

Groot crochet free pattern – 53 stitches



You will need:

- brown yarn
- green yarn

- white yarn
- 3.00 mm crochet hook
- polyester filling
- yarn needle
- 2 x 8.00mm

If you're confused about how to read my patterns check out the [FAQ](#). There's also a link to a description of the stitches used if you're unfamiliar :)

HEAD

1. (in **Brown**) MR 6 (6)
2. [inc]x 6 (12)
3. [inc, sc]x 6 (18)
4. sc, [inc, sc 2]x 5, inc, sc (24)
5. [inc, sc 3]x 6 (30)
6. sc 2, [inc, sc 4]x 5, inc, sc 2 (36)
- 7-12. sc 36 (36)
13. sc 2, [dec, sc 4]x 5, dec, sc 2 (30)
14. sc 30 (30)
15. [dec, sc 3]x 6 (24)
16. sc, [dec, sc 2]x 5, dec, sc (18)

At this point, stuff the head and insert the eyes between rows 9 and 10, with about 6 stitches in between.

17. [dec, sc]x 6 (12)
18. dec 6 (6)

Finish off and close up the little gap. PlanetJune has a [great tutorial](#) for those of you who don't close pieces very often (like myself).



HAIR

e.g. a piece 9 stitches long:

1. (in **Brown**) ch 9 (9)
2. ch 1, turn, sc 9 (9)

It's not really hair, but I'm going to call it hair. For the hair/bark we're going to crochet a bunch of curly pieces. This is in no way an exact science. You can make as many or few pieces as you want, of whatever lengths you want. The above example is for a piece that's 9 stitches long. For a piece 4 pieces long, just replace the 4 with a 9.

I usually make the following lengths:

3 x 9 stitches long

2 x 8 stitches long

3 x 7 stitches long

2 x 6 stitches long

2 x 4 stitches long

3 x 3 stitches long

Leave a tail for each one, long enough to use it to attach to the head later on. The hair is probably the trickiest part of the pattern, and it's not necessarily tricky, just time consuming.



ARM (make 2)

1. (in **Brown**) MR 6 (6)
2. sc 6 (6)
3. popcorn 4sc, sc 5 (6)
- 4-7. sc 6 (6)

Finish off, leaving enough of a tail to attach to the body later. I also like to crochet a small green leaf for each hand, one on the left thumb and one on the right elbow.

Simple ch 2, sc into the second chain on the hook and then finish off. Then use the tail of the leaves to attach to



BODY

1. (in **Brown**) MR 6 (6)
2. inc 6 (12)
3. [inc, sc]x 6 (18)
4. BLO sc 18 (18)
- 5-6. sc 18 (18)
7. [dec, sc 7]x 2 (16)
8. [dec, sc 6]x 2 (14)
9. [dec, sc 5]x 2 (12)
10. [dec, sc 4]x 2 (10)
- 11-13. sc 10 (10)

Finish off, leaving a tail long enough to attach the head and stuff the body.

POT

1. (in **White**) MR 6 (6)
2. [inc]x 6 (12)
3. [inc, sc]x 6 (18)
4. sc, [inc, sc 2]x 5, inc, sc (24)
5. BLO sc 24 (24)
- 6-8. sc 24 (24)

Finish off and hide the tail.



That's the crochet portion done, now time for assembly. The only tricky part of assembly is getting all of that hair in place (so much hair!). I like to put the longer hair pieces in the middle of the head and use slightly shorter pieces until I reach the edge. Some of them will have uneven lengths (for example, I usually make 3 pieces that are 7 stitches long). This just means that his hair won't be completely symmetrical, which I like and do on purpose.



I also like to make sure that the curls are all going the same way. The way they twist will depend on what hand you crochet with (whether you're right-handed or left-handed). I'm right handed, so they curl clockwise. I make sure the curls are turning towards the head, instead of poking out past the face; that way they look kind of swept back. (In the picture below, the left curl is pinned the wrong way, the right curl is pinned the right way, or at least the way I prefer).



After attaching all of the hair, all that's left is to attach the arms to the body, and the body to the head. Optionally, you could try to put jewellery wire or pipe cleaners in his arms, to make them pose-able, but I usually don't bother since they're a little too small.



Then place him into his little pot plant, and he's ready to dance!

I hope you like him! As always, I love to see what you create, tag #53stitches so I can find it :D

