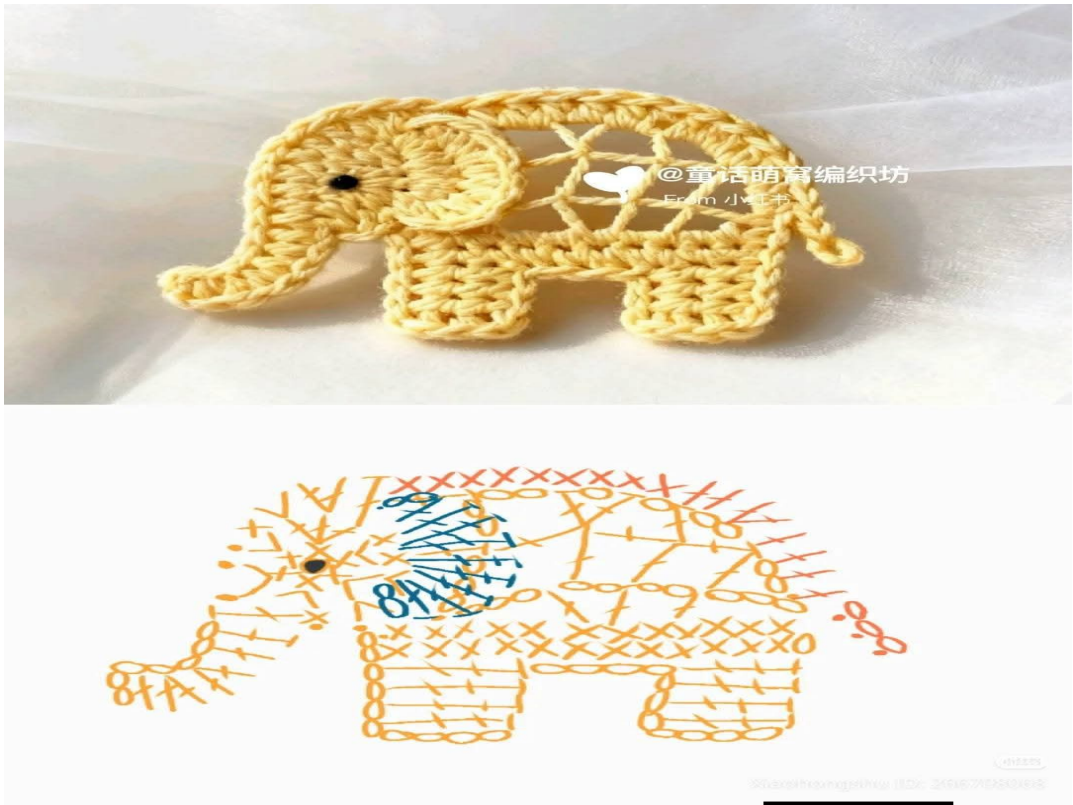


Crochet Elephant Applique - Detailed Tutorial (Free Pattern)

This tutorial teaches you how to crochet a beautiful elephant applique. Perfect for baby blankets, bags, or clothing decoration, this pattern combines basic stitches with creative shaping techniques. Follow the diagram and detailed step-by-step explanation below.



Materials Needed:

- Cotton yarn in your desired color (recommended: DK or sport weight)
- 3.0 mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle for sewing ends
- Small black bead or embroidery thread for the eye
- Scissors

Crochet Stitch Symbols Used:

Symbol	Stitch Name	Abbreviation	Description
●	Magic Ring	MR	Create a ring that can be tightened after crocheting the first round.
x	Single Crochet	sc	Insert hook, yarn over, pull through, yarn over again and pull through to complete.
T	Double Crochet	dc	Yarn over, insert hook, yarn over, pull through, yarn over, pull through to complete.
—	Chain	ch	Yarn over and pull through the loop on the hook.

■	Slip Stitch	sl st	Insert hook, yarn over, pull through stitch and loop on hook.
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Step-by-Step Instructions:

1. Head and Trunk:

Start with a **magic ring**. Work 8 **single crochets** into the ring. Pull tight to close.

Round 2: Work 2 **single crochets** in each stitch around (16 stitches).

Round 3: Continue shaping the head by working 1 **single crochet** in next stitch, 2 **single crochets** in next, repeat around.

Shape the trunk by chaining 6 and working single crochets back along the chain.

2. Body:

Attach yarn to the bottom of the head and start forming the body with **double crochet** stitches.

Follow the pattern diagram for the placement of open mesh and solid stitches.

Chain 3 between each double crochet to create the lacy middle section.

3. Legs:

Work rows of **double crochet** stitches for each leg, forming a small rectangular shape.

Each leg consists of 2 rows of 3 double crochet stitches separated by chain stitches.

4. Back and Tail:

Follow the diagram to form the elephant's back arch using **double crochet** stitches.

For the tail, chain 5 and slip stitch back to the base. Add a small knot or loop at the end.

5. Finishing Touches:

Use a small black bead or embroidery thread for the eye.

Weave in all yarn ends securely using a tapestry needle.

Block the applique lightly if necessary to give it a neat shape.

Reading the Crochet Diagram:

The elephant applique diagram combines both solid and openwork crochet techniques. Each symbol represents a specific stitch as listed in the stitch symbol chart above. Start from the head (left side) and work towards the tail (right side).

The head and trunk are worked in rounds, while the body and legs are worked in rows. Pay attention to stitch direction and connection points marked in the diagram.