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Pacific®
Little Lion

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Skill Level:

Intermediate

Materials:

Cascade Yarns® Pacific®, 60% Acrylic / 40% Superwash Merino Wool, 100g (3.5oz) / 213 yds (195 m).
#12 Yellow (27 g)
#59 Milk Chocolate (10 g)
#09 Sand (10 g)
#48 Black (5 g)
Crochet Hook G / 4.0 mm
Crochet Hook D / 3.75 mm

Additional Materials:

Poly-fil
Scrap Black yarn to sew his face
Tapestry/Darning Needle
9 mm Safety Eyes

Gauge:

Not essential for this Project

Finished Measurements:

Approx. 4.5” tall

Abbreviations:

ch	= chain
sc	= single crochet
dec	= single crochet 2 stitches in front loops together
inc	= single crochet 2 stitches in same sc
sl st	= slip stitch
st(s)	= stitch(es)
tog	= together

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Notes:

The actual size of your hook doesn't really matter, as long as your hook and yarn choices result in tight even stitches. Crocheting too loosely, or using too large of a hook for the yarn weight, will result in the stuffing showing through.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Each round is written in the following format

Sc, inc (18) --- as an example

This means when working through project the instructions will repeat unless otherwise indicated. The numbers in ( ) at the end of each round or row, indicates the total number of stitches that should be in that round or row. Each round is worked in a continuous spiral you will not need to join rounds. For further tips there is a General Instructions page at the end of the pattern It's highly recommended that you read through the pattern completely before beginning to familiarize yourself with the entire process.

Head
Use Buttercup
Rnd 1 6sc in magic ring (6)
Rnd 2 6inc (12)
Rnd 3 Sc, inc (18)
Rnd 4 2sc, inc (24)
Rnd 5 3sc, inc (30)
Rnd 6-12 Sc around (30)

Insert the eyes in between Rnds 9-10

Begin stuffing at this point.

Rnd 13 3sc, dec (24)
Rnd 14 2sc, dec (18)
Rnd 15 Sc, dec (12)
Rnd 16 6dec (6) Sl st 1 and fasten off, leaving long tail to close up 6-st hole.

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Face
Use Natural
Rnd 1 6sc in magic ring (6)
Rnd 2 6inch (12) Sl st and fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.
Using some black yarn, sew his mouth and nose as shown in the pictures.

Sew the face to his head

Body
Use Buttercup
Rnd 1 6sc in magic ring (6)
Rnd 2 6inc (12)
Rnd 3 Sc, inc (18)
Rnd 4 2sc, inc (24)
Rnd 5-7 Sc around (24)
Rnd 8 6sc, dec (21)
Rnd 9 Sc around (21)
Rnd 10 5sc, dec (18)
Rnd 11 Sc around (18)
Rnd 12 4sc, dec (15)
Rnd 13 Sc around (15)
Rnd 14 3sc, dec (12) Stuff then flatten and Sc through both layers. Leave a long tail for sewing

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Ears (Make 2) do not stuff
Use Buttercup
Rnd 1 6sc in magic ring (6)
Rnd 2 Sc, inc (9)
Rnd 3 Sc around (9) Flatten and Sc through both layers. Leave a long tail for sewing.

Tail
Start with Sunflower (Don't need to stuff)
Rnd 1 6sc in magic ring (6)
Rnd 2 Sc around (6)
Rnd 3 Sc, inc (9)
Rnd 4 2sc, inc (12)
Rnd 5 Sc around (12)
Rnd 6 6dec (6)
Change to Buttercup
Rnd 7-15 Sc around (6) Flatten and Sc through both layers. Leave a long tail for sewing

Front Legs (Make 2)
Use Buttercup
Rnd 1 6sc in magic ring (6)
Rnd 2 6inc (12)
Rnd 3-4 Sc around (12)
Rnd 5 3sc, 3dec, 3sc (9)
Start stuffing at this point
Rnd 6-9 Sc around (9)
Rnd 10 Sc, dec (6)
Rnd 11-13 Sc around (6) Flatten and Sc through both layers. Leave a tail for sewing.

Back Legs (Make 2)
Use Buttercup
Repeat Rnds 1-5 of the Front Legs
Rnd 6-9 Sc around (9) Sl st and fasten off. Leave a long tail for sewing. You can embroider toes as shown in the photos.

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Mane

Use Sunflower

Ch 30 and Sc into the first ch you made to make a circle

Rnd 1 Sc around (30)

Rnd 2 *Sc, 3ch, Sc in 2nd ch and 3rd ch, 2sc*, Continue around

Assembly:

I strongly recommend that you pin all the pieces together before sewing them, just to ensure that you have everything as you want it.

Sew the Mane and Ears to the Body

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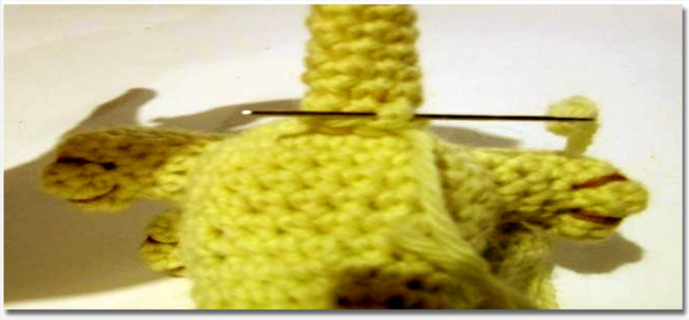
Sew the Body to the Head

Sew the Feet to the Body

Sew the Tail to the Body



General Instructions:

Stuffing:

Stuff your toys firmly so they retain their shape and don't look droopy. Be careful not to overstuff them, though, because the stuffing will stretch the fabric and may show through the stitches. I always use polyester fiberfill stuffing because it's non-allergenic, won't bunch up, and it's washable, which is always good when making toys, make sure you follow the yarn care instructions on the label.

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How to change yarn colors:

Some projects require alternating two colors in the body. To do this, work the last stitch of a round until one step remains in the stitch; then work the last step with the new color and continue the round in the new color.

Adding the extremities:

I always use a tapestry needle and the same color of yarn as the pieces (or at least one of the pieces) I want to sew together. When sewing pieces to the body, make sure they are securely attached so that little fingers can't pull them off.

On some animals, the opening of the extremities will remain open for sewing onto the body; the instructions will tell you when to leave them open. Position the limb on the body and sew all around it, going through the front stitches of both the limb and the body.

On other animals, the opening of the extremities will be sewn closed before being attached to the body. To do this, pinch the opening closed, line up the stitches of one side with the other side, and sew through the front loop of one side and the back loop of the other side. Position the piece where you want it on the body and sew.

Weaving in ends:

Weaving in ends is easy on little ami pieces. Because the pieces are stuffed, simply pull the tails to the inside of the piece and leave them. The tails will be secure inside the pieces. If there are any tails left after sewing into the body, pull it out 1-2 inches away, and snip close to the piece, being careful not to cut the crochet stitches.

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