Sleeping Baby Dragon Pattern <3

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I used a size 3.5mm hook with 8ply yarn (4 Seasons Marvel yarn from Spotlight).

I used orange, yellow and cream yarn, and a small amount of black yarn for the eyes and nose.

This pattern has been altered slightly to make the head, body and hind leg slightly larger than what is pictured in these images. I apologise that I do not yet have any images showing these changes. The (very) rough initial pattern I quickly wrote while first making this orange dragon will also be available for download if you would like to have a look at the changes.

Abbreviations used in this pattern:

sl st – slip stitch

sc – single crochet

Inc – increase by crocheting two stitches into the same stitch

dec – decrease by crocheting one stitch into the next two stitches

(number) – how many stitches are in each row

Tools needed:

Four different coloured balls of yarn

Crochet hook

Scissors

Darning needle

Polyester fill for stuffing

One Stitch marker

ROUGH DRAFT – not a tested pattern

Tip 1: Fill with stuffing as you go (as needed)

Tip 2: As this pattern is crocheted in the round, place a stitch marker at the beginning of each row to remember where each row begins.

Tip 3: The dragon is created with a straight body and tail first, and then at the end the end of the tail is sewn to the bottom of the head to create its lovely curled up position.

Tip 4: As you are sewing on all the different body parts to the head and body, curl the dragon up to check that you are happy with the positions you are sewing everything.

Head, body and tail

In orange

Row 1: 6 sc into magic ring, pull yarn end to close ring (6)

Row 2: 6x inc (12)

Row 3: (2 sc, 1x inc) x4 (16)

Row 4: Sc around for one row (16)

Row 5: 6 sc, 1x inc, 2 sc, 1x inc, 6 sc (18)

Row 6: 5 sc, 1x inc, 2 sc, 2x inc, 2 sc, 1x inc, 5 sc (22)

Row 7: 4 sc, (1x inc, 3 sc) x4, 2 sc (26)

Row 8: 6 sc, 1x inc, 2 sc, 1x inc, 5 sc, 1x inc, 2 sc, 1x inc, 7 sc (30)

Rows 9-12: Sc around for four rows (30)

Row 13: (3 sc, 1x dec) x6 (24)

Row 14: (2 sc, 1x dec) x6 (18)

Row 15: (3 sc, 1x dec) x3, 3 sc (15)

Rows 16-22: Sc around for 7 rows (15)

For the next 4 rows I just randomly increased by 3 for each row, kind of spreading out the increases (if that makes sense)

Row 23: Inc to 18 (18)

Row 24: Inc to 21 (21)

Row 25: Inc to 24 (24)

Row 26: Inc to 27 (27)

Rows 27-33: Sc around for 7 rows (27)

For the next 5 rows I just randomly decreased by 3 for each row, kind of spreading out the decreases (if that makes sense)

Row 34: Dec to 24 (24)

Row 35: Dec to 21 (21)

Row 36: Dec to 18 (18)

Row 37: Dec to 15 (15)

Row 38: Dec to 12 (12)

Rows 39-40 Sc around for 2 rows (12)

Row 41: Dec to 11 (11)

Row 42-43: Sc around for 2 rows (11)

Row 44: Dec to 10 (10)

Rows 45-46: Sc around for 2 rows (10)

Row 47: Dec to 9 (9)

Rows 48-49: Sc around for 2 rows (9)

Row 50: Dec to 8 (8)

Rows 51-52: Sc around for 2 rows (8)

Row 53: Dec to 7 (7)

Row 54: Sc around (7)

Change to yellow

Rows 55-57: Sc around for 3 rows (7)

Sl st into the next stitch, then cut the yarn and close the hole with the yarn tail, by threading the yarn through one loop from each of the 7 sc stitches, and then pulling tight to close. Thread the yarn end into the tail to hide it.

Hind legs

Half sphere

In orange

Row 1: 6 sc into magic ring (6)

Row 2: 6x inc (12)

Row 3: (2 sc, 1x inc) x4 (16)

Row 4-5: Sc around for 2 rows (16)

Sl st into the next stitch, then cut the yarn (leaving long tail) and tie a knot. Make two and sew onto the body on either side, near the start of the tail, and try to keep it symmetrical on

both sides. When there is only a small part left open, add a small amount of stuffing before sewing the rest up.

Leg

In white

Row 1: 6 sc into magic ring, pull yarn end to close hole (6)

Rows 2-3: Sc around for 2 rows (6)

Change to orange

Rows 4-7: Sc around for 4 rows (6)

Sl st into the next stitch, then cut the yarn and sew the hole closed using the tail of yarn, by threading the yarn through one loop from each of the 6 sc stitches, and then pull tight to close. Make two legs and sew to the bottom of the hind leg half sphere, trying to keep both sides symmetrical.

Ears

Row 1: 6 sc into magic ring, pull yarn end to close hole (6)

Rows 2-3: Sc around for 2 rows (6)

Row 4: 1x dec, 4 sc (5)

Row 5: Sc around (5)

Sl st into the next stitch, then cut the yarn (leaving a long tail) and tie a knot.

Make two ears and sew onto the side of the head, trying to keep both sides symmetrical.

Spikes

In yellow

6 sc into magic ring, pull yarn end to close hole (6)

(1 sc, 1x inc) x3 (9)

Sl st into the next stitch, then cut the yarn and tie a knot. Make 5 spikes and fold each one in half so it looks like a bit between a spike/half circle shape, and sew onto the body in a row with even gaps between each spike.

Horns

In white

Row 1: 4 sc into magic ring, pull yarn end to close hole (4)

Row 2: (1 sc, 1x inc) x2 (6)

Rows 3-4: Sc around for 2 rows (6)

Sl st into the next stitch, then cut the yarn (leaving a long tail of yarn) and tie a knot. Make two horns and sew to the top of the head, trying to keep both sides symmetrical.

Front Legs

In white

Row 1: 6 sc into magic ring, pull yarn end to close hole (6)

Row 2: Sc around (6)

Change to orange

Rows 3-9: Sc around for 7 rows (6)

Sl st into the next stitch, then cut the yarn (leaving a long tail) and sew the hole closed using the tail of yarn, by threading the yarn through one loop from each of the 7 sc stitches, and then pull tight to close. Make two front legs and sew to the side of body near the head, trying to keep both sides symmetrical.

Side of head horns

(Bigger one just below ear)

In yellow

Row 1: 6 sc into magic ring, pull yarn end to close hole (6)

Rows 2-3: Sc around for 2 rows (6)

Cut yarn (leaving a long tail) and tie a knot. Make two horns and sew on head just below the ears, trying to keep both sides symmetrical.

(Smaller one)

In yellow

Row 1: 4 sc into magic ring, pull yarn end to close hole (4)

Row 2: Sc around for 1 row (4)

Cut yarn (leaving a long tail) and tie a knot. Make two horns and sew on head just below the bigger horns, trying to keep both sides symmetrical.

Embroider eyes and nose

In black

Embroider half circle sleeping eyes on the sides of the head, and then two nostrils on the front of the nose.

Curl him up

Use orange yarn

To curl the dragon up, sew the end of the tail to the bottom of the head to make the dragon stay in its sleepy curled up shape.

I hope you enjoy my pattern and please feel free to email me on bellle.crochet@gmail.com (with three 'l's in "bellle"– not two!) or message me on my Instagram (@belle.essiecrochet) if you have any questions!!

I appreciate all of your support, and your understanding that this is not a fully complete and tested pattern, and I hope you will keep an eye out for my future patterns on Instagram and Etsy.

Thank you!!

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