

We crochet  
the

Gecko FRECKO





## Abbreviations and explanations

o	chain
⌋	slip stitch ( <i>Don't crochet the slip stitches too tight, thereby you can easier stick into these slip stitches in the rows over them.</i> )
⌋⌋	crochet 1 slip stitch into the slip stitch before
x	single crochet
r	row
rd	round
sr	shortened row
st(s)	stitch(es)
⌋⌋	2 stitches into 1 stitch of the round before
T	half double crochet
⌋⌋	2 half doubles into 1 stitch into the round before
⌋⌋	2 double crochets together
hook	crochet hook
➔	decrease ( <i>Decreases caused by skipped stitches.</i> <b>So you'll avoid holes:</b> Insert hook into the stitch which is to get skipped. Pull through the working thread. Now you have two loops on the hook. Insert hook into the next stitch and pull the working thread through. Pull the thread now by all three loops, which are lying on the hook.)
o o o	1 chain · 3-double-crochet-popcorn · 1 chain <b>3-double-crochet-popcorn</b> = 3 double crochets in 1 stitch of the round before. Take the hook out of the look, put it into the first of the 3 double crochets and take the loop of the last double crochet with the hook again. Lay a yarn over around the hook and pull it through the two loops. Now the 3 double crochets will add together to a popcorn.
o o o	1 chain · 4-double-crochet-popcorn · 1 chain <b>4-double-crochet-popcorn</b> = like described before, but with 4 double crochets instead of 3.
⌋⌋⌋	Skip over the popcorn and over the two chains asides from the popcorn.

Specifications which are given in brackets, are repeated as often as the number indicates to the bracket.

### Here's an important tip for you:

The gecko is crocheted in a spiral without slipstich at the end of the round. To mark the end of each round, take a piece of contrasting coloured yarn. If you leave it in, take care not to crochet through the yarn. Then you can pull it out easily at the end.

Because we are working in a spiral, the knobs will move to the back but still lay in a row. After the 18. knob, when the direction changes, they will be straight again.

**\*And I have displaced same of the stitches to get it well-shaped. So be sure you use your stitch marker yarn. The end of the rounds will not be on top of each other. Don't be confused about that.**

If you want, you can sew the eyes on geckos head, before you stuff it.

The first popcorn gives you a great reference as to where to place them.

To make stuffing your gecko easier, stuff it as you go. Stuff the head when you get a few inches past it, and continue in that manner with each section of his body. No matter what, it has to be stuffed by round 146.



You can choose any yarn you like. Just watch out that your hook fits to your yarn. Chose a crochet hook that will work with your yarn so that your gecko will not be loose and have holes that show the stuffing.


























As a point of reference:  
I needed 190 gram from the thick cotton. If you want to make it from sock wool, 50 gram will be enough.

**TIP:** When you beginning a new skein, leave the ends of the yarn at the outside. Then you can weave it in easily after stuffing.



















## Head

Beginning: 2●

1. rd: into the 2.● counted by the hook from 6× ..... (= 6 sts)  
 2. rd: in every stitch of the round before 2× ..... (= 12 sts)  
 3. rd: (2×, ) → 4 times ..... (= 16 sts)  
 4. rd: 16× ..... (= 16 sts)  
 5. rd: (2× ·  · 2× ·  · 2×) → 2 times ..... (= 20 sts)  
 6. rd: (3× ·  · 2× ·  · 3×) → 2 times ..... (= 24 sts)  
 7 – 9. rd: 24× ..... (= 24 sts)  
 10. rd: 4× · (, 2×) → 6 times · 2× ..... (= 30 sts)  
 11. rd: 30× ..... (= 30 sts)  
 12. rd: 15× ·  · 14× ..... (= 31 sts)  
 13. rd: 15× ·  · 15× ..... (= 31 sts)  
 14. rd: 15× · 1● ·  · 15× ..... (= 31 sts)  
**15. rd\*:** 5× ·  · 2× ·  · 10× ·  · 2× ·  · 5× ..... (= 27 sts)  
 16. rd: 27× ..... (= 27 sts)  
 17. rd: 5× · (, 2×) → 2 times ·  · (2× · ) → 2 times · 5× ..... (= 23 sts)  
 18. rd: 11× · 1● ·  · 11× ..... (= 23 sts)  
 19. rd: 23× ..... (= 23 sts)  
 20. rd: (2× · ) → 2 times · 7× · (, 2×) → 2 times ..... (= 19 sts)  
 21. rd: 3× ·  · 3× ·  · 2× ·  · 2× ..... (= 15 sts)  
**22. rd\*:** 8× · 1● ·  · 7× ..... (= 15 sts)  
 23. rd: 15× ..... (= 15 sts)  
 24. rd: (2× · ) → 2 times · 3× · (, 2×) → 2 times ..... (= 19 sts)

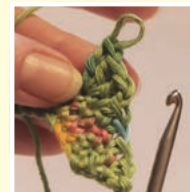
## Body

25. rd: 9× ·  · 9× ..... (= 19 sts)  
 26. rd: 9× · 1● ·  · 9× ..... (= 19 sts)  
 27. rd: 19× ..... (= 19 sts)  
 28. rd: (2× · ) → 2 times · 7× · (, 2×) → 2 times ..... (= 23 sts)  
**29. rd\*:** 12× ·  · 11× ..... (= 23 sts)  
 30. rd: 11× · 1● ·  · 11× ..... (= 23 sts)  
 31. rd: 23× ..... (= 23 sts)  
 32. rd: (3× · ) → 2 times · 7× · (, 3×) → 2 times ..... (= 27 sts)  
**33. rd\*:** 14× ·  · 13× ..... (= 27 sts)  
 34. rd: 13× · 1● ·  · 13× ..... (= 27 sts)  
 35. rd: 27× ..... (= 27 sts)  
 36. rd: (4× · ) → 2 times · 7× · (, 4×) → 2 times ..... (= 31 sts)  
 37. rd: 15× ·  · 12× · 1● · 1● · turn  
 38. sr:  · 12× · 1● ·  · 2× · 1● · 1● · turn  
**39. sr\*:**  · 15× · 1● · (now continue into the stitches which lie below) 3× ..... (= 31 sts)  
 40. rd: 11× · (The row goes through the stitches, which lie above) 20× ..... (= 31 sts)  
 41. – 84. rd: Repeat 37 – 40 = 11 times  
 (Till you've crocheted 18 popcorns.)

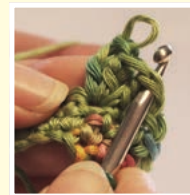
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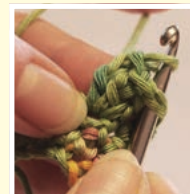
1 After the first chain you have to make 3 double crochets in the next stitch of the round before.



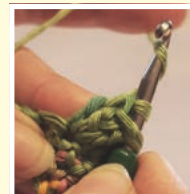
2 Take the hook out of the loop ...



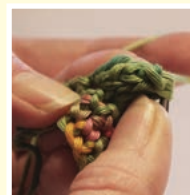
3 ... and stitch it again into the top of the first from the 3 double crochets.



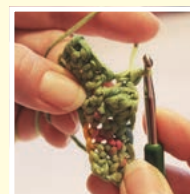
4 Now you put the loop again on the hook.



5 Take the working thread with the hook ...



6 ... and pull it through the both loops.



































7 On this picture you can see already the next stitch, which will be crocheted afterward the chain into the row.



























8 Here's what the ready popcorn from above seen from. The 4-popcorn, which we will use later, works the same, but with 4 instead of 3 double crochets.















85. rd:	14x ·  · 16x .....	(= 31 sts)
86. rd:	14x · 1  ·  · 16x .....	(= 31 sts)
87+88 rd:	31x .....	(= 31 sts)
89.–100. rd: Repeat 85 – 88 = 3 times (Till you've crocheted 22 popcorns.)		
101. rd:	15x ·  · 15x .....	(= 31 sts)
102. rd:	15x · 1  ·  · 15x .....	(= 31 sts)
103. rd:	31x .....	(= 31 sts)
104. rd:	5x ·  · 2x ·  · 10x ·  · 2x ·  · 4x .....	(= 27 sts)
105. rd:	13x ·  · 13x .....	(= 27 sts)
106. rd:	13x · 1  ·  · 13x .....	(= 27 sts)
107. rd:	27x .....	(= 27 sts)
108. rd:	4x ·  · 2x ·  · 8x ·  · 2x ·  · 3x .....	(= 23 sts)
109. rd:	11x ·  · 11x .....	(= 23 sts)
110. rd:	11x · 1  ·  · 11x .....	(= 23 sts)
111. rd:	23x .....	(= 23 sts)
112. rd:	(2x ·  ) → 2 times · 7x · (  · 2x) → 2 times .....	(= 19 sts)
113. sr:	7x · 1  · 1  · turn	
114. sr:	 7x · 1  · 1  · turn	
115. rd:	 8x · 1x underneath the sr ·  · 8x · 1x into the  of the round before .....	(= 19 sts)
116. rd:	9x · 1  ·  · 9x .....	(= 19 sts)
117+118 rd:	19x .....	(= 19 sts)

119.–146 rd: Repeat 113 – 118 = 4 times (Till you've crocheted 30 popcorns.)

Stuff the piece tightly with fiberfill before you crochet on. Forming the curved shape of the body, so no dings and dents caused. Make sure that the row of popcorns is standing above the middle of the back of the animal.

147. sr:	7x · 1  · 1  · turn	
148. sr:	 7x · 1  · 1  · turn	
149. rd:	 8x · 1x underneath the sr ·  · 8x · 1x into the  of the round before .....	(= 19 sts)
150. rd:	9x · 1  ·  · 9x .....	(= 19 sts)
151. rd:	2x ·  · 2x ·  · 4x ·  · 2x ·  · 1x .....	(= 15 sts)
152. rd:	15x .....	(= 15 sts)
153. sr:	5x · 1  · 1  · turn	
154. sr:	 5x · 1  · 1  · turn	
155. rd:	 6x · 1x underneath the sr ·  · 6x · 1x into the  of the round before .....	(= 15 sts)
156. rd:	7x · 1  ·  · 7x .....	(= 15 sts)
157+158 rd:	15x .....	(= 15 sts)

159.–164 rd: Repeat 153 – 158 = 1time (Till you've crocheted 33 popcorns.)

165. sr:	5x · 1  · 1  · turn	
166. sr:	 5x · 1  · 1  · turn	
167. rd:	 6x · 1x underneath the sr ·  · 6x · 1x into the  of the round before .....	(= 15 sts)
168. rd:	7x · 1  ·  · 7x .....	(= 15 sts)
169. rd:	1x ·  · (2x ·  ) → 3 times .....	(= 11 sts)
170. rd:	11x .....	(= 11 sts)





171. sr: 3✕ · 1↷ · 1○ · turn  
 172. sr: ↷ · 3✕ · 1↷ · 1○ · turn  
 173. rd: ↷ · 4✕ · 1✕ underneath the sr · ○○○ · 4✕ · 1✕ into the ↷ of the round before ..... (= 11 sts)  
 174. rd: 5✕ · 1○ · ○○○ · 5✕ ..... (= 11 sts)  
 175.+176 rd: 11✕ ..... (= 11 sts)

177.–182 rd: **Repeat 171 – 176 = 1time** (Till you've crocheted 36 popcorns.)

Stuff the rest of the tail tightly before you crochet on.

183. rd: (1✕ · ➡) → 3 times · 1✕ ..... (= 8 sts)  
 184. rd: 8✕ ..... (= 8 sts)  
 185. rd: (1✕ · ➡) → 2 times · 2✕ ..... (= 6 sts)  
 186. rd: 6✕ ..... (= 6 sts)

Cut the yarn and pull end through last stitch.

If necessary, stuff last narrow part of tail small amount of fiberfill.

With blunt needle, gather last stitches with the final yarn end and pull it tight.

Remove yarn marker from body, then darn all yarn ends.



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## Legs

All four legs are crocheted in the same way. When finished, the right front leg and the left hind leg are just flipped over then sewn onto the body.

### Foot sole

Beginning: 2●

1. rd: into the 2.● counted by the hook from 6× ..... (= 6 sts)  
2. rd: in every stitch of the round before 2× ..... (= 12 sts)  
3. rd: (1× · 3↘) → 3x · (10● · 1↗ into the 5.● counted by the hook from · 1T in the next ●,  
4↘ · 1× in the next stitch) → 5x \* · 2× · 1↘.  
Cut yarn about 40cm long then pull end through the last stitch.

### Upper foot

Crochet upper foot as given for foot sole up to \*, then: 3× · 1● · 1× · 3↘ · 1×.  
From here on, there starts the

### Leg

with

1. r: Place upper foot and foot sole next to each other with wrong side on the back. The upper foot is placed right and the foot sole is placed left to the upper foot. Crochet with the thread of the upper foot over the three middle stitches (start in the first stitch after the slip stitch) of the lower foot: 1× · 3↘ · 1× · 1● for turning.

Fold the two foot parts such that the wrong sides are on the inside.  
Turn work, the upper foot is now facing the front.

Start in the 6th stitch counted from the last toe on, then crochet 4× ..... (= 8 sts + ● for turning)

Place here a short piece of thread as marker then crochet on in rounds:

2. rd: 2× · 1T · 1↗ · 2T around ● for turning from the previous round · 1↗ · 1T · 2× ..... (= 12 sts)  
3. – 8. rd: 2× · 8 T · 2× ..... (= 12 sts)  
9. rd: 3× · (2 T · 1↗) → 2x · 3× ..... (= 14 sts)  
10. – 12. rd: 3× · 8 T · 3× ..... (= 14 sts)  
then 1↘.

Cut yarn about 40cm long then pull through the last stitch. Remove marker.

### Finish of leg

Sew upper foot and foot sole with the thread end of the foot together. While sewing the toes, stuff with some fiberfill. Shape tips of the toes into small balls.

Then stuff entire leg with fiberfill. Darn in all threads except the one hanging from the upper leg. With this thread, sew the leg onto the body later on.

### Finish of Gecko

Sew the legs onto the body with yarn end saved.  
Darn in all ends.

Fasten two eyes onto head.

Embellish the back with a zigzag stitch – as shown in the picture – or with your own design of colored beads, sequins, glitter ... - just go ahead as you like!

