

Crochet Elephant Family

Two tall elephants, one little companion, and a gentle trunk embrace.



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Make two adults in cream and raspberry and one baby in blush pink. This guide gives separate stitch counts for each size, with finishing and assembly instructions.

Approximate finished sizes: adults 28-32 cm (11-12½ in) tall; baby 13-16 cm (5-6¼ in) tall. Size depends on gauge, stuffing and the angle of the trunks.

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Before you begin

Materials: smooth sport-weight cotton, approximately 100 g cream, 100 g raspberry and 40 g blush (about 250-300 m total per adult and 100-120 m for the baby, including a margin); 2.5 mm hook; polyester stuffing; black embroidery thread; tapestry needle; stitch markers; scissors; ruler. Quantities are estimates. Use one yarn line for all three elephants.

Gauge target: 24 sc and 26 rounds per 10 cm (4 in), measured on a lightly stuffed piece. Make a 24-stitch tube for 12 rounds: its circumference should be about 10 cm (4 in). Use a smaller hook if stuffing shows through. Matching firm fabric matters more than exact height.

US term	Meaning
MR / ch	Magic ring / chain
sc / sl st	Single crochet / slip stitch
inc	Work 2 sc in the same stitch.
dec	Invisible decrease: insert hook under the front loops of the next 2 stitches, yarn over and draw through both loops; yarn over and draw through the 2 loops on the hook.
BLO / R	Back loop only / round
(...) × n	Repeat the entire bracket n times. The last column gives the total stitch count.

Working method: use continuous spiral rounds unless stated otherwise. Do not join or add a turning chain. Mark the first stitch and move the marker every round. Work through both loops except where BLO is stated. A decrease uses two old stitches to make one new stitch.



Each elephant: 1 body, 1 continuous head-and-trunk piece, 2 ears, 2 feet and 1 tail. Leave sewing tails about 30 cm (12 in) long.



Adult body

Start at the center of the seated base and work upward to the neck. Use the adult color throughout. Keep the first seven rounds flat; lightly cup the piece after the BLO round.

Round	Instruction	Sts
1	6 sc in MR; pull ring closed.	6
2	Inc in every stitch.	12
3	(1 sc, inc) × 6.	18
4	(2 sc, inc) × 6.	24
5	(3 sc, inc) × 6.	30
6	(4 sc, inc) × 6.	36
7	(5 sc, inc) × 6.	42
8	(6 sc, inc) × 6.	48
9	BLO: sc in every stitch.	48
10-17	Sc in every stitch for 8 rounds.	48
18	(6 sc, dec) × 6.	42
19-20	Sc in every stitch for 2 rounds.	42
21	(5 sc, dec) × 6.	36
22-23	Sc in every stitch for 2 rounds.	36
24	(4 sc, dec) × 6.	30
25-26	Sc in every stitch for 2 rounds.	30
27	(3 sc, dec) × 6.	24
28-29	Sc in every stitch for 2 rounds.	24
30	(2 sc, dec) × 6.	18
31	Sc in every stitch. Fasten off; leave neck open.	18

Stuff and shape: add small tufts after R24, packing the lower body evenly. Flatten the underside with your palm so it can sit. Fill the upper body firmly but keep the 18-stitch neck accessible. Leave a long sewing tail. Target body height: 10-12 cm (4-4¾ in).



Adult head & raised trunk

Work from the underside of the head toward the trunk tip. The head has a closed base; later, the open neck of the body is sewn around this base. Make one in each adult color.

Round	Instruction	Sts
1	6 sc in MR.	6
2	Inc in every stitch.	12
3	(1 sc, inc) × 6.	18
4	(2 sc, inc) × 6.	24
5	(3 sc, inc) × 6.	30
6	(4 sc, inc) × 6.	36
7	(5 sc, inc) × 6.	42
8-12	Sc in every stitch for 5 rounds.	42
13	(5 sc, dec) × 6.	36
14	Sc in every stitch.	36
15	(4 sc, dec) × 6.	30
16	Sc in every stitch.	30
17	(3 sc, dec) × 6.	24
18	(2 sc, dec) × 6.	18
19	(1 sc, dec) × 6.	12
20-25	Sc in every stitch for 6 rounds.	12
26	(2 sc, dec) × 3.	9
27-48	Sc in every stitch for 22 rounds.	9
49	(1 sc, dec) × 3.	6
50-53	Sc in every stitch for 4 rounds.	6

Stuff as you go: fill the head before R18. Add tiny wisps to the trunk every 4-5 rounds using the blunt end of a tool. Keep it flexible, especially near the tip. Do not insert wire. After R53, cut yarn, pass it through all 6 front loops, draw closed and hide the end.

Eyes: embroider two small black ovals around R10-11, with about 8 visible stitches between them across the front. Secure the thread ends inside before the opening becomes narrow. Mark the face so both ears can be placed symmetrically.



Adult ears, feet & tail

Ears - make 2 for each adult

Work a lightly cupped circle, then pinch a short section of its edge to create the top of the hanging ear. Do not stuff.

Round	Instruction	Sts
1	6 sc in MR.	6
2	Inc in every stitch.	12
3	(1 sc, inc) × 6.	18
4	(2 sc, inc) × 6.	24
5	(3 sc, inc) × 6.	30
6	(4 sc, inc) × 6.	36
7	(5 sc, inc) × 6.	42
8	Sc in every stitch; sl st in next stitch to finish.	42

Leave a 30 cm (12 in) tail. Pinch together 3 edge stitches on each side of the finish point, making a small pleat; sew through these layers. Let the rest of the circle hang open. Target ear size: 5-6 cm (2-2³/₈ in) across.

Feet - make 2 for each adult

Round	Instruction	Sts
1	6 sc in MR.	6
2	Inc in every stitch.	12
3	(1 sc, inc) × 6.	18
4-6	Sc in every stitch for 3 rounds.	18
7	(1 sc, dec) × 6.	12
8	Dec × 6.	6

Before R7, add a small tuft of stuffing. Close through the last 6 front loops. Flatten gently into an oval pad. Leave a sewing tail. Each foot is approximately 3 cm (1¹/₄ in) long.

Tail - make 1 for each adult

Ch 10. Starting in the second chain from the hook, sl st in each of the next 9 chains. Fasten off with a long tail. For a decorative display, attach three short yarn strands at the tip and trim evenly; omit loose tassels for a child-handled version. Finished tail: about 4 cm (1¹/₂ in).



Baby elephant: body

Use blush pink and the same hook and tension. This smaller version has its own counts; do not halve the adult stitch instructions. Make one body.

Round	Instruction	Sts
1	6 sc in MR.	6
2	Inc in every stitch.	12
3	(1 sc, inc) × 6.	18
4	(2 sc, inc) × 6.	24
5	(3 sc, inc) × 6.	30
6	BLO: sc in every stitch.	30
7-10	Sc in every stitch for 4 rounds.	30
11	(3 sc, dec) × 6.	24
12-13	Sc in every stitch for 2 rounds.	24
14	(2 sc, dec) × 6.	18
15-16	Sc in every stitch for 2 rounds.	18
17	(1 sc, dec) × 6.	12
18	Sc in every stitch; fasten off, leaving neck open.	12

Shape the smaller base

Start stuffing after R13. Press the base flat while filling the sides so the baby has a rounded belly and can sit upright. Keep the neck opening circular. Target body height: 6-7 cm (2³/₈-2³/₄ in).

Check before continuing

Count the neck opening: it should have 12 stitches. Check that the base ring is closed securely and that no stuffing appears between stitches. If the body is hard and bulging, remove a little filling before attaching the head.

Prepare a long blush sewing tail and two markers. One marker identifies the center front of the body; the other marks the back where the tail will be sewn. This makes the feet and face easier to align.



Baby head, ears & details

Head and trunk: work upward from the underside of the head, in blush pink. Stuff the head before R11 and add very small wisps along the trunk.

Round	Instruction	Sts
1	6 sc in MR.	6
2	Inc in every stitch.	12
3	(1 sc, inc) × 6.	18
4	(2 sc, inc) × 6.	24
5-8	Sc in every stitch for 4 rounds.	24
9	(2 sc, dec) × 6.	18
10	(1 sc, dec) × 6.	12
11	(2 sc, dec) × 3.	9
12-17	Sc in every stitch for 6 rounds.	9
18	(1 sc, dec) × 3.	6
19-24	Sc in every stitch for 6 rounds.	6

Close through the final 6 front loops and weave in. Embroider small black eyes around R6-7, about 4 visible stitches apart across the front. Secure thread ends inside while the head opening is still accessible.

Ears - make 2

R1: 6 sc in MR [6]. **R2:** inc × 6 [12]. **R3:** (1 sc, inc) × 6 [18]. **R4:** (2 sc, inc) × 6 [24]. **R5:** sc around [24]. Sl st to finish. Do not stuff. Pinch 2 edge stitches on each side of the finish point together and secure the pleat.

Feet - make 2; tail - make 1

Feet: R1: 6 sc in MR [6]. R2: inc × 6 [12]. R3-4: sc around [12]. Add a tiny tuft of stuffing. R5: dec × 6 [6]. Close, flatten and leave a sewing tail.

Tail: ch 6; from the second chain, sl st in the next 5 chains. Fasten off. Keep the tail plain or add a tiny decorative tassel for display only. The baby uses the same assembly method as the adults.



Assembly: build each elephant



1. Join the head securely

Place the head base over the body neck with the face at the front and the trunk pointing upward. For an adult, center the 18-stitch neck around head R3; for the baby, center the 12-stitch neck around head R2. Pin or mark at front, back and both sides. A slight forward tilt is fine.

Using the body tail, whipstitch through each neck stitch and a corresponding stitch on the underside of the head. Sew all the way around, add a little stuffing before the last few stitches, then make a second pass. The head should feel supported without wobbling. Bury the yarn end inside the body.

2. Attach the ears and feet

Position each adult ear pleat at the side of the head across R8-12, slightly behind the eye; place baby ears across R5-8. Sew only the pinched top edge firmly so the lower edge hangs freely. Mirror the second ear. Check the face from the front before securing the ends.

Place the two feet at the lower front of the body, about one stitch apart, overlapping body R3-7 for adults and R2-5 for the baby. Sew the back half of each pad to the body; leave the front rounded. Place on a flat surface and adjust until the elephant sits steadily.

3. Finish the back

Sew the tail to the back at adult body R10 or baby body R7. Make several secure passes and bury the end. Remove every temporary pin or marker. Gently roll the trunk between your palms to smooth out lumps.



The family embrace & finishing



Arrange the raised trunks

Place the adults side by side, angled gently toward each other. Bring the flexible trunks together and cross them once above the heads. Avoid a tight twist, which can pull the elephants off balance. Put the baby in front, with its short trunk free.

For a fixed display, use matching yarn to make 2-3 small concealed stitches through the trunk surfaces at the crossing point. Secure and bury both ends. The illustration shows the contact point enlarged; a visible wrap is optional. Do not tie the tips tightly together.

Troubleshooting & care

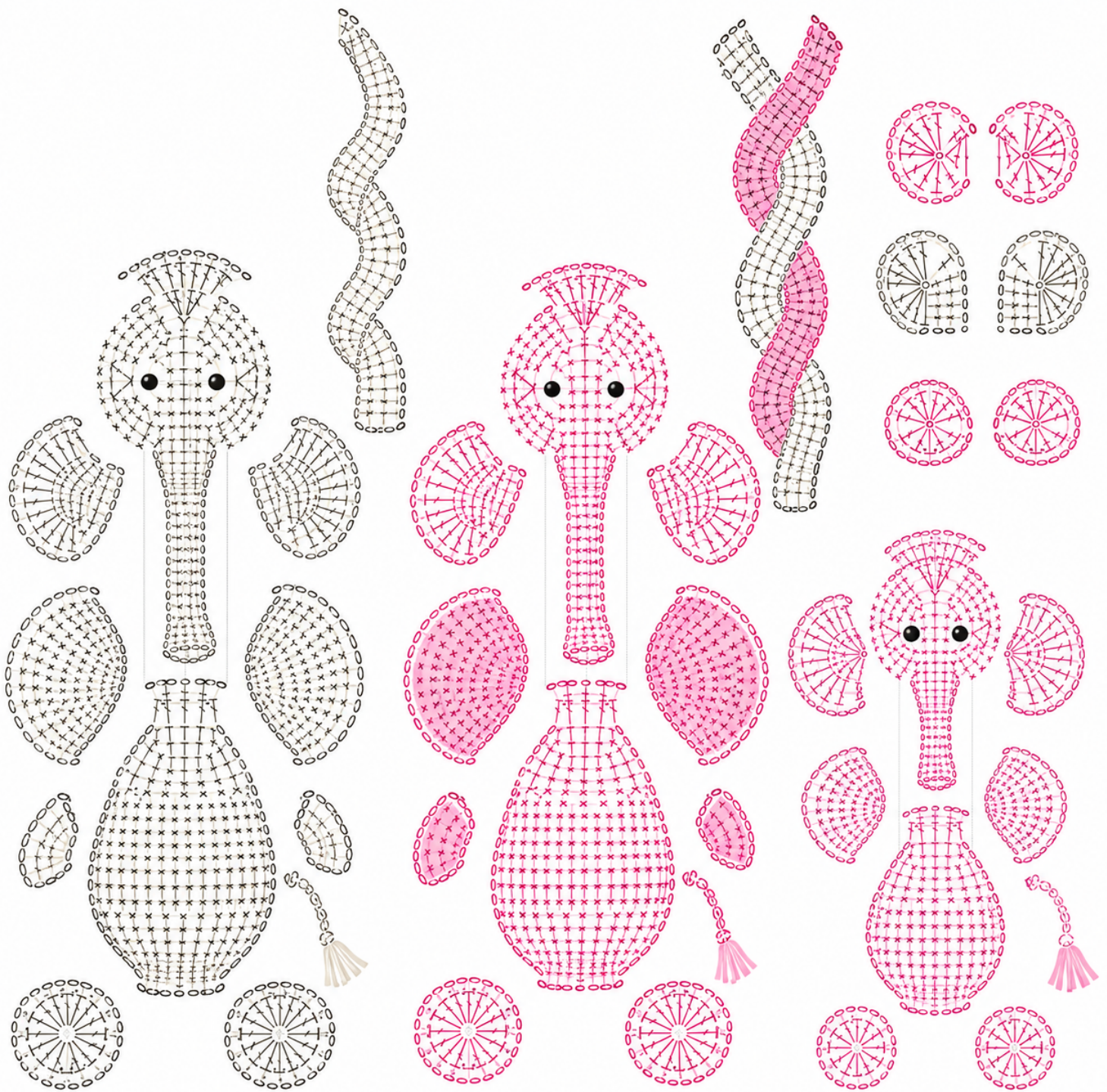
Leaning: release the trunk join, flatten the bases and reposition the feet. **Floppy head:** add neck stuffing before completing the seam and reinforce the join. **Stiff trunk:** remove some filling. **Uneven ears:** check that their pleats are sewn at the same height.

Spot-clean gently with mild soap and cool water, following the yarn label. Reshape and air-dry flat. Avoid pulling on ears, tails or the trunk join. Embroidered eyes are used here; omit loose tassels and detachable decorations if the item will be handled by a young child. This decorative pattern is not a tested toy design.

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