

# Pattern

## FUNNY UNI

### Hippo Nelly

#### Difficulty Level:



#### Needles:



4 - 5

#### Quality:

Funny uni from Gründl  
100 % Polyester  
100 g / 120 m



1 x



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#### Size:

Height (sitting) approx. 22 cm

#### Usage:

approx. 100 g each in col. 07 (light grey) and in col. 10 (fuchsia)

Additionally you will also need: 1 pair of sew on eyes or safety eyes approx. ø 10 mm, remnants of cotton yarn in light grey (e.g. Cotton Quick uni in col. 129) and anthracite (e.g. Cotton Quick uni in col. 110) to embroider the hooves and nostrils, remnants of cotton yarn in white (e.g. Cotton Quick uni in col. 01) to accent the eyes, approx. 80 g of polyester filling and matching sewing thread in grey.

#### Stitch Pattern:

**Dc in Spiral Rounds:** The dcs are worked continuously in spiral rnds starting the new rnd directly after the previous rnd without a slip stitch. Mark the first st of each new rnd with a stitch marker or a contrast piece of yarn. This helps when counting rnds.

**Tip:** When changing colours, work only half of the st in the first col then work the last loop in the new col. To make sure the change of rnds is on the back, the back of the head and on the underside of the arms and legs, occasionally add a stitch in the col last used and mark as the new start of a rnd. (this will not add sts to the amount of sts but move the start of the new rnd)

#### Tension:

15 sts and 13 rows/rnds to 10 cm meas over double crochet using size 4 - 5 mm needles. A tension swatch should be made before beginning work. Double check this with the tension given and change needle size if needed. Only then will the measurements (cm), rows, sts and usage be correct.

#### Instructions:

**Caution: To be used only as decoration - this is not a toy!**

**Tip:** All of the pieces for the hippo should be crocheted tightly, this means to double check your tension to assure the filling stays inside the finished pieces. The individual pieces should be sewn together tightly and all loose threads carefully secured.

**Body:** (beg at bottom)

Using col. light grey make a magic ring and dc6 into the ring (= rnd 1). Cont dcs in spiral rnds starting in light grey then after rnd 11 in the given col:

*Rnd 2:* double each st (= work 2 dc into each st) (= 12 sts)

*Rnd 3:* double every 2nd st (= 18 sts)

*Rnd 4:* double every 3rd st (= 24 sts)

*Rnd 5:* double every 4th st (= 30 sts)

*Rnd 6:* double every 5th st (= 36 sts)

*Rnd 7:* double every 6th st (= 42 sts)

*Rnds 8 - 10:* work even (dc without incs)

*Rnd 11:* (fuchsia) dc10, dc2tog, \* dc2, dc2tog, rep from \* 4 times more then dc to end of rnd (= 36 sts)

*Rnd 12:* (fuchsia) work even

*Rnd 13:* (light grey) dc10, dc2tog, \* dc1, dc2tog, rep from \* 4 times more then dc to end of rnd (= 30 sts)

*Rnds 14 - 15:* (fuchsia) work even

*Rnd 16:* (light grey)\* dc3, dc2tog, rep from \* to end of rnd (= 24 sts)

*Rnd 17:* (fuchsia) work even

*Rnd 18:* (fuchsia)\* dc2, dc2tog, rep from \* to end of rnd (= 18 sts)

*Rnd 19:* (light grey) work even

Now add filling to the belly and cont as you work

*Rnd 20:* (fuchsia)\* dc1, dc2tog, rep from \* to end of rnd (= 12 sts)

*Rnd 21:* (fuchsia) work even

Place more filling into the belly.

*Rnd 22:* (fuchsia)\* dc2tog, rep from \* to end of rnd (= 6 sts)

Cut yarn and pull through last st. Close the opening.

**Head:** (beg at the front of the snout in light grey)

Cast on 7ch and 1 tch (counts as 1 dc).

Now work the chain on both sides with dc as follows:

Work 1 dc in the 3rd ch from needle, 1dc in each of the foll 4 ch, dc3 in the last ch of the chain. Then cont on the other side of the chain: 1 dc in each of the foll 5 ch, dc2 in the last ch of the chain (= rnd 1) (= 16 sts) Cont dcs in spiral rnds.

*Rnd 2:* dc5, double next 3 sts (= work 2 dc into each of the 3 sts), dc 5, double next 3 sts (= work 2 dc into each of the 3 sts) (= 22 sts)

*Rnd 3:* dc5, \* double next st (= work 2 dc into 1 st), dc1, rep from \* 3 times more, dc 5, \* double next st, dc1, rep from \* 3 times more(= 28 sts)

*Rnds 4 - 5:* work even

*Rnd 6:* \* dc2, dc2tog, rep from \* to end of rnd (= 21 sts)

*Rnd 7:* double every 3rd st (= 28 sts)

*Rnd 8:* double every 4th st (= 35 sts)

*Rnd 9:* double every 5th st (= 42 sts)

*Rnds 10 - 13:* work even

*Rnd 14:* \* dc5, dc2tog, rep from \* to end of rnd (= 36 sts)

If safety eyes are used insert them into the crease between the snout and head between the 7th and 8th rnd approx 3 -4 cm apart.

*Rnd 15:* \* dc4, dc2tog, rep from \* to end of rnd (= 30 sts)

*Rnd 16:* \* dc3, dc2tog, rep from \* to end of rnd (= 24 sts)

*Rnd 17:* \* dc2, dc2tog, rep from \* to end of rnd (= 18 sts)

Now beg stuffing the filling into the head.

*Rnd 18:* \* dc1, dc2tog, rep from \* to end of rnd (= 12 sts)

Finish stuffing the head.

*Rnd 19:* \* dc2tog, rep from \* to end of rnd (= 6 sts)

Cut yarn and pull through last st. Close the opening.

**Legs:** (make 2 alike, beg with col light grey)

*Rnds 1 - 3:* work as in rnds 1 -3 for the body (= 18 sts)

*Rnd 4:* dc18 placing sts only into the back loop of the st in the previous rnd.

*Rnd 5:* work even

*Rnd 6:* \* dc7, dc2tog, rep from \* to end of rnd (= 16 sts)

*Rnd 7:* work even

*Rnd 8:* \* dc6, dc2tog, rep from \* to end of rnd (= 14 sts)

*Rnd 9:* work even

*Rnd 10:* \* dc5, dc2tog, rep from \* to end of rnd (= 12 sts)

*Rnds 11 - 12:* work even

*Rnd 13:* \* dc4, dc2tog, rep from \* to end of rnd (= 10 sts)

Now tightly stuff filling into the foot and only place a bit of filling in the bottom of the leg.

*Rnd 14:* work even

*Rnd 15:* \* dc3, dc2tog, rep from \* to end of rnd (= 8 sts)

*Rnd 16:* work even

*Rnd 17:* \* dc2, dc2tog, rep from \* to end of rnd (= 6 sts)

Cut yarn and pull through last st. Close the opening.

**Arms:** (work 2 alike, beg with light grey and work col as given)

*Rnds 1 - 17:* work as in rnds 1 - 17 for the legs with color change to fuchsia in the rnds 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18 und 19. Work the other rnds in light grey

*Rnds 18 - 19:* work even in fuchsia

Cut yarn and pull through last st. Close the opening.

**Inner Ear:** (work 2 alike in fuchsia)

Make a magic ring and dc6 into the ring (= rnd 1). Cont dcs in spiral rnds.

*Rnd 2:* double the first 5 sts and end rnd with 1 sl st. (= 10 sts)

Cut yarn and pull through last st.

**Outer Ear:** (work 2 alike in light grey)

Make a magic ring and dc6 into the ring (= rnd 1). Cont dcs in spiral rnds.

*Rnd 2:* double each st (= work 2 dc into each st) (= 12 sts)

*Rnd 3:* double every 2nd st (= 18 sts), end rnd with 1 sl st.

Cut yarn and pull through last st.

**Tail:**

Using light grey cast on 6ch and work

1 row of sl st. Cut yarn and pull through last st. Cut 3 -4 lengths of cotton yarn ( each approx. 4 cm long) in anthracite and fold in half and knot a bundle onto the end of the tail. Shorten to 1,5 cm.

**Finishing:**

Using remnants of cotton yarn in light grey, stitch 3 hooves onto the bottoms of the arms and legs. Sew arms and legs to the body (see image as reference). Sew the inner ear to the outer ear with matching sewing thread. Then fold the ear along the bottom edge together and sew together at the bottom edge. Attach ears to the top of the head. Sew on the eyes (if sew on eyes are used), pulling the thread to the inside of the head and firmly knotting so the eyes are drawn into the head. This gives the face more character and expression. Highlight the eyes with a few stitches of

white yarn placed to the right and left of the eyes. Stitch the nostrils onto the snout using a remnant of cotton yarn in anthracite. **Tip:** Pull the ends of the yarn after sewing and stitching to the inside and to the bottom of the head. Knot and secure the ends. They will not be visible when the head is sewn on. Now sew the head to the body. Sew the tail to the back.

**Tip:** You can also make your hippo a little blanket or a cuddle cloth out of leftover yarn in fuchsia.

**Abbreviations:**

approx. = approximate(ly)

beg = begin(ning)

ch = chain

col = colour(s)

cont = continue (continuously)

dc = double crochet

dec(s) = decrease(s)

inc = increase

meas = measure(d)

prev = previous

rep = repeat

rnd(s) = round(s)

sl st = slip stitch

st(s) = stitch(es)

tch = turning chain