



# The Lorax

**“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot,  
Nothing is going to get better. It's not.”**

**– Dr. Seuss, *The Lorax***



This version of The Lorax (aka Keeper of the Trees) was inspired by my grandson who loves this movie. This pattern can be a fun challenge for beginners, as it helps teach sculpting with crochet.

Enjoy making your child or grandchildren happy with their new friend! If you have questions about the pattern, please email: [sher@daydreemz.net](mailto:sher@daydreemz.net). Please do not resell this pattern, and give credit to Day Dreams if you make this for your profit.

***Finished Ht: 18” Wt: 14 oz. Machine Wash/Dry on Delicates***

**Materials:** 4 oz. Orange (Worsted Wt) Acrylic Yarn; Sm Bag of Polyfill; 2 Plastic Eyes (15-20 mm); White Felt Scrap; Scrap Yellow Acrylic Yarn; Size F Crochet Hook; Tapestry Needle.

**Gauge:** 7 Sc = 1” \*This pattern is worked in the round

**Abbreviations:** Sc—Single Crochet; DC—Double Crochet; SST— Slip Stitch; HDC— Half Double Crochet; Dec—Decrease; Inc—Increase; Sp—Space; Ch—Chain

## Body & Head:

1. Ch 2, then in first Ch Sp, work 6 Sc.
2. Work 2 Sc in each Ch Sp (12 Sc).
- 3-5. \*Work HDC, then in next Sp work 2 Sc\*, repeat from \* around.
6. \*Work 2 HDC, then in next Sp work 2 Sc,\* repeat from \* around.
7. \*Work 3 HDC, then in next Sp work 2 Sc,\* repeat from \* around.
- 8-11. \*Work HDC, then in next Sp work 2 Sc, \* repeat from \* around.
12. \*Work HDC in next 2 Ch Sp, then a Sc in next sp, then Dec by 1 Sc over next 2 Sc \*, repeat from \* around.
13. \*Work HDC, then in next Sp work Sc \*, repeat from \* around.
14. \*Work HDC, then Sc in next Sp, then HDC in next, the Dec by 1 Sc over next 2 Sc\*, repeat from \* around.
- 15-44. \*Work HDC, then Sc in next Sp\*, repeat from \* around. ~ **STUFF POLYFIL IN BODY AT THIS POINT**~
45. \* Work Dec by 1 Sc over next 2 Sc, then Sc in next Sp\*, repeat from \* around until hole is closed. Tie off, leaving a length of yarn to thread the Tapestry Needle with and sew the hole closed. Weave in remaining loose end.

**Feet:**

Begin with Magic Circle. Work 6 Sc in loop then pull tail tight to close.

1. On outside of circle, work 2 Sc in ea Ch sp around (total of 12 Sc).

2-11. Work Sc in each Ch sp around (12 ea row).

12-16. \*Work a Dc in each of next 7 Ch Sp around, then 5 Sc in each of next Ch Sp around\*. (This makes the ankle)

17-21. \*Work Sc in next Ch Sp and in each Ch Sp across\*, repeat from \* for 5 more rows.

*Finish—Tie off and weave in loose end. Using polyfil, lightly (barely) stuff feet, more at bend of foot (ankle) and a little more fil at the top (it needs to be wider and full for stability). Using tapestry needle and matching orange yarn, whip stitch the leg to the bottom side of the body. Tie off, weave in loose end. To help shape the foot, about mid-way on the foot from the tip to the ankle, make several 'tacs' with matching yarn, tie off and weave in loose end.*

**Arms:**

Begin with Magic Circle. Work 6 Sc in loop then pull tail tight to close.

1-4. \*Work 2 Sc in ea Ch Sp around, for a total of 12 Sc each row.

5-10. \*Work 7 Dc in each of next 7 Ch Sp, then work 5 Sc in ea of next 5 Ch Sp\*, repeat from \* for 4 more rows.

11-19. \*Work a Sc in each Ch Sp around\*, repeat from \* for 7 more rows.

*Finish: Tie off and weave in loose ends. Using polyfil, lightly stuff arms to opening at top. Using tapestry needle and matching yarn, whip stitch each arm in place on the sides, near top of body but below head. Next, cross arms over one another (see picture), and tac to the body and arms together to hold in place.*

**Face:** From felt scrap cut two eye backs similar to the shape below (or use that as a template). Push each plastic eye through the felt near the bottom of the felt where large dot is shown. Use safety back for eye to hold in place, or fabric glue to attach eye to felt, then both to the head of the Lorax. **\*May hand sew felt to head if you prefer; it may remain in tact better when little are playing with the Lorax!**

**Eye Brows and Mustache:** *I found it easier to cut yarn into 3" lengths and begin the process of hooking each strand through in an even pattern. Once you believe you have enough yarn hooked through, use the tapestry need to begin shredding or fraying the yarn. Trim eye brows and mustache to suit your view of the Lorax.*

**\*\* Magic Circle—<http://youtu.be/y9u6Zg2INLs>**

