

Child's Unicorn Sleep Mask

Materials:

- **Worsted weight (4) yarn approx 35 yards
- **5.0mm (H) crochet hook
- **Embroidery needle, for sewing and weaving in ends
- **Felt cut into triangles (optional) for inner ear you can choose to embroider inner ear with contrasting yarn.
- **Glue to attach felted inner ear (optional) fabric or hot glue
- **Approximately 15" of thin elastic (optional) can also choose to make long chains for tie

Terms/skills:

HDC - Half double crochet

HDC 2 tog - Half double crochet two stitches together

DC - double crochet

SC -single crochet

SC 2 tog - Single crochet two stitches together

Slp st - slip stitch

st/sts: stitch/stitches

Ch - Chain

PATTERN:

Mask:

Ch 17

Round 1: HDC in 2nd ch from hook and in next 14 sts until 1 ch remains - HDC 2 in last ch. Turn to work along the other side of the chain. HDC 2 in the first ch, HDC in the next 13 chains, HDC 2 in the last ch. Slp st to beginning. Ch 1 (36 total stitches).

Round 2: HDC 2 in first 2 sts, HDC in the next 15 sts, 2 HDC in the next 3 sts, 2 HDC in last st. Slp st to beginning. Ch 1 (42).

Round 3: 2 HDC in first st, ch 1 and sk 1 st, 2 HDC in the next 3 sts, HDC in the next 14 sts, 2 HDC in the next 3 sts, Ch 1 and skip 1 st, 2 HDC in the next 3 sts, DC in the next 4 sts, HDC, SC, slp st in the next 3 sts, SC, HDC, DC in the next 4 sts, 2 HDC in the last st. Join to beginning of round. Fasten off and weave in ends (56).

Ears - (make 2)

Ch 7 - leaving a long tail for sewing in a later step.

Row 1: SC in 2nd ch from hook and in each st across. Ch 1 and turn (6).

Row 2: SC 2 tog, SC in next 2 sts, SC 2 tog. Ch 1 and turn (4).

Row 3: Sc in ea st across. Ch 1 and turn (4).

Row 4: SC 2 tog twice. Ch 1 and turn (2).

Row 5: SC 2 tog. Fasten off and weave in finishing end. (1).

Horn:

Ch 9 - leaving a long tail for sewing in a later step.

Row 1: SC in 2nd st and in ea st across. Ch 1 and turn (8)

Row 2: SC 2 tog, SC in the next 4 sts, SC 2 tog. Ch 1 and turn (6).

Rows 3 & 4: SC in ea st across. Ch 1 and turn (6).

Row 5: SC 2 tog, SC in next 2 sts, SC 2 tog. Ch 1 and turn (4).

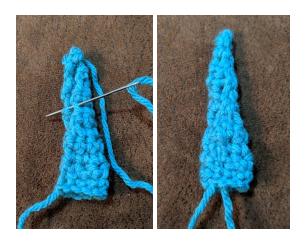
Rows 6 & 7: Sc in ea st across. Ch 1 and turn (4).

Row 8: SC 2 tog twice. Ch 1 and turn (2).

Row 9: SC across. Ch 1 and turn (2).

Row 10: SC 2 tog (1).

Fasten off and fold horn in half length-wise (see picture below) and sew the side edges together. Flatten the horn with the seam facing the back side of the mask. You will use the tails to sew the horn onto the mask in the next step.



Sewing:

You should now have your mask, 2 ears, and the horn completed. Lay out your pieces according to the photo below (use safety pins if needed to hold in place) and attach pieces together using a whip stitch.



Embroidery:

For the eyes, Embroider a "U" shape and eye lashes. When embroidering, if you dont put your needle all the way through the mask (but rather work through the middle of your stitches along the surface), the back of your mask will not show the underside of your embroidery work. See pictures for example





For the ears, You can choose to glue (hot glue or fabric glue) small felt triangles in the center of the ears OR you can embroider them, using the same technique used with the eyes. Work through the center of the mask rather than pulling your yarn needle all the way through to keep the back free of the underside of your embroidery work.

Examples of both options below:



Your mask should now look like this:



Adding the Hair:

Cut 15-20 lengths of yarn at approximately 5" in length.

You will add one strand at a time: in front of the horn and between the horn and ears. This is done using the "latch hook" technique (see pictures below):







If you choose, you can extend strands of hair to just in front of the inner corners of the ear to add more "fullness" of the hair.. ---->



When you are finished, trim the "bangs" to just above the eye level, tapering downward at the edges of the mask:







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Elastic:

For the ties/strap you can either use a thin elastic (preferred method) OR you can make a long chain tie for each side of the mask - must be long enough to tie into a bow in the back.

For the Elastic method:

Cut a 15" piece of elastic (or length needed to comfortably go around child's head and have room to knot on the sides.

Put elastic through the ch1/sk1 opening on each side of the mask and double knot it to secure.





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