

Steggie

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Materials:

- small amount worsted weight yarn (I used Patons Classic in Leaf)
- size G hook

This sweet little stegosaurus is started at the tail and worked up to the neck, at which point feet and spines are added before finishing the head. He only takes a little while to make. He'd make a nice gift for a small child or baby, or an archaeologist! That is, if you can bear to give him up!

Body

Ch 2, sc 5 times in first stitch. Join for working in the round.

Note: Join all rounds unless otherwise specified.

Sc in rounds, 5 sc per round, until tail measures approximately 1 ½ inches.

Increase by making 2 sc in each sc around – 10 sc.

Increase by making 2 sc in each sc around – 20 sc.

Work in rounds of sc, 20 sc per round, until body measures approximately 3 ½ inches from tip of tail.

Decrease for neck by sc2tog around – 10 sc.

Decrease 2 stitches in next round by sc2tog, sc 4, sc2 tog, sc2, join. Place stitch marker through open stitch (you will come back later to make the head) do not fasten off. Pull off about 4 yd of yarn for working the head, and cut yarn.

Feet (make 4)

Ch2, sc 6 times in first stitch. Join for working in the round.

Work 2 rounds of 6 sc each.

Fasten off, leaving enough yarn for sewing feet to body.

Stuff feet gently and pull beginning tail end inside foot. Stitch feet to body using ending tail ends. You may use polyfill or the yarn you are stitching with.

Spines

Attach yarn to tip of tail. (sl st, dc, sl st) in same hole as joining.

Repeat (sl st, dc, sl st) along back, working directly into body stitches. Skip 1 or 2 stitches between each spine before beginning next spine.

Work spines all the way along back until you reach the neck. Fasten off and weave in end.

Head

Before working head, stuff body, attach feet and spines, and make sure all ends are drawn to the inside.

Begin in stitch with marker. Remove marker. Sc2 tog once, sc around -7 sc.

Work 2 rows of 7 sc each.

Using tapestry needle, weave tail end through all stitches and draw closed to form snout end. Weave in ends.

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