

FROG CHARMING

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IN THE STORY OF THE FROG PRINCE, a spoiled princess loses her favorite ball down a well. It is retrieved by a frog prince in exchange for becoming the princess's playmate—to eat with her, play with her, and sleep on her pillow at night. One morning the princess awakens to discover that the frog has been transformed into a handsome prince. Now you can make a frog prince for your own princess. Download more free whimsical amigurumi patterns at CrochetMe.com



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Finished Size: About 21" tall with legs extended.

Yarn: Blue Sky Alpacas Dyed Cotton (100% organically grown cotton; 150 yd [137 m]/ 3½ oz [100 g]; **4**): #602 honeydew (A), 2 skeins; #613 ink (B), #614 drift (C), #636 jasper (D), and #638 dandelion (E), 1 skein each.

Hook: Size G/6 (4 mm). Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

Notions: Yarn needle; sewing needle and matching thread; corn-based or polyester stuffing.

Gauge: 15 sts and 7 rows = 4" in dc.

Skill Level: Intermediate.

Notes

Beg stuffing body, legs, and head just after beg dec. Unless otherwise noted, pieces are worked in a spiral without joining rnds.

Body

With A, ch 4, sl st in first ch to form ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 3 (counts as dc), 13 dc in ring, do not join, place marker (pm) in first st to mark beg of rnd—14 dc.

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each dc around—28 dc.

Rnd 3: *Dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc; rep from * around—42 dc.

Rnd 4: *Dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc; rep from * around—56 dc.

Rnds 5–10: Dc in each dc around.

Rnd 11: *Dc in next 2 dc, dc2tog (see page 3); rep from * around—42 dc.

Rnd 12: Dc in each st around.

Rnd 13: *Dc in next dc, dc2tog; rep from * around—28 dc.

Rnd 14: Dc2tog to m—14 dc.

Rnd 15: Dc2tog to m, hdc in next st, sc in next st—7 st. Fasten off.

Head

Work as for body through Rnd 4.

Rnd 5: *Dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next dc; rep from * around—70 dc.

Shape mouth:

Rnd 6: Pm in 24th st, *2 dc in next dc, dc in next 2 dc; rep from * to m, move m up, dc to end—78 dc.

Rnd 7: *Dc2tog, dc in next 2 dc; rep from * to m, dc to end—70 dc.

Rnd 8: *Dc in next 3 dc, dc2tog; rep from * around—56 dc.

Rnd 9: *Dc in next 2 dc, dc2tog; rep from * around—42 dc. Stuff head.

Rnd 10: *Dc in next dc, dc2tog; rep from * around—28 dc.

Rnd 11: Dc2tog around—14 dc. Fasten off.

Eye (make 2)

Note: Eyes are worked in joined rnds. With B, ch 4, sl st in first ch to form ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 2 (counts as dc), 7 dc in ring, sl st in beg ch-2 changing to C in last st—8 dc.

Rnd 2: Ch 2, dc in first dc, 2 dc in each dc around, sl st in beg ch-2 to join—16 dc.

Rnd 3: Ch 2, dc in first dc, dc2tog around, sl st in beg ch-2 to join—8 dc. Stuff eye.

Rnd 4: Ch 2, dc2tog around, sl st in beg ch-2 to join—4 dc. Fasten off.

Arm (make 2)

Hand: With A, ch 10.

Rnd 1: Dc in 4th ch from hook (3 skipped chs do not count as dc), dc in next 5 ch, 4 dc in last ch, working across back of chain, dc in next 5 back ridge lps, 3 dc in last ch, pm in first dc to mark beg of rnd—18 dc.

Rnd 2: Dc in next 7 dc, dc2tog, dc in next 7 dc, dc2tog—16 dc.

Rnd 3: Dc2tog, dc in next 4 dc, dc2tog 2 times, dc in next 4 dc, dc2tog—12 dc.



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Arm: Dc in each dc until arm measures 7". Stuff arm. **Next rnd:** Dc2tog around. **Next rnd:** Dc2tog to last dc, dc in last dc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Leg (make 2)

With A, ch 4, sl st in first ch to form ring.

Rnd 1: (RS) Ch 3 (counts as dc), 11 dc in ring, do not join, pm in first dc—12 dc.

Work even in dc until leg measures 6½", do not fasten off.

Foot:

Rnd 1: *2 dc in next dc, dc in next dc; rep from * around—18 dc.

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each of next 7 dc, dc in next 11 dc—25 dc. Stuff leg.

Rnd 3: Dc2tog, 4 dc in next dc, *dc4tog (see Glossary), 4 dc in next dc; rep from *, dc2tog, dc in next 10 dc—26 dc.

Rnd 4: Dc2tog around—13 dc.

Rnd 5: Dc2tog to last dc, dc in last dc. Fasten off.

Crown

With E, ch 36, sl st in first ch to form ring.

Rnds 1–2: Ch 2 (counts as dc), dc in each ch around—36 dc.

First point:

Row 1: Ch 2 (counts as first dc), dc in next 4 dc, dc2tog, turn—6 dc.

Row 2: Ch 2 (does not count as st throughout), dc in next 2 dc, dc2tog—3 dc.

Row 3: Ch 2, dc2tog. Fasten off.

Next point: *With RS facing, sk next 2 dc, join in next dc.

Row 1: Ch 2 (counts as first dc), dc in next 4 dc, dc2tog—6 dc.

Row 2: Ch 2 (does not count as st throughout), dc in next 2 dc, dc2tog—3 dc.

Row 3: Ch 2, dc2tog. Fasten off.

Rep from * 2 times.

Bowtie

With D, ch 8, sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across, turn.

Rows 1–12: Ch 1, sc across—7 sc.

Middle wrap: Ch 4, sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across—3 sc. Rep last row 6 times.

Wrap middle wrap around bowtie and sl st ends tog. **Neck band:**

With D, ch 4. **Next row:** Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across—3 sc. Rep last row to length needed to wrap around frog's neck. Sew bowtie to neckband.

Double Crochet (dc)

*Yarn over, insert hook into a stitch, yarn over and pull a loop through stitch (three loops on hook; Figure 1), yarn over and draw it through two loops (Figure 2), yarn over and draw it through the remaining two loops (Figure 3). Repeat from *.

Double Crochet Two Together (dc2tog)

[Yarn over, insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up loop, yarn over, draw through two loops] two times, yarn over, draw through all loops on hook—one stitch decreased.

Ball

With D, ch 4, sl st in first ch to form ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 2 (counts as dc), 7 dc in ring, pm in first dc to mark beg of rnd—8 dc.

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each dc around—16 dc.

Rnd 3: *Dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc; rep from * around—24 dc.

Rnd 4: *Dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc; rep from * around changing to E in last dc—32 dc.

Rnds 5–6: Dc around changing to D in last st of Rnd 6.

Rnd 7: *Dc in next 2 dc, dc2tog; rep from * around—24 dc. Stuff ball.

Rnd 8: *Dc in next dc, dc2tog; rep from * around—16 dc.

Rnd 9: Dc2tog around—8dc.

Rnd 10: Dc2tog around—4 dc. Fasten off.

Finishing

Using A, sew body to head. Using sewing thread, sew eyes to head and limbs to body. Using B and backstitch (see Glossary) embroider mouth. Position bowtie around neck and sew ends tog. Weave in loose ends.

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