



EASY-GRIP  
FOR BABY!

## ON THE NOSE

A creative combination of popular hooky styles makes Teri Hamilton's rhino toy



## YOU WILL NEED

- Sirdar Hayfield Bonus (100% acrylic, 100g/280m)  
1 ball of:  
Light Grey Mix (814)  
or  
Silver Grey (838)
- A small amount of black acrylic yarn from your stash
- A 3mm (US C/2 or D/3) hook
- Toy stuffing
- Stitch markers

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## TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

## MEASUREMENTS

Rhino measures approx 22x22cm (8¾x8¾in) across widest points

## ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 94

An inventive melding of three of crochet's most popular trends, this handsome grey playmate will keep you on your crochet toes as you incorporate granny squares with hexagonal shaping and amigurumi.

## NOTES

Body is worked in two pieces. Each piece is a Hexagon shape before being folded and joined. Legs are worked from each folded section.

All other sections are worked using the amigurumi method. Work in a continuous spiral without closing off each round with a ss. You may find it helpful to mark the first st of the round, moving the marker up as you work.

## RHINO

### BODY (MAKE 2)

Ch4, ss in last ch from hook to form a loop.

**Round 1 (RS)** Ch5 (counts as tr, ch2), (3tr, ch2) 5 times, 2tr, ss to third ch of beg ch-5 to join, ss into ch-2 sp. [6 3-tr groups]

**Round 2** Ch6 (counts as tr, ch3 throughout), 3tr in same sp, (3tr, ch3, 3tr) in next 5 ch-2 sps, 2tr in same sp as beg ch-6, ss to third ch of ch-6, ss into ch-3 sp. [12 3-tr groups]

**Round 3** Ch6, 3tr in same sp, \*3tr in sp between 2 groups of tr, (3tr, ch3, 3tr) in ch-3 corner sp; rep from \* around, 2tr in same sp as beg ch-6, ss to third ch of beg ch-6, ss into ch-3 sp. [18 3-tr groups]

**Round 4** Ch6, 3tr in same sp, \*3tr in sp between each group of tr, (3tr, ch3, 3tr) in corner ch-3 sp (PM in ch-3 sp on first rep); rep from \* around, 2tr in same sp as beg ch-6, ss to third ch of beg ch-6, ss into ch-3 sp. [24 3-tr groups]

Fold Hexagon so marked ch-sp lines up with current ch-sp forming a J shape, ss through both corners to join. Make sure you keep the RS facing out.

Do not fasten off, leave marker in ch-sp.

### LEGS

Work next round over the sts between the joined ch-sps.

**Round 5** Ch3 (counts as tr), 3tr in next ch-3 sp, 3tr in next 3 sps between 3-tr groups, 2tr in same sp as beg ch-3, ss to top of beg ch-3, ss in space between 3-tr groups. [5 3-tr groups]

**Rounds 6-9** Ch3, 3tr in sp between each group of tr, 2tr in same sp as beg ch-3, ss to top of beg ch-3, ss into sp between groups of 3-tr.

**Fasten off** leaving a long tail.

### TO MAKE UP

We have used the dc seam to join the Body sections together but you can use your preferred method.

Place Body sections together with WS facing out, so that the Legs are pointing down.

Join yarn into marked ch-sp on either section of



The rhino toy's body is made in the granny square method, but in a hexagonal shape



The head is worked from the nose out, with the eyes and two horns added afterwards

Body, ss into marked ch-sp on second section to join, dc both sections together working up to the next ch-3 sp from Round 4 of Body, turn piece over so opposite side is facing and dc seam back down to sp between legs.

### Fasten off.

Dc seam the opening at the top of the Body together to form the arms. Begin in the ch-3 sp on one corner, across the centre join and across to the next ch-3 sp.

### Fasten off.

Turn so RS is facing out and sew the openings of the Arms and Legs closed.

### HANDS AND FEET (MAKE 4)

Ch2.

**Round 1 (RS)** 7dc in second ch from hook. [7 sts]

**Round 2 (RS)** 2dc in each st around. [14 sts]

**Round 3** (Htr in next st, 2htr in next st) 7 times, ss to top of beg htr. [21 sts]

**Round 4** Dc in bl of each st around.

**Rounds 5-7** Dc in each st around.

**Round 8** (Dc in next st, dc2tog) 7 times. [14 sts]

**Fasten off** leaving a long tail.

Stuff Hand/Foot and flatten the sts of the last round. Using the tail, sew across 7 sts working through both layers to close Round 8.

Sew a Hand/Foot to the end of each Arm and Leg.

## HEAD

Ch2.

**Rounds 1-2 (RS)** As Rounds 1-2 of Hands/Feet. [14 sts]

**Round 3** (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) 7 times. [21 sts]

**Rounds 4-9** Dc in each st around.

**Round 10** Htr in each st around, ss to top of beg htr.

**Round 11** (Working in bl only) (dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) 7 times. [28 sts]

**Round 12** Dc in next 10 sts, 2dc in next 8 sts, dc in next 10 sts. [36 sts]

**Rounds 13-14** Dc in each st around.

**Round 15** Dc in next 33 sts, leave rem sts unworked.

Body is joined to Head over the next round.

Mark out the central sp where you will join your head, approx 7 sts wide.

**Round 16** Dc through sp of first marker from Body and next st from Round 15 to join, dc next 5 sts of Head in same way joining evenly across to next marker on Body, dc next st of Head with sp of second marker on Body, dc in each rem st from Round 15.

**Round 17** Dc in each st around.

**Round 18** (Dc in next 7 sts, dc2tog) 4 times. [32 sts]

**Round 19** (Dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog) 8 times. [24 sts]

**Round 20** Dc in each st around.

**Round 21** (Dc in next st, dc2tog) 8 times. [16 sts]

Stuff.

**Round 22** (Dc2tog) 8 times. [8 sts]

**Fasten off** leaving a long tail.

Thread tail through the final 8 sts and pull tight to close.

Using black yarn, and using the image as a guide, sew two eyes onto the Head.

## LARGE HORN

Ch2.

**Round 1** 4dc in second ch from hook. [4 sts]

**Rounds 2-4** Dc in each st around.

**Fasten off** leaving a long tail.

## SMALL HORN

Work Rounds 1-2 of Large Horn.

Using the image as a guide, sew the Horns onto the Head, positioning the Small Horn further back between the eyes and the Large Horn closer to the snout.

## EARS (MAKE 2)

Ch2.

**Round 1** 4dc in second ch from hook. [4 sts]

**Round 2** (Dc in next st, 2dc in next st) twice. [6 sts]

**Round 3** (Dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next st) twice. [8 sts]

**Rounds 4-6** Dc in each st around.

**Fasten off** leaving a long tail.

Sew the Ears over Rounds 16-18 of Head.

## TAIL

Ch10.

**Round 1** Ss in second ch from hook and next 3 ch, ch5, ss in second ch from hook and next 3 ch, ss in remaining 5 ch from foundation ch.

**Fasten off** and sew the Tail onto the back of the Rhino.



Leave a long tail after you fasten off the hands and feet, for securing to the limbs



You could also try making the tail into a hanging loop, to help keep your rhino safe

## SIMPLE STEPS HOW TO SEW SEAMS



**1** Sewing with a tapestry needle is the regular and neat way to join seams. Place two pieces of crochet wrong sides together and oversew them as shown above, using a tapestry or yarn needle.



**2** To slip stitch a seam, place the crochet pieces right sides together. \*Insert hk through both edge stitches, yrh, pull through to complete 1 slip stitch; rep from \*, keeping your work fairly loose.



**3** For a dc seam, place the crochet pieces right sides together, or wrong sides together for a visible seam. Work as for slip stitch seam, using double crochet instead of slip stitch.



**4** A useful variation on the dc seam, the dc and chain seam is used when you need less bulk and/or greater flexibility in your seam. Work as for the dc seam, but work 1 dc and 1 chain alternately.