

Ember the Dragon Amigurumi

A round-bellied baby dragon with little wings, a spiky back, and a curled tail. Worked in continuous rounds with basic single crochet, plus simple flat wing pieces — a fun next-step project once you've made a few amigurumi basics.



Original Loop Patterns illustration — finished toy shown in a mint green, cream and gold colourway.

CRAFT Crochet (amigurumi)	SKILL LEVEL Intermediate	SIZE Approx. 9" (23cm) tall
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MATERIALS

Worsted weight (Aran) yarn: Mint/sage green (main), Cream (belly, muzzle), Gold/yellow (spikes) — approx. 90g green, 25g cream, 10g gold. Small amount of coral/pink for cheeks (optional).

3.5mm (US E/4) crochet hook, or size needed for a firm, tight fabric.

Polyester fiberfill stuffing.

2 x 12mm safety eyes (or embroider eyes for very young children).

Stitch marker, yarn needle, black or dark embroidery thread for nostrils.

GAUGE

Gauge isn't critical, but work more tightly than usual so stuffing doesn't show through the fabric. Aim for approx. 18 sts and 20 rounds = 4" (10cm) in single crochet.

ABBREVIATIONS

Ch = Chain

Sc = Single crochet

Inc = 2 sc in same st

Dec = Sc2tog (invisible dec)

Sl st = Slip stitch

Rep = Repeat

Rnd(s) = Round(s)

St(s) = Stitch(es)

Row(s) = Row(s)

MR = Magic ring

The body pieces are worked in continuous rounds (spiral) — do not join or turn. The spikes and wings are worked flat in turned rows. Use a stitch marker to track the beginning of each round on the spiral pieces.

HEAD (make 1, green)

Rnd 1: 6 sc in MR. (6)

Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. (12)

Rnd 3: *Sc 1, inc; rep from * around. (18)

Rnd 4: *Sc 2, inc; rep from * around. (24)

Rnd 5: *Sc 3, inc; rep from * around. (30)

Rnd 6: *Sc 4, inc; rep from * around. (36)

Rnds 7–13: Sc around, even. (36) — place safety eyes between rnds 9 and 10, approx. 9 sts apart, before continuing.

Rnd 14: *Sc 4, dec; rep from * around. (30)

Rnd 15: *Sc 3, dec; rep from * around. (24)

Rnd 16: *Sc 2, dec; rep from * around. (18) Begin stuffing firmly and continue to stuff as you close.

Rnd 17: *Sc 1, dec; rep from * around. (12)

Rnd 18: Dec around. (6)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Weave tail through front loops of last 6 sts, pull closed, secure.

MUZZLE (make 1, cream)

Rnd 1: 6 sc in MR. (6)

Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. (12)

Rnd 3: *Sc 1, inc; rep from * around. (18)

Rnds 4–5: Sc around, even. (18)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. With dark embroidery thread, stitch 2 small nostrils near the top before attaching to the head, centred over rnds 9–13.

HEAD SPIKES (make 3, gold)

Ch 4.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 ch. Turn. (3)

Row 2: Sc2tog, sc in last st. Turn. (2)

Row 3: Sc2tog. (1)

Fasten off, leaving a tail. Make 3. Sew evenly along the centre top of the head, from just above the eyes back over the crown, each one leaning slightly backward.

BODY (make 1, green with cream belly)

Rnd 1: 6 sc in MR. (6)

Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. (12)

Rnd 3: *Sc 1, inc; rep from * around. (18)

Rnd 4: *Sc 2, inc; rep from * around. (24)

Rnd 5: *Sc 3, inc; rep from * around. (30)

Rnd 6: *Sc 4, inc; rep from * around. (36)

Rnds 7–16: Sc around, even. (36) — work a rounded cream patch down the front of the body across rnds 9–15 for the belly, either by changing colour or by embroidering a duplicate-stitch patch afterwards.

Rnd 17: *Sc 4, dec; rep from * around. (30) Begin stuffing firmly.

Rnd 18: *Sc 3, dec; rep from * around. (24)

Rnd 19: *Sc 2, dec; rep from * around. (18)

Rnd 20: *Sc 1, dec; rep from * around. (12) Finish stuffing.

Rnd 21: Dec around. (6)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Close as for Head.

BODY SPIKES (make 3, gold)

Work as for Head Spikes. Sew evenly down the centre back of the body, from just below the neck to just above the tail, in a single row.

LEGS (make 4, green)

Rnd 1: 6 sc in MR. (6)

Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. (12)

Rnds 3–10: Sc around, even. (12)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Stuff each leg firmly, leaving the last 2 rounds unstuffed and flattened for sewing to the body.

WINGS (make 2, green)

Ch 12.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Turn. (11)

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each of next 8 sts, leave rem 3 sts unworked. Turn. (8)

Row 3: Ch 1, sc2tog, sc to end. Turn. (7)

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in each of next 5 sts, leave rem 2 sts unworked. Turn. (5)

Row 5: Ch 1, sc2tog, sc to end. Turn. (4)

Row 6: Ch 1, sc2tog twice. (2)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Work a row of sc evenly around the entire outer edge of the wing to neaten if desired. Make 2 (a mirror-image pair isn't necessary — both wings can be identical).

TAIL (make 1, green)

Rnd 1: 6 sc in MR. (6)

Rnds 2–9: Sc around, even. (6)

Rnd 10: Dec around. (3)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Stuff lightly along its length. This makes a tail that curls naturally when sewn on — for extra curl, sew the tip loosely to the side of the tail itself after attaching to the body.

ASSEMBLY

1. Sew the muzzle to the front of the head, just below the eyes.
2. Sew the 3 head spikes along the top of the head as described above.
3. Add cheek circles (embroidered or small crocheted circles) beside the muzzle if desired.
4. Sew the head to the top of the body, keeping the muzzle facing forward.
5. Sew the 3 body spikes down the centre back, continuing the line from the head spikes.
6. Position the 4 legs evenly around the base of the body (2 front, 2 back) so the toy stands on its own; sew each one securely in place.
7. Sew the wings to the upper back, just behind the head and above the front legs, angled slightly outward and up.
8. Sew the tail to the back of the body, just above the back legs, curling it gently to one side.
9. Weave in all remaining ends.

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