



Free Crochet Pattern

# Andy the Acorn



Pattern # -

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Yarn -

Lion Brand® Basic Stitch® Anti-Pilling

## SKILL LEVEL – EASY

## SIZES

About 8 in. (20.5 cm) tall

## MATERIALS

- LION BRAND® BASIC STITCH® ANTI-PILLING (Art. #202)
  - #126 Mahogany 1 ball (A)
  - #121 Almond 1 ball (B)
  - #407 Pine Heather 1 ball (C)
  - #101 Baby Pink 1 ball (D)
- LION BRAND® stitch markers
- LION BRAND® large-eyed blunt needle

## ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

Crochet hook size G-6 (4 mm)

2 plastic safety eyes, 10mm diameter

Black and white embroidery floss

Embroidery needle

Fiberfill stuffing



## GAUGE

19 sc + 21 rnds = about 4 in. (10 cm).

EXACT GAUGE IS NOT ESSENTIAL FOR THIS PROJECT.

## STITCH EXPLANATIONS

**sc2tog (sc 2 sts together)** (Insert hook in next st and draw up a loop) twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook – 1 st decreased.

**Puff (3-hdc puff – worked all in one st)** Yarn over, insert hook in indicated st, yarn over and draw up a loop, (yarn over, insert hook in same st, yarn over and draw up a loop) twice, yarn over, draw through all 7 loops on hook, ch 1 (to close Puff).

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## TECHNIQUE EXPLANATION

**Magic Ring:** Wrap yarn around index finger. Insert hook in ring on finger, yarn over and draw up a loop. Carefully slip ring from finger and work the sts of Rnd 1 in the ring.

## NOTES

1. Andy the Acorn is worked in 7 pieces: Acorn, Cap, Stem, 2 Cheeks, and 2 Leaves.
2. Acorn, Stem, and Leaves are worked in continuous rnds (spiral). Do not join first st of rnds to last st with a sl st. Do not turn at the beg of rnds, unless instructed.
3. Cheeks and Cap are worked in joined rnds.
4. Exact gauge is not essential for this project. We worked tightly with a small hook so that stuffing wouldn't show through.

## SAFETY NOTE

This piece is not a toy! The small pieces can present a choking hazard. Never leave a baby or child unattended with this project!

## CAP

With A, make a magic ring.

**Rnd 1 (RS):** Work 6 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous rnds (spiral).

Gently but firmly, pull tail to tighten center of ring.

Place a marker in last st made to indicate end of rnd. Move marker up as each rnd is completed.

**Rnd 2:** Work 2 Puffs in each Puff around, skipping the closing ch-1's – you will have 12 Puffs in this rnd.

Continue to skip the closing ch-1's of the Puffs, unless otherwise instructed.

**Rnd 3:** \* Puff in next Puff, 2 Puffs in next Puff; rep from \* around – 18 Puffs.

**Rnd 4:** \* Puff in next 2 Puffs, 2 Puffs in next Puff; rep from \* around – 24 Puffs.

**Rnd 5:** \* Puff in next 3 Puffs, 2 Puffs in next Puff; rep from \* around – 30 Puffs.

**Rnds 6 and 7:** Puff in each Puff around.

**Rnd 8:** \* Puff in next 4 Puffs, 2 Puffs in next Puff; rep from \* around – 36 Puffs.

**Rnd 9:** Working in back loops only, sc in each Puff and in each closing ch-1 around – 72 sc.

**Rnd 10:** Working in free front loops of Rnd 8, Puff in each Puff, skipping the closing ch-1's – 36 Puffs.

Fasten off.

## STEM

With A, make a magic ring.

**Rnd 1 (RS):** Work 8 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous rnds (spiral).

Gently but firmly, pull tail to tighten center of ring.

Place a marker in last st made to indicate end of rnd. Move marker up as each rnd is completed.

**Rnd 2:** (Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st) twice – 10 sc.

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

**Rnd 5:** (Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog) twice – 8 sc.

**Rnd 6:** (Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog) twice – 6 sc.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Stuff piece.

## ACORN

With B, make a magic ring.

**Rnd 1 (RS):** Work 8 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous rnds (spiral).

Gently but firmly, pull tail to tighten center of ring.

Place a marker in last st made to indicate end of rnd. Move marker up as each rnd is completed.

**Rnd 2:** Work 2 sc in each st around – 16 sc.

**Rnd 3:** \* Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 24 sc.

**Rnd 4:** \* Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 32 sc.

**Rnd 5:** \* Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 40 sc.

**Rnds 6 and 7:** Sc in each st around.

**Rnd 8:** \* Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 48 sc.

**Rnd 9:** \* Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 56 sc.

**Rnd 10:** Sc in each st around.

**Rnd 11:** \* Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 64 sc.

**Rnd 12:** \* Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 72 sc.

**Rnds 13-30:** Sc in each st around.

Attach safety eyes between Rnds 22 and 23, about 14 sts apart.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Stuff piece.

## CHEEKS (make 2)

With D, make a magic ring.

**Rnd 1:** Work 8 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

## LEAVES (make 2)

With D, ch 15.

**Rnd 1:** Work 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 12 ch, 4 sc in next ch; working along opposite side of foundation ch, sc in next 12 ch, 2 sc in next ch; do not join, work in continuous rnds (spiral) – 32 sc.

**Rnd 2:** Work 2 sc in next st, \* (sc, hdc) in next st, 2 dc in next st, (hdc, sc) in next st, sl st in next st; rep from \* 2 more times, sc in next st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next st, \*\* sl st in next st, (sc, hdc) in next st, 2 dc in next st, (hdc, sc) in next st; rep from \*\* 2 more times, 2 sc in last st – 54 sts.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

## FINISHING

Using photograph as a guide and yarn tails still attached to pieces whenever possible, assemble Acorn as follows:

With white embroidery floss, embroider curves along outer edges of safety eyes for whites of eyes.

With black embroidery floss, embroider curves along upper edges of safety eyes for eyelids.

With black embroidery floss, embroider eyebrows on face, above eyes, between Rnds 25 and 28.

With black embroidery floss, embroider mouth, between Rnds 17 and 20, centered between eyes and about 6 sts long.

With B, sew Acorn to Rnd 9 of Cap.

With C, sew Cheeks to Acorn below eyes, between Rnds 16 and 20.

With A, sew Stem to top of Cap.

With D, sew Leaves to Stem.

Weave in ends.

## ABBREVIATIONS

**beg** = begin(ning)

**ch** = chain

**dc** = double crochet

**hdc** = half double crochet

**rep** = repeat

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

**RS** = right side

**sc** = single crochet

**sl st** = slip stitch

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



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