not stuff. Flatten the ear.





**BODY (starting from the neck)**

In Light Brown using a 2.5 mm hook.  
Leave a long piece of yarn before starting ch (you'll need it for sewing to head later), ch 7.

**Row 1:** skip the first ch from hook, inc in next ch, sc in next 4 st, inc in next st, ch 1, turn [8]

**Row 2:** inc in next st, sc in next 6 st, inc in next st, ch 8 [10 sts + 8 ch] {photos 1 - 2}

Slst to first st of Row 2 to join into a ring {photo 3}

**Rnds 1 - 2:** sc in each st around [18] {photo 4}

Sc in next 6 st (these are not included in the stitch count), last st is at the middle back of the neck.

**Rnd 3:** ch 19 (this is the spine of your reindeer) {photo 5}, skip the first ch from hook, inc in next ch, sc in next 17 ch {photo 6}, sc in next 18 st of the neck {photo 7}, continue working on the opposite side of the spine, sc in next 18 st, place a stitch marker to indicate the end of the Rnd [55] {photos 8 - 9}

**Rnd 4:** inc in next 2 st, sc in next 52 st, inc in next st [58]

**Rnd 5:** (sc in next st, inc in next st) repeat twice, sc in next 24 st, inc in next st, sc in next 3 st, inc in next st, sc in next 24 sts, inc in next st [63]

**Rnd 6:** (sc in next 2 st, inc in next st) repeat twice, sc in next 56 st, inc in last st [66]

**Rnd 7:** (sc in next 3 st, inc in next st) repeat twice, sc in next 24 st, inc in next st, sc in next 5 st, inc in next st, sc in next 26 st, inc in next st [71] {photo 10}

**Rnd 8:** (sc in next 4 st, inc in next st) repeat twice, sc in next 61 st [73]

**Rnd 9:** sc in next 36 st, inc in next st, sc in next 7 st, inc in next st, sc in next 28 st [75]

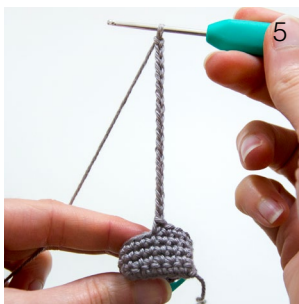
**Rnds 10 - 18 {9 rounds}:** sc in each st around [75]

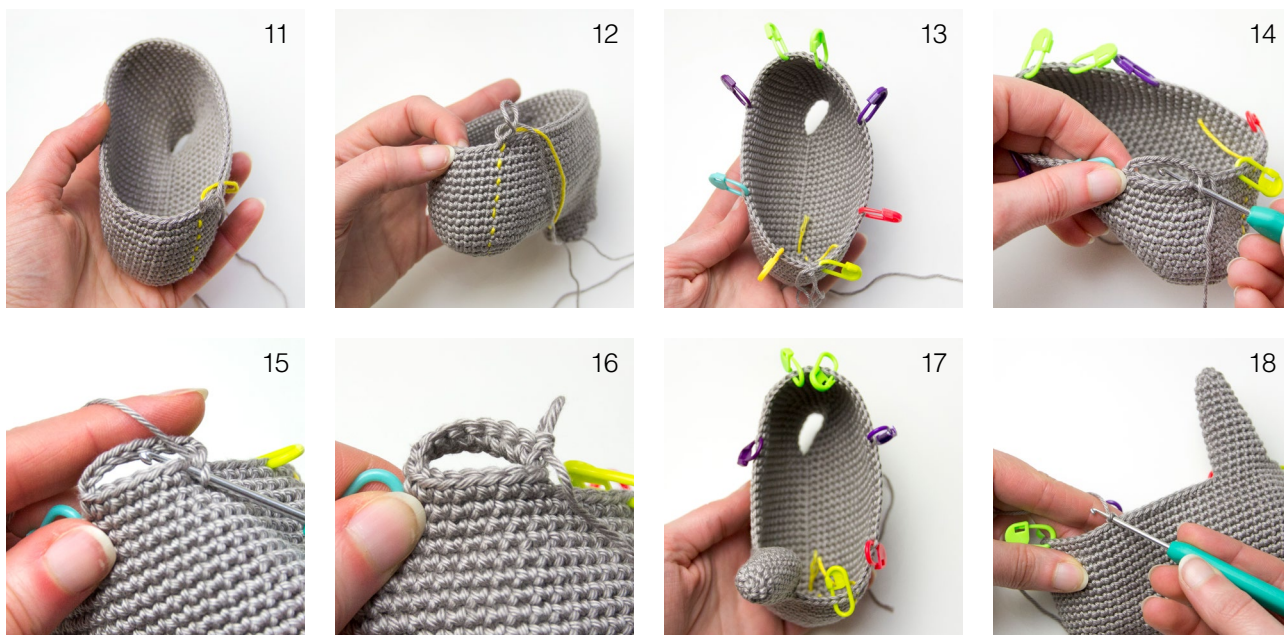
**Rnd 19:** (sc in next 4 st, dec) repeat twice, sc in next 23 st, dec, sc in next 11 st, dec, sc in next 23 st, dec [70]

**Rnd 20:** sc in each st around [70] {photo 11}

Work a sc in each st until you reach the middle back of the reindeer (approx. sc in next 5 st) {photo 12}, sc in next 3 st.

Do not cut the yarn, continue with Leg 1.





Use 8 stitch markers to indicate the first and last st of each leg, following the series {photo 13}: 9 st first leg, 12 st space, 9 st second leg, 5 st space, 9 st third leg, 12 st space, 9 st fourth leg.

#### LEG 1

Continue in Light Brown using a 2.5 mm hook.

**Rnd 1:** sc in next 9 st of the body, ch 9, slst into the first sc on the leg to join in Rnd {photos 14 - 15} [9 st + 9 ch]

**Rnd 2:** sc in next 9 st, sc in next 9 ch {photo 16} [18]

**Rnd 3:** sc in each st around [18]

**Rnd 4:** (dec, sc in next 7 st) repeat twice [16]

**Rnds 5 - 6:** sc in each st around [16]

**Rnd 7:** (dec, sc in next 6 st) repeat twice [14]

**Rnds 8 - 9:** sc in each st around [14]

**Rnd 10:** (dec, sc in next 5 st) repeat twice [12]

**Rnds 11- 12:** sc in each st around [12]

Change to Dark Brown.

**Rnd 13:** sc in each st around [12]

**Rnd 14:** dec 6 times [6]

Fasten off {photo 17}. With a tapestry needle, insert the needle into each front loop of the last Rnd, pull to close the hole and weave in ends {look at the box at page 3}. Stuff the leg from the open end.

#### LEG 2

Skip next 12 st on Rnd 20 of the body after Leg 1. Start the second leg following the same instructions of Leg 1 {photo 18}.

#### LEG 3

Skip next 5 st on Rnd 20 of the body after Leg 2. Start the third leg following the same instructions of Leg 1.

#### LEG 4

Skip next 12 st on Rnd 20 of the body after Leg 3. Start the fourth leg following the same instructions of Leg 1.

#### BELLY

Join Light Brown yarn to Rnd 20, on the right-hand side of the 12 st space between Leg 1 and Leg 2 {photo 19}.



**Rows 1 – 5:** ch 1 (doesn't count as st throughout), sc in each st, turn [12]  
**Row 6:** ch 6, skip the first ch from hook, sc in next 5 ch, sc in next 12 st, turn [17]  
**Row 7:** ch 6, skip the first ch from hook, sc in next 5 ch, sc in next 17 st, turn [22]  
**Rows 8 – 10 {3 rounds}:** ch 1, sc in each st, turn [22]

**Row 11 (partial):** ch 1, sc in next 17 st, turn leaving the remaining st unworked [17]

**Row 12 (partial):** ch 1, sc in next 12 st, turn leaving the remaining st unworked [12]

**Rows 13 – 16 {4 rounds}:** ch 1, sc in each st, turn [12]

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. Pin the Belly piece to Rnd 20 of the body, start sewing it all around the body and the legs.

Stuff the body a few cm before ending the seam. Continue stuffing the body from the neck until it stands firm.

Place the head from Rnd 10 to 16 to the neck and sew all around.

#### TAIL

In Light Brown using a 2.5 mm hook.

**Rnd 1:** start 6 sc in a magic ring [6]

**Rnd 2:** (inc in next st, sc in next 2 st) repeat twice [8]

**Rnd 3:** (inc in next st, sc in next 3 st) repeat twice [10]

**Rnd 4:** (inc in next st, sc in next 4 st) repeat twice [12]

**Rnd 5:** (dec, sc in next 4 st) repeat twice [10]

Do not stuff. Flatten the tail. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing the tail to the body between Rnds 4 and 5 (at the end of the spine).



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#### SCARF

Start in Light Blue (alternating Light Blue and Yellow every 4 rows, cutting the yarn at end of each section), using a 3.5 mm hook. Ch 7.

**Row 1:** start in second ch from hook, sc in next 6 st, turn [6]

**Row 2 – 92 (approx. 52 cm / 20½ in):** ch 1 (doesn't count as st), sc in all 6 st, turn [6]

Make a tassel for each st of the first and last Row. Cut 2 strands 8 cm long for each tassel and fold them in half. Using the crochet hook, insert both strands into a st and make a loop, pull the ends through the loop to close the tassel. Repeat for each st of the first and last row.

I'd be really happy to see your reindeer!

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**I look forward to seeing it!**

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