



FLAREON

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MATERIALS AND TOOLS

- 3.00mm crochet hook (size D will also work)
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- 2 x 10.00 mm safety eyes
- Polyester filling
- Fabric glue
- Red yarn
- Butter yellow yarn
- Butter yellow felting wool (optional)
- Felting needle
- Pet brush or comb
- Dark blue felt

The yarn I use is an 8ply or DK weighted yarn, with a gauge of **22 stitches x 30 rows**.

TECHNIQUES AND ABBREVIATIONS

This pattern comes with a 20 page photo tutorial techniques guide. All page references refer to that guide. You can also find these guides or download a copy at my tutorials page (<https://53stitches.com/category/tutorial/>). Head to page 2 of the guide for a more in depth description on how to read my patterns.

ch = chain (page 6)

st = stitch/stitches

sl st = slip stitch (page 11)

sc = single crochet (page 9)

MR = magic ring (page 7)

inc = increase, 2 sc in the same stitch (page 9)

dec = invisible decrease (page 10)

[sc, inc]x 2 = repeat stitches within square brackets 2 times i.e. sc, inc, sc, inc (ct **Blue**) = change to blue yarn. The stitches *after* this instruction will be in blue. (see page 17 for how to change colours)

This pattern is worked in continuous rounds and I suggest using a stitch marker to help you mark the first stitch of each round. I like to use bobby pins. At the start of the round, just move the bobby pin onto the loop that's currently on your hook to mark it.

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HEAD

1. (in **Red**) MR 6 (6)
2. [inc]x 6 (12)
3. [inc, sc]x 6 (18)
4. sc, [inc, sc 2]x 5, inc, sc (24)
5. [inc, sc 3]x 6 (30)
6. sc 2, [inc, sc 4]x 5, inc, sc 2 (36)
- 7-10. sc 36 (36)
11. [inc, sc 5]x 6 (42)
- 12-13. sc 42 (42)
14. [dec, sc 5]x 6 (36)
15. sc 2, [dec, sc 4]x 5, dec, sc 2 (30)
16. [dec, sc 3]x 6 (24)

Finish off with a slip stitch, and leave a tail approximately 20cm long for attaching to the body later. At this point, make sure that you have the correct side on the “outside” of the doll (see [page 4](#) of your techniques guide).

We're using 10mm black safety eyes with metal washers. Insert the safety eyes between rows 10 and 11, with about 6 or 7 stitches between them. Now put the washer on the safety eyes to make sure they stay nice and snug. Stuff the head!

BODY

1. (in **Red**) MR 6 (6)
2. [inc]x 6 (12)
3. [inc, sc]x 6 (18)
4. sc, [inc, sc 2]x 5, inc, sc (24)
5. [inc, sc 3]x 6 (30)
- 6-8. sc 30 (30)
9. [dec, sc 3]x 6 (24)
10. sc 24 (24)
- 11-12. (change to **Cream**) sc 24 (24)

Finish off by doing a slip stitch in the next stitch. There's no need to leave a long tail for the body. Stuff the piece.

EARS (make 2)

1. (in **Red**) MR 4 (4)
2. sc 4 (4)
3. [inc, sc]x 2 (6)
4. sc 6 (6)
5. [inc, sc 2]x 2 (8)
- 6-8. sc 8 (8)
9. [inc, sc 3]x 2 (10)
10. [dec, sc 3]x 2 (8)
11. sc 8 (8)
12. [dec, sc 2]x 2 (6)



Don't forget you may need to turn the piece at some point. For smaller pieces like ears, you usually want to try doing it early - around row 3. See [page 4](#) of the guide for info about the “right” vs “wrong” side.

Finish off by doing a slip stitch in the next stitch. Cut the yarn, leaving enough of a tail to attach to the body later - approximately 15cm. The ears are too small for stuffing, so they're fine without it. Squish the ears so they're flat.

Next we're going to cut the darker insides of Flareon's ear out of the dark blue felt. You can cut a paper guide if that makes it easier to do. We're basically cutting the ear shape, only a little bit smaller. Then, glue this piece in place using fabric glue. If you don't have fabric glue, you can also use a felting needle to keep it in place, by stabbing the felt repeatedly. This may cause it to lose its shape a little, but you can add to it with the scrap pieces of felt until you're happy with the shape.

ARMS (make 2)

1. (in **Red**) MR 6 (6)
2. [inc, sc 2]x 2 (8)
- 3-4. sc 8 (8)
5. dec, sc 6, (7)

Finish off by doing a slip stitch in the next stitch. Cut the yarn, leaving enough of a tail to attach to the body later - approximately 15cm. They're small enough that they don't need stuffing.

LEGS (make 2)

1. (in **Red**) MR 6 (6)
2. [inc, sc]x 3 (9)
- 3-6. sc 9 (9)

Finish off by doing a slip stitch in the next stitch. Cut the yarn, leaving enough of a tail to attach to the body later - approximately 15cm or 4 inches. Stuff the legs lightly.

TAIL

1. (in **Cream**) MR 6 (6)
2. sc 6 (6)
3. [inc, sc]x 3 (9)
4. [inc, sc 2]x 3 (12)
5. sc 12 (12)
6. [inc, sc 3]x 3 (15)
7. sc 15 (15)
8. [inc, sc 4]x 3 (18)
- 9-10. sc 18 (18)
11. [dec, sc]x 6 (12)
(stuff tail at this point)
12. [dec] x 6 (6)

Finish off with a slip stitch in the next stitch and if the tail needs anymore stuffing, you can use the handle end of your crochet hook to poke it through the small opening. No need to close the end here, since we'll be attaching it directly to the body and it will look tidy after that. Make sure to leave a tail about 15cm long to attach to the body.



ASSEMBLY

That's all of the crocheting done! The next step is to fluffify the tail. We're going around the base of the tail – where it will join to the body later, and attaching strands of yarn in the cream colour to be brushed out. I've added a bunch of coloured pins to the tail in the picture below to mark where these strands will go – you want to make it so that they naturally point towards the tip, so insert your hook towards the base of the tail.

To attach the pieces of yarn to the tail:

1. Insert your hook into the doll as pictured below.
2. Fold one of the pieces in yarn in half, and put it on the hook.
3. Pull the piece of yarn through the stitch.
4. Grab the tails and pull them through the loop you've just created.
5. Pull the yarn tight, making sure that the piece of yarn is firmly attached.



Eventually you end up with this mop looking thing. Then, grab a metal pet brush or fine tooth comb and go to town brushing that yarn out until it is nice and fuzzy. I find the pet brush does this much faster, but you can get the same

results with a fine tooth comb and patience. Usually you'll end up with a lot of leftover fluff in the bristles of the comb – don't throw that out. We're going to use it to make Flareon's hairdo next.



Once the tail is sufficiently fluffy, you can smooth it and twist it to help it keep its shape. At this point you could hairspray it to help maintain shape, or glue the crocheted part of the tail and then smooth the fluff over the glue. I usually prefer to take a felting needle and poke it a little bit to help keep it in place – not too much, I don't mind if it's a little wild.

At this point, you want to attach the ears to the head (see [page 19](#) of the guide for how to attach limbs), because next comes the slightly tricky part – getting Flareon's cool hairdo sorted. Flareon's head-fluff is entirely needle felted on.

For this, you can either use the leftover fluff from the tail, or some felting wool. I rolled it between my hands quickly to compress it and give it an almond shape. In the picture on the next page, the shape I've created is on the left, and the unshaped fluff is on the right.



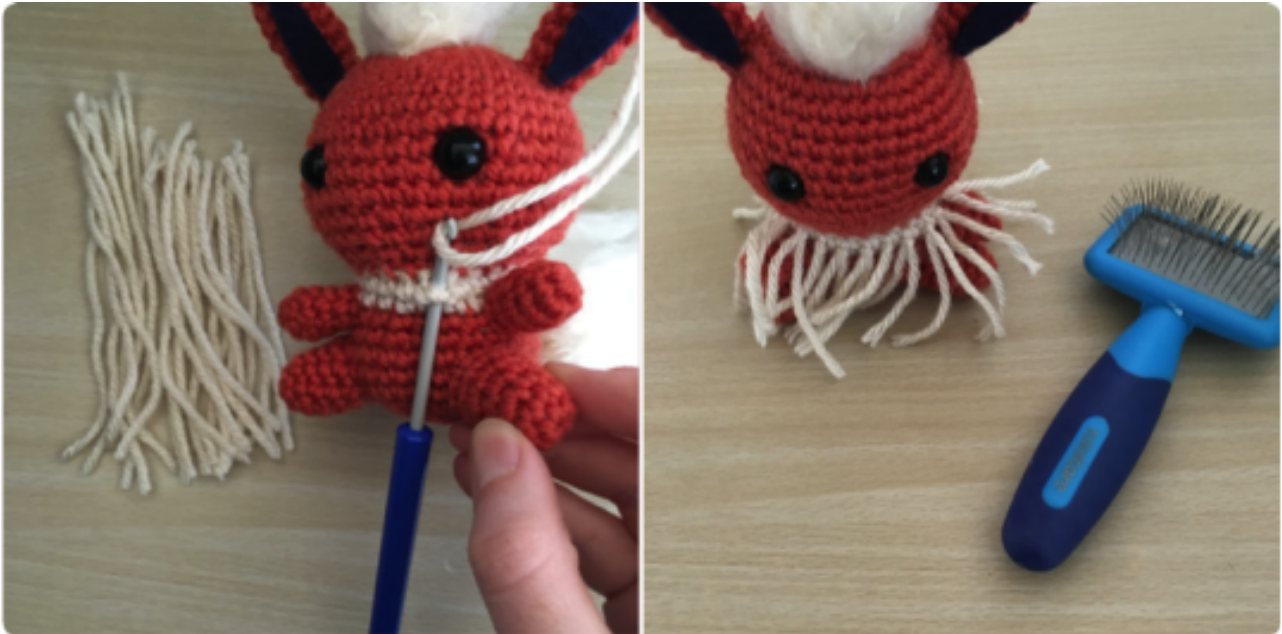
To attach it to Flareon's head, I pinned the shaped felt into place, and then poked away, moving and shaping the fluff as I went to get the look that I wanted. Then I turned another bit of loose fluff into the almond shape and added to the volume. You can watch a video of this process here: https://youtu.be/qZjyC_AP_sQ

If you're having trouble creating the shape you like on Flareon's head, you can use the latch and hook method we did for the tail to attach some strands and brush them out. That method is more secure - the look of the needle felted version is what I prefer, but it can be a little bit more fragile.

Now that we've fluffified the head and tail, it's time to sew everything else together. We've already attached the ears to the head, but now it's time to sew the rest of the limbs to the body. I like to attach the legs first, then the tail, then the arms. Finally, attach the head - there are the same number of stitches in the last row of the head and the body so you should be able to line them up and whipstitch it closed.



For the last bit of fluff, you'll need 24 lengths of the cream yarn. We're basically going to attach one of the pieces to every stitch around Flareon's neck. If you want SUPER fluff, feel free to add even more pieces. Try making some diagonal, so that it covers a little more of the neck.



Attach all the pieces and go at it again with the brush. I'll usually go back in with a felting needle for the collar as well to tame and shape it a little bit.

And you're done! I hope you've had fun and congratulations on finishing! I love seeing all of the finished creations, so be sure to tag @53stitches on Instagram!





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