



Grace the Elephant Comfort Blanket

Grace was inspired by Eleanor, my Crochet Elephant Puzzle, and named after the elephant who showed such compassion to the real-life Eleanor when she lay dying.

I am **happy for you to make as many of these elephant blankies as you want** – both for personal use and for small-scale sale. Please just keep in mind that this pattern has taken me A LOT of hours to write and refine, so I ask that you **credit me** as and when you make anything using this pattern (even if you modify it). Please **do not copy or reproduce the actual pattern in any way, shape or form.**

Happy Hooking!

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Materials

- ♥ 5.5 mm Crochet Hook (for Blanky)
- ♥ 4 mm Crochet Hook (for Grace's Head)
- ♥ Double knit yarn in any colour of your choosing {approx. 145m (50 g)}
- ♥ A few meters of contrasting colour for the ears and the border
- ♥ Yarn needle
- ♥ Stuffing
- ♥ 2 buttons/safety eyes

Instructions

The initial ch-1's in each round/row are NOT counted as a stitch.

{For the purposes of this pattern, when joining in the round, **please do not make your first st in the same st as the joining st.** This means that your last st will be worked into the back end of the sl st join, which is quite tight, but that is how I learned to crochet (and design)...If you do make your first st in the same st as the sl st join, your head will come out slightly wonky!}

Abbreviations

US Terminology used.

CC	Contrasting Colour
Ch	Chain
Dc	Double Crochet
Dc inc	Double Crochet Increase—work 2 dc's in the same stitch
MC	Main Colour
Sc	Single Crochet
Sc inc	Single Crochet Increase – work 2 sc's in the same stitch
St	Stitch
Sl st	Slip stitch
Sc2tog	Single Crochet 2 Together (sc decrease)
Sc3tog	Single Crochet 3 Together

Gauge for Blanket

It doesn't really matter, but if you insist...

10 x 10 cm square = 16 st's and 18 rows

Blanket

You can make the blanket bit as ornate or as plain as you wish. I took the easy route and just worked the whole thing in single crochet. **But I urge you to be expressive with your stitches.** Try bobbles and shell stitches and stripes...the only bit where you HAVE to follow this pattern is when we get to making the elephant head. Other than that...you have a tabula rasa.

1. Ch 51.
2. Sc in 2nd ch from hook and next 49 st's. Ch 1 and turn. (50)
3. Sc x 50. Ch 1 and turn. (50)

Repeat row 3 until you have worked 58 rows. At the end of row 58, ch 1 and bind off.

This will give you a comfort blanket of roughly 31 x 31 cm.



Border

With yellow (or any other colour):

Join your yarn by working a sc into the last st of row 58.

Working down the side: *sc x 6, skip 1* x 7. (Sc, ch 1, sc) in the last st. Turn 90° and continue around. Sc x 48 through both remaining loops of the foundation chain. (sc, ch 1, sc) in the last st. Turn 90° and continue down the other side. *sc x 6, skip 1* x 7. (Sc, ch 1, sc) in the last st. Turn 90° and continue working into row 58. Sc x 49. Sl st in the first st of the border. Ch 1 and bind off. Work away your tails.

Circles

Optional Embellishment

Small

1. Into a magic ring: ch 2, dc x 12. Join to the top of the initial ch-2 with a sl st. Bind off. (12)

Medium

1. Into a magic ring: ch 2, dc x 12. Join to the top of the initial ch-2 with a sl st. (12)
2. Ch 2. Dc inc in each st around. Join with a sl st. Bind off. (24)

Large

1. Into a magic ring: ch 2, dc x 12. Join to the top of the initial ch-2 with a sl st. (12)
2. Ch 2. Dc inc in each st around. Join with a sl st. (24)
3. Ch 2. *Dc inc, dc* x 12. Join with a sl st. Bind off. (36)



Elephant Ears

(Make 2)

1. MC: Ch 2. 5 x sc into 2nd ch from hook. Ch 1 and turn. (5)
2. CC: Sc inc in each st. Ch 1 and turn. (10)
3. MC: *Sc inc, sc* x 5. Ch 1 and turn. (15)
4. CC: *Sc inc, 2 x sc* x 5. Turn. (20)
5. Skip 2 st's. 4 x sc in the third st. Skip 1 st and sl st into the next st. Bind off.



Changing Colours

There are plenty of ways to change colours. My favourite method is to change colours on the last yarn over of the last st on the row before the colour change.

So, for instance, for the last sc of **Row 1**: still using main colour (MC), insert hook into stitch and pull up a loop. Change to contrasting colour (CC). Yarn over and pull through both loops on hook. Ch 1 and turn as normal. Work the next row in CC and repeat the procedure for the last st of the round.

I tend to carry the colour I am not using instead of joining it for every second row. All this means is that you crochet over the yarn until you get to the end of the row. The yarn will then run "underneath" the stitches and be hidden from view.

[Dropsdesign](#) has one of many YouTube tutorials that shows you how to carry the yarn.

Elephant Head

(Make 1)

Note: When working the short rows you will notice a "step" where the previous short row ended. I refer to these as a visual reminder that you are still on the right track. I also advise you to use a st marker to mark the beginning of each round.

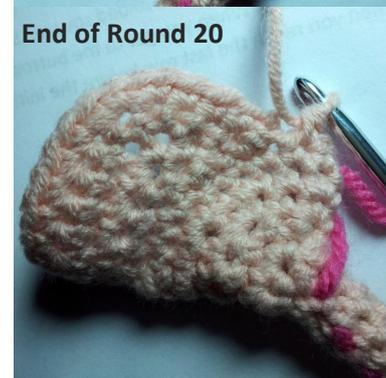
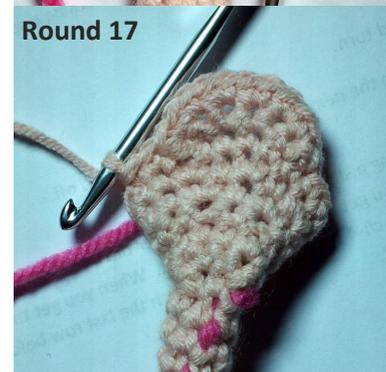
Although the sl st's at the end of the short rows are counted as st's, they are not included in the st counts in parenthesis.

1. Start with a magic ring: Ch 1 and make 6 sc's into the ring. (Alternative way to start the head: ch 4 and join

with a sl st. Ch 1 and work 6 sc's into the resulting ring.)

2. Don't join. Just continue around. Use a st marker to mark the beginning of each round. Sc x 6. (6)
- 3-8. Sc x 6. (6)
9. **Short row:** Sc x 2. Sl st in the next st. Turn. (2)
10. **Short row:** Skip 1st st (that means the sl st). **Sc inc** in the 2nd and 3^d st's. Sl st in the next st (last st of round 8) and turn. (4)

11. **Short row:** Skip 1. Sc inc in 2nd st, 2 x sc, sc inc. (This will bring you to the step at the beginning of row 10.) Sl st in the next st of round 8. Turn (6)
12. **Short row:** Skip 1. Sc inc in 2nd st. Sc x 4. Sc inc. (This will bring you to the step at the beginning of row 11.) Sl st in the next st of round 8 (This will also be the last remaining st of round 8). Turn. (8)
13. Skip 1. *sc inc, sc* x 4. Join with a sl st to the first st of round 13. **Do not turn.** (12)
14. Ch 1. *Sc inc, sc* x 6. Join to the first st with a sl st. (18)
15. **Short row:** Ch 1. 9 x sc, sl st in the next st and turn. (9 sc's)
16. **Short row:** sc in 2nd st. 2 x sc inc, sc, sl st. Turn (6 sc's)
17. **Short row:** sc in 2nd st. 4 x sc inc. Sc in next st. This brings you to the "step" at the beginning of round 16. Sc in the next st of round 14. Sl st in the next st and turn. (11 sc's)
18. **Short row:** sc in 2nd st. 2 x sc inc, 5 x sc, 2 x sc inc. Sc in the next st. This brings you to the "step" at the beginning of round 17. Sc in the next st of round 15. Sl st in the next st and turn. (16 sc's)
19. **Short row:** sc in 2nd st and next 2 st's. 2 x sc inc, 6 x sc, 2 x sc inc, 3 x sc. This will bring you to the "step" at the beginning of round 18. 6 x sc in round 14. Sl st to the first st of round 15 to join. (26 sc's)
20. Ch 1. Sc x 1. This should bring you to the "step" at the beginning of round 19. 20 x sc. Skip 1. *sc, sc2tog* x 2. Don't join, just continue working around. (25)
21. Skip the join stitch. 2 x sc. Sc through ear x 6 (**see note 1**). 6 x sc. Sc through ear x 6 (**see note 2**). 2 x sc, sc3tog. (23)



The last 3 rows of the head and **note 2** are on the next page...

Note 1 – to attach the left ear:

- ♥ Hold the ear in front of the head and upside down (with the end tail of yarn to the right) as in the photo. You will work the 6 sc's attaching the ear through both the head and the ear.
- ♥ Sc through the hole at the beginning of round 3 of the ear and the next st of the head. Sc through the holes at the beginning or rounds 2 and 1 in the same fashion. Sc through the central hole of the ear.
- ♥ Now insert your hook from front to back into the the next "hole" (this will be the other end of round 1) and then from back to front into the 1st st of round 4 of the ear. This will pull the ear flat. Insert your hook into the next st of the head and work one sc through all 3 layers.
- ♥ Sc through both layers (rounds 2 and 3) of the ear and the next st of the head.



Note 2 – to attach the right ear:

- ♥ Hold the ear in front of the head and upside down (with the end tail of yarn to the left) as in the photo. You will work the 6 sc's attaching the ear through both the head and the ear.
- ♥ Fold the last 2 rounds of the ear over with the 2 folded rounds between the ear and the head (see photo).
- ♥ Sc through the holes at the beginning of round 2, the end of round 3 and the next st of the head. Sc through the hole at the end of the 1st round, the 1st st of the 4th round and the next st of the head.
- ♥ Sc through the big central hole and the next st of the head. Sc through next 3 rounds and the next 3 st's on the head.



Don't forget the last 3 rows of the head!

22. 7 x sc, sc2tog, 4 x sc, sc2tog, 8 x sc. (21)
23. Sc x 21.
24. *sc, sc2tog* x 7. Ch 1 and bind off, leaving a long tail of yarn. You will use this tail to sew the head to the blanket

If you are going to use safety eyes, you should place them now and make sure that your elephant won't end up cock-eyed. Once they are attached, you can stuff the head.



If you are at all concerned about using safety eyes, try embroidering some eyes with black yarn instead. I always apply some superglue to the back of my safety eyes for extra reassurance. And if these eyes are going anywhere, it's into the head, not out of it!

Assembly

Now you can sew the 3 circles to one corner of the blanky. I did this by using a running stitch and the same colour yarn as the blanket. That way your stitches won't be visible on the reverse (well, not to the untrained eye anyway).

Play around a little bit with the placement before sewing them on, just to be sure that you like the way you have arranged them. You can also add stars, hearts...anything that takes your fancy, really!



Lastly you will need to sew the head to the centre of the blanky.

Make sure that you have enough stuffing in your elephant head. It should be packed in nicely with a little bit bulging out the back. Now fold the blanky into quarters. The “closed point” (see photo) is where you want to attach the head as this is the centre of the blanky.

Using the long tail of yarn from the head, sew the head to the blanket, making sure that you sew it on securely.



You can leave the trunk sticking out if you want, in which case you should now just work away the tail of yarn at the beginning of the trunk.

OR you can curl the trunk up and secure it to the head using this tail.



I hope you enjoy making your comfort blanky and that the little prince/princess (monster or monstress) you made it for LOVES IT! Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions!

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