



Summer Lovin' Frogs

Crochet your own set or individual frogs! This pattern, designed by Day Dreams Custom Sewing & Handmade Gifts, is a little challenge for beginners in crochet and work up quickly for more advanced. Basic stitches are used: Single Crochet, Half Double Crochet, Whip Stitch (Sewing) and Back Stitch (Sewing). Choose your own Summer Lovin' colors for a family of frog lovin' fun ☺

Materials: 2 oz of acrylic yarn (shown is Red Heart Soft Pink, Mint Green & Light Plum); black and white yarn (scraps), 15 mm plastic eyes (or substitute black yarn), size F crochet hook, tapestry needle, accessory materials (flowers, ribbons, etc.); polyfil or other fiber stuffing.

Gauge is standard: 4 Sc = 1"

Abbreviations: Sc – single crochet; Hdc – half double crochet; Trc – triple crochet; SST – slip stitch; Inc – increase; Dec – decrease; (Asterisk) – repeat

Notes: Work in the following order: Head, body (attach together), arms, legs. It's much easier to work with when sewing together and gives a sense of how your frog is shaping. Also, keep track of your count of rows...this is important!

Magic Circle: <http://www.crochetme.com/forums/t/28917.aspx>

Frog Head

1. Begin with a Magic Circle, then work 5 more Sc in loop. Do not turn work from here on...
2. Work 2 Sc in each chain space around.
3. *Work 1 Sc in next space from hook, then work an Inc by 2 Sc in next chain space *. Repeat from * around.
4. *Work 1 Sc in each of next 2 chain spaces, then work an Inc by 2 Sc in next chain space *. Repeat from * around.
5. *Work 1 Sc in each of next 3 chain spaces, then work an Inc by 2 Sc in next chain space *. Repeat from * around.
6. Sc in each chain space around.
7. *Work 1 Sc in each of next 4 chain spaces, then work an Inc by 2 Sc in next chain space *. Repeat from * around.
- 8-9. Work a Sc in each chain space around.

10. *Work 1 Sc in each of next 4 chain spaces, then work a Dec – work 1 Sc over 2 Sc- in next chain space *. Repeat from * around.

11. Sc in each chain space around.

12. *Work 2 Sc in each of next 4 chain spaces, then work a Dec – work 1 Sc over 2 Sc- in next chain space *. Repeat from * around.

13. *Work 1 Sc in each of next 4 chain spaces, then work a Dec – work 1 Sc over 2 Sc- in next chain space *. Repeat from * around. Tie off, leaving a long enough length to use for sewing closed.

14. Stuff with polyfil, then using length of yarn left whip stitch closed. Weave in loose ends.

Frog eyes in white yarn

- a. Work a magic circle and then 5 Sc in loop. Sc 2 in each chain space around. Do not turn.
- b. Sc in each chain space around.
- c. * Work a Dec – work 1 Sc over 2 Sc. * Repeat from * around. Tie off leaving a small length to sew closed.
- d. Stuff and close using length of yarn.

Next part of eye

- a. *Using matching color to head, repeat a – b above.*
- b. * Work an Inc – Sc 1, then Sc 2 in next chain space around. * Repeat from * around.
- c. Sc around in each chain space. Tie off, leaving length to sew to white eye and to attach to head. Whip stitch piece to eye.
- d. Insert plastic eyes in middle of white.
- e. Whip stitch to head where indicated on diagram. Weave in loose ends.

Frog Body

1. Work a magic circle, and then work 5 Sc in loop.

2. Work 2 Sc in each chain space around.

3. * Work an Inc – 1 Sc, then 2 Sc in same next chain space.* Repeat from * around.

4-9. Repeat #3, and work Inc – 2(3, 4, 5, 6) Sc, then 2 Sc in same next chain space.* Repeat from * around.

10-16. Sc around in each chain space for next 6 rows.

11. * Work 1 Sc in next 6 chain spaces, then work a Dec – 1 Sc over next 2 Sc.* Repeat from * around.

12-14. * Work 1 Sc in next 5 (4, 3) chain spaces, then work a Dec – 1 Sc over next 2 Sc.* Repeat from * around.

15-18. Sc in each chain space around.

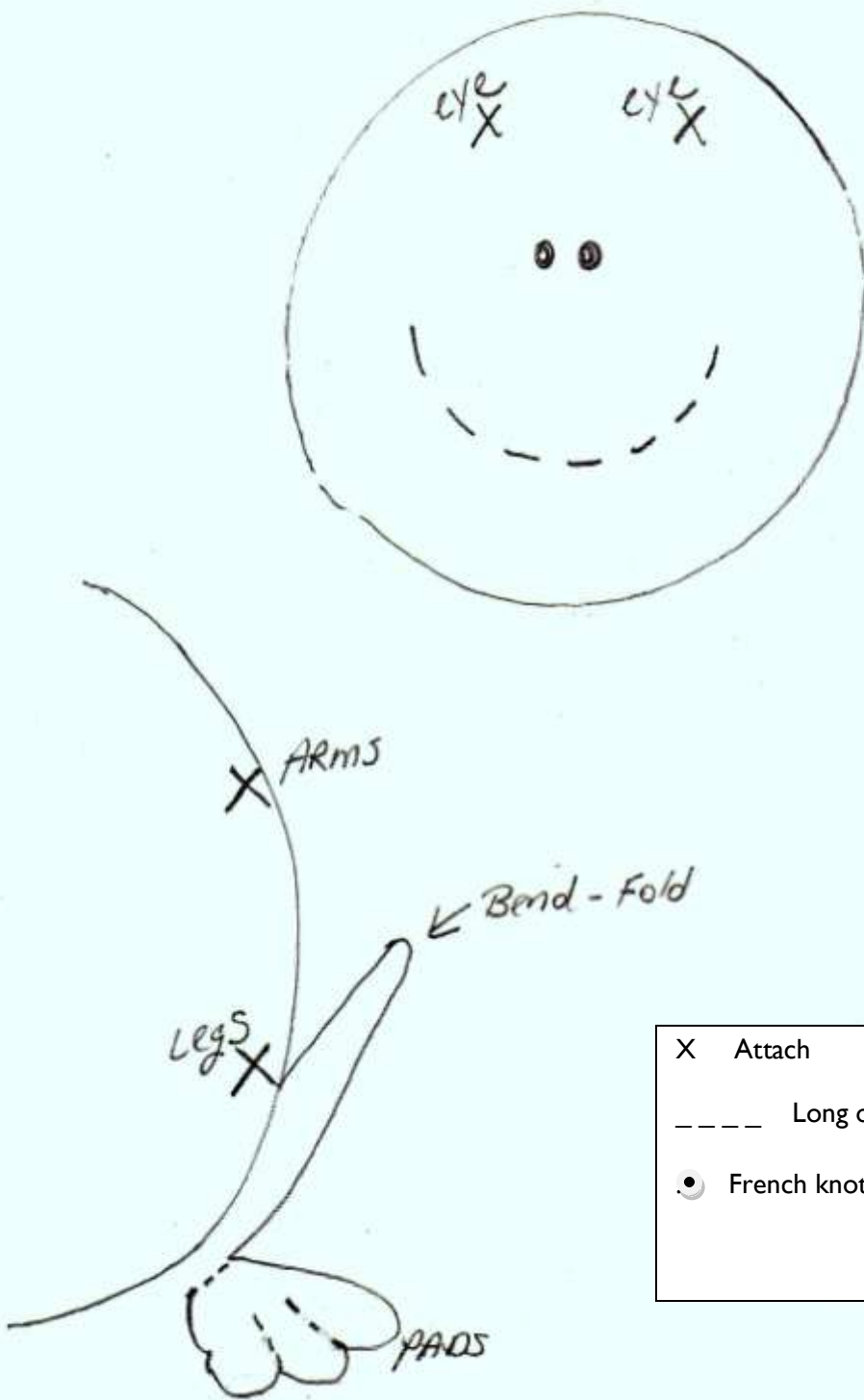
19. * Work 1 Sc in next 2 chain spaces, then work a Dec – 1 Sc over next 2 Sc.* Repeat from * around.
20. * Work 1 Sc in next 1 chain space, then work a Dec – 1 Sc over next 2 Sc.* Repeat from * around.
21. Stuff with polyfil, then using length of yarn left whip stitch closed. Weave in loose ends.
22. Pin head (safety pins work well) to top of body (smaller end) and using length of yarn, whip stitch head to body securely so it does not wobble. Tie off and weave in loose ends.

Arms

1. Ch 3, Sc 2nd chain space from hook. Work 7 Sc in loop. Do not turn work.
- 2-22. Sc around in each chain space for 21 rounds. Use a marker for easier count!
23. From point where last Sc was made, Ch4, then work a Trc in same chain space, then a Sc in same chain space.
24. * In next chain space, work 2 Trc, 1 Sc in same chain space.* Repeat in each chain space around to make a total of 6 pads (extensions). It will look a little like flower petals. In the last 2 chain spaces remaining, work a Dec – 1 Sc over next 2 Sc. Tie off, leaving a length of yarn.
25. Match pads together, (create 3 pads) and using length of yarn, whip stitch pads together. Once this is finished, slip needle and yarn between 2 pads, and make a long stitch (see diagram), then again for the other 2 pads.
26. Tie off length of yarn, weave in loose end.
27. Attach arms to sides of frogs following diagram.

Legs (Corrected 8/15/13)

1. Ch 3, Sc in next space from hook, then work 8 Sc in loop. (9 sc)
- 2-22. Sc around in each chain space.
- 23-26. From point last finished in rows above,* work 1Sc, then Inc by 2 Sc in same next chain space, Sc*. Repeat from * around. (12) (20) (28) (38)
- 27-31. Sc in each chain space around. (38)
32. *Sc in next chain space, then work a Dec – 1Sc over next 2 Sc *. Repeat from * around. (26)
- 33-36. * Skip next chain space from hook, Sc, then in same chain space Sc, Hdc, Dc, Trc, Dc, Hdc, Sc, then skip next chain space* Repeat from * around. Tie off, leaving length of yarn to stitch with.
37. Match pads together, (create 3 pads) and using length of yarn, whip stitch pads together. Once this is finished, slip needle and yarn between 2 pads, and make a long stitch (see diagram), then again for the other 2 pads.
39. Tie off length of yarn, weave in loose end. Attach legs to sides of frogs following diagram.



- X Attach
- Long or Back Stitch
- French knot

Stitch the feet to the bottom of the frog body using a long or back stitch to attach. This helps the frog stand on its own. Play with the bend and placement...it's your choice how you want your frog to pose!