



*Free Crochet Pattern*

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## LEO THE LION

Pattern Number: 70460AD



## SKILL LEVEL – EASY+

## SIZES

One Size

About 11 in. (28 cm) tall

## MATERIALS

- 620-171 Lion Brand Wool-Ease® Yarn: Gold 2 Balls (A)
- 620-126 Lion Brand Wool-Ease® Yarn: Chocolate Brown
- 1 Ball (B) small amount
- 320-126 Lion Brand Fun Fur Yarn: Chocolate 1 Ball (C)
- Lion Brand Crochet Hook - Size H-8
- Lion Brand Stitch Markers
- Large-Eye Blunt Needles (Set of 6



## ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

Fiberfill stuffing

## GAUGE

17 sc + 17 rows = 4 in. (10 cm) with A.

EXACT GAUGE IS NOT ESSENTIAL FOR THIS PROJECT.

BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

When you match the gauge in a pattern, your project will be the size specified in the pattern and the materials specified in the pattern will be sufficient. If it takes you less stitches and rows to make a 4 in. [10 cm] square, try using a smaller size hook or needles; if more stitches and rows, try a larger size hook or needles.

## STITCH EXPLANATION

**sc2tog (sc decrease)** Insert hook into st and draw up a loop. Insert hook into next st and draw up a loop. Yarn over, draw through all 3 loops on hook.

## NOTE

Lion is worked in continuous rnds; do not join or turn unless otherwise instructed. Place a marker to indicate beg of rnd; move marker up as each rnd is completed.

**Note:**

The following corrections have been incorporated into the pattern below. We are highlighting the corrections separately here so that if you have printed out an earlier version of the pattern you'll know what was changed.

**CORRECTIONS (applied August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021)**

Tail Tuft Work as for Mane around tip of Tail. Weave yarn ends through beg ring.  
Stuff Front Legs and sew to Body. Sew Back Legs to Body. Sew Ears to Head. Sew Tail to lower back of Body. With B, embroider straight stitch whiskers, **and** claws **and features**. Weave in ends.

## HEAD

With A, ch 6.

Foundation Rnd: Sl st in 3rd ch from hook and next 3 ch, ch 2. Do not turn, working in free loops on opposite side of beginning ch, sc in first 4 ch, 3 sc in beg ch-2 sp; pivot to work in sl sts at beginning of rnd, sc in each of 4 sl sts, 3 sc in end ch-2 sp; do not join - 14 sc.

Place a marker to indicate beg of rnd; move marker up as each rnd is completed.

**Rnd 1:** Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc - 18 sc.

**Rnd 2:** Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc - 22 sc.

**Rnd 3:** Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc - 26 sc.

**Rnds 4 and 5:** Sc in each sc around.

**Rnd 6:** (Sc in next 8 sc, sc2tog, sc in next sc, sc2tog) twice - 22 sc.

**Rnds 7 and 8:** Sc in each sc around.

**Rnd 9:** 2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 6 sc, (2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc) twice, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc - 28 sc.

**Rnds 10-12:** Sc in each sc around.

**Rnd 13:** Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 11 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 11 sc, 2 sc in next sc - 32 sc.

**Rnds 14-17:** Sc in each sc around.

**Rnd 18:** (Sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog) 8 times - 24 sc.

Stuff Head with fiberfill.

**Rnd 19:** (Sc in next sc, sc2tog) 8 times - 16 sc.

**Rnd 20:** (Sc2tog) 8 times - 8 sc.

**Rnd 21:** Sc in each sc around.

Sl st in next sc.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Weave tail through last rnd, gather tightly and fasten off.

## BODY

**Note:** Work begins at neck.

With A, ch 3; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

**Rnd 1:** Work 6 sc in ring; do not join. Place a marker to indicate beg of rnd; move marker up as each rnd is completed.

**Rnd 2:** Work 2 sc in each sc around - 12 sc.

**Rnd 3:** Sc in each sc around.

**Rnd 4:** (Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc) around - 18 sc.

**Rnd 5:** (Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) around - 24 sc.

**Rnd 6:** Sc in each sc around.

**Rnd 7:** (Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc) around - 30 sc.

**Rnd 8:** (Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc) around - 36 sc.

**Rnd 9:** Sc in each sc around.

Rep Rnd 9 until Body measures 8 in. (20.5 cm)

**Next Rnd:** (Sc in next sc, sc2tog) 12 times - 24 sc.

Stuff Body.

**Next Rnd:** (Sc in next sc, sc2tog) 8 times - 16 sc.

**Next Rnd:** (Sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog) 4 times - 12 sc.

**Last Rnd:** (Sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog) 3 times - 9 sc.

Sl st in next sc.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Weave tail through last rnd, gather tightly and fasten off.

## BACK LEG (make 2)

With A, ch 3; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

**Rnd 1:** Work 6 sc in ring; do not join. Place a marker to indicate beg of rnd; move marker as each rnd is completed.

**Rnd 2:** Work 2 sc in each sc around - 12 sc.

**Rnd 3:** (Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc) around - 18 sc.

**Rnds 4 and 5:** Sc in each sc around.

**Rnd 6:** (Sc in next sc, sc2tog) around - 12 sc.

**Rnds 7-13:** Sc in each sc around.

**Note:** Change to working back and forth in rows.

**Row 14:** Ch 1, turn sc in first 6 sc; leave remaining sts unworked.

**Row 15:** Ch 1, turn, sc in first 4 sc; leave last 2 sc unworked.

**Row 16:** Ch 1, turn, sc in first 2 sc; leave last 2 sc unworked.

**Row 17:** Ch 1, turn, sc in first 2 sc, sc in unworked sc in row below; leave 1 sc unworked - 3 sc.

**Row 18:** Ch 1, turn, sc in first 3 sc, sc in unworked sc in row below; leave 1 sc unworked - 4 sc.

**Row 19:** Ch 1, turn, sc in first 4 sc, sc in unworked sc in row below - 5 sc.

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**Row 20:** Ch 1, turn, sc in first 5 sc, sc in unworked sc in row below - 6 sc.

**Rnd 21:** Ch 1, turn, sc in first 6 sc; insert hook in edge of work and draw up a loop, insert hook in unworked sc in row below and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through all loops on hook (edge-sc2tog made); sc in next 4 sc; insert hook in next sc and draw up a loop, insert hook in edge of work and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through all loops on hook (edge-sc2tog made); do not join - 12 sc.

**Note:** Change to working in rnds.

**Rnds 22 and 23:** Sc in each sc around.

**Rnd 24:** (Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc) around - 18 sc.

**Rnd 25:** Sc in each sc around.

**Rnd 26:** (Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) around - 24 sc.

**Rnd 27:** Sc in each sc around.

**Rnd 28:** (Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc) around - 30 sc.

**Rnd 29:** Sc in each sc around.

**Rnd 30:** (Sc in next 9 sc, 2 sc in next sc) 3 times - 33 sc.

**Rnds 31 and 32:** Sc in each sc around.

**Rnd 33:** (Sc in next 9 sc, sc2tog) 3 times - 30 sc.

**Rnd 34:** (Sc in next 3 sc, sc2tog) around - 24 sc.

Stuff Leg.

**Rnd 35:** (Sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog) around - 18 sc.

**Rnd 36:** (Sc in next sc, sc2tog) around - 12 sc.

**Rnd 37:** (Sc2tog) 6 times - 6 sc.

Sl st in next sc.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Weave tail through last rnd, gather tightly and fasten off.

## **FRONT LEG (make 2)**

Work Rnds 1-6 as for Back Leg.

**Rnd 7:** Sc in each sc around.

Rep Rnd 7 until Leg measures 7 in. (18 cm). Fasten off.

## **EAR (make 2)**

With A, ch 3; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

**Rnd 1:** Work 6 sc in ring; do not join.

Place a marker to indicate beg of rnd; move marker as each rnd is completed.

**Rnd 2:** 2 sc in each sc around - 12 sc.

**Rnds 3 and 4:** Sc in each sc around.

Sl st in next sc.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. Flatten Ear.

## TAIL

With A, ch 3; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

**Rnd 1:** Work 6 sc in ring; do not join.

**Rnd 2:** Sc in each sc around.

Rep Rnd 2 until Tail measures 7 in. (18 cm). Fasten off.

## FINISHING

Sew Head to Body.

### *Mane*

With 2 strands of C held together, and leaving a 3 in. (7.5 cm) yarn tail, work surface sl sts around back of Head and top of back of Body, as follows:

- 1) Insert hook into Lion around a stitch.
- 2) Yarn over with C.
- 3) Draw loop of C back through stitch of Lion.
- 4) Insert hook around next stitch of Lion.

Rep from step 2, working Mane randomly around Head and shoulders of Lion. To finish, cut C leaving a 3 in. (7.5 cm) tail. Draw tail through last loop of C. Draw tails of C into Lion to hide.

### *Tail Tuft*

Work as for Mane around tip of Tail. Weave yarn ends through beg ring.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

**beg** = begin(s)(ning)

**ch(s)** = chain(s)

**rep** = repeat(s)(ing)

**rnd(s)** = round(s)

**sc** = single crochet

**sl st** = slip stitch

**st(s)** = stitch(es)

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