

Hot air balloon baby mobile

- crochet pattern -



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What you need:

- 3 mm (US 2) crochet hook
- tapestry needle
- yarn calling for 3 mm (US 2) hook.
 - I used *Schachenmayr Catania* (cotton), and *Schoeller&Stahl Limone* (cotton)
- fiberfill stuffing
- 4 polystyrene balls of 3.15 inches (8 cm) diameter
- 8 black glass beads (or plastic safety eyes) of 4 mm diameter
- 1 plastic (or wooden) ring of 1.2 inches (30 mm) diameter
- 1 wooden frame of 10 inches (25 cm) diameter

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Notes:

- Using the mentioned materials, each hot air balloon will measure 3.15 inches (8 cm) diameter.
- I used the following colors: for the hot air balloons COLOR A: *Catania 106 White*, COLOR B: *Catania 385 Mint* and *222 Orchid*; *Limone 168 Blaubeere* and *145 Maigrun*; for the baskets *Limone 49 Sisal*; for the Elephant *Limone 91 Elefant*; for the Giraffe *Catania 208 Canary* and *Limone 79 Kokos*; for the Zebra *Limone 06 White* and *Limone 24 Black*; for the Tiger *Limone 157 Mandarin*, *Limone 24 Black*, *Limone 73 Natur* and a small amount of *Limone 149 Blute* for its nose.
- This pattern is worked in the round. Do not join rounds unless otherwise specified.

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Abbreviations:
(the pattern is in US terms)

- sl. st.: slip stitch
- sc: single crochet
- hdc: half double crochet
- ch: chain
- st, sts: stitch, stitches
- sc2tog: single crochet decrease
- 2sc: single crochet increase
- R: round

HOT AIR BALLOON :

Work with the Tapestry crochet method (Carrying the second color along top of single crochet being worked in **(pic.1)**)

Begin with COLOR A:

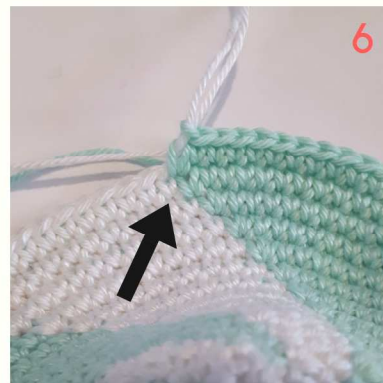
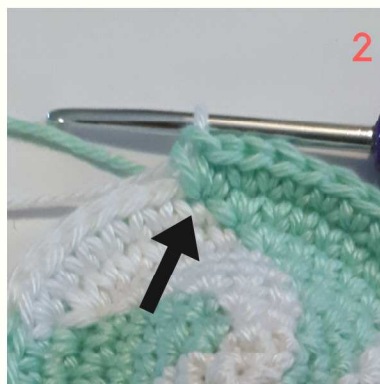
R1: Magic ring, 6 ch in ring (6)

R2: * 2sc with COLOR A, 2sc with COLOR B * 6 times (12)

R3: skip 1 st, * (sc, 2sc with COLOR A), (sc, 2sc with COLOR B) * 6 times (18)

R4: * (sc in next 2 st, 2sc) with COLOR A, (sc in next 2 st, 2sc) with COLOR B * 6 times (24)

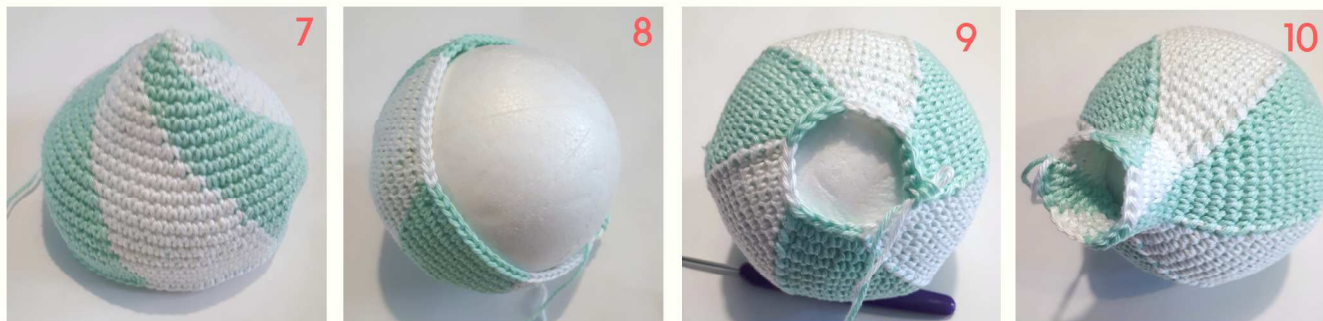
As you can see, from R3 every increase will be made in the stitch AFTER the increase stitch of the previous row (NOT in the same st, as you usually do). **(pic.2)** This makes the balloon stripes more "swirly".



R5-R11: continue increasing in the same way (6 increases for every row) (66) **(pic. 3-5)**

R12-19: 8 rows even (* 11 st with COLOR A, 11 st with COLOR B * 6 times) (66) **(pic.7)**

In rows from 12 to 19, every color change will be made in the stitch AFTER the last stitch of a color **(pic.6)**



Insert the polystyrene ball. (pic.8)

R20: * (sc in next 9 st, sc2tog with COLOR A), (sc in next 9 st, sc2tog with COLOR B) * 6 times (60 st)

R21-R26: continue decreasing (6 decreases in every row) (24) (pic.9)

In rows from 20 to 26, every decrease will be made between the last COLOR A stitch and the first COLOR B stitch.

R27-R31: 5 rows even (* sc in next 4 st with COLOR A, sc in next 4 st with COLOR B * 6 times) (24)

Break the yarn and fasten off. (pic.10)

BASKET:

with Limone 49 Sisal

R1: Magic ring, 6 ch in ring (6)

R2: 2sc in each ch (12)

R3: * sc, 2sc * 6 times (18)

R4: * sc in next 2 st, 2sc * 6 times (24)

R5: * sc in next 3 st, 2sc * 6 times, sl st in first st (30)

R6: Ch1, (back loop only) sc in same st, sc in next 29 st, sl st in first st (30) (pic.11)

R7: Ch1, sc in same st, sc in next 29 st, sl st in first st (30)

R8-R9: same as R7 (30)

R10: Ch4, skip 1 st, * hdc in next st, ch2, skip 1 st * 14 times, sl st in 3rd ch (44) (pic.12)

R11: 2 sc in spaces between every hdc, sl st in first st (30) (pic.13)

R12: Ch15 (pic.14)

Break the yarn and leave a long strand.

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- Join yarn in 7th st from the previous string (skipping 6 st), ch15.

Break the yarn and leave a long strand. (pic.15)



ELEPHANT:**HEAD:**

with Limone 91 Elefant

R1: Magic ring, 6 ch in ring (6)

R2: (Back loop only) even (6)

R3-R4: 2 rows even (6)

R5: * sc, 2sc * 3 times (9)

R6: even (9) (pic.16)

R7: * sc in next 2 st, 2sc * 3 times (12)

R8: even (12)

R9: * sc, 2sc * 6 times (18)

R10: * sc in next 2 st, 2sc * 6 times (24) (pic.17)

R11-R14: 4 rows even (24)

R15: * sc in next 2 st, sc2tog * 6 times (18)

R16: * sc, sc2tog * 6 times (12)

Insert stuffing.

R17: * sc, sc2tog * 4 times (8) (pic.18)

Break the yarn and fasten off.

EARS (x2):

with Limone 91 Elefant

R1: Magic ring, 3 ch in ring, turn (3)

R2: Ch1, 2sc in each ch, turn (6)

R3: Ch1, * sc, 2sc * 3 times, turn (9) (pic.19)

R4: Ch1, even, turn (9)

R5: Ch1, even (9)

Break the yarn and leave a long strand. (pic.20)

BODY:

with Limone 91 Elefant

R1: Magic ring, 6 ch in ring (6)

R2: 2sc in each ch (12)

R3: * sc, 2sc * 6 times (18)

R4: * sc in next 2 st, 2sc * 6 times (24)

R5-R11: 7 rows even (24)

R12: * sc in next 2 st, sc2tog * 6 times (18)

R13: * sc, sc2tog * 6 times (12)

R14: even (12)

Break the yarn and leave a long strand.

Insert stuffing. (pic.21)



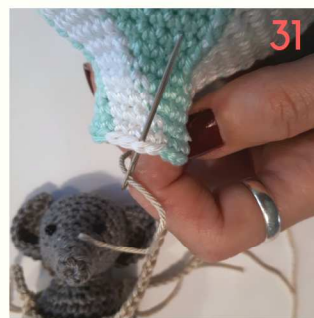
1 - Sew the ears on the head:

Insert the long strand of the ear in the needle, insert the needle in the ear in order to make a little fold (do the same with the second ear, but in reverse). (pic.22-23)

Sew each ear on the head (between R14 and R15 of HEAD), leaving a space of 6 st between each ear. (pic.24-26)

2 - Sew the head on the body. (pic.27)**3 - If you use glass beads instead of safety eyes, sew them on the head in the same place as previously explained for the safety eyes. (pic.28)****4 - Sew the elephant in the basket (it's easier if you do this turning the basket inside out) (pic.29-30)****5 - Attach the basket to the balloon:**

Attach the 4 strings of the basket to the balloon, leaving a space of 5 st between each one. Break the yarn and weave in ends. (pic.31)



GIRAFFE:**EARS (x2):**

with Catania 208 Canary

R1: Ch4, sc in 2° ch from hook, sc in next 2 st. (3)
Break the yarn and leave a long strand. (pic.32)

**HORNS (x2):**

with Limonc 79 Kokos

R1: Magic ring, 3 ch in ring (3)
R2: Back loops only, even (3)
R3: even (3)
Break the yarn and leave a long strand.

HEAD:

with Catania 208 Canary

R1: Magic ring, 6 ch in ring (6)
R2-R3: 2 rows even (6)
R4: * sc, 2sc * 3 times (9)
R5: even (9)
R6: * sc in next 2 st, 2sc * 3 times (12)
R7: even (12)
R8: * sc, 2sc * 6 times (18)
R9-R11: 3 rows even (18) (pic.33)
R12: * sc, sc2tog * 6 times (12)
R13: * sc, sc2tog * 4 times (8)
Break the yarn and fasten off. (pic.34)
Attach the horns to the head. (pic.35)
Attach the ears to the head. (pic.36)

**BODY:**

with Catania 208 Canary

R1: Magic ring, 6 ch in ring (6)
R2: 2sc in each ch (12)
R3: * sc, 2sc * 6 times (18)
R4: * sc in next 2 st, 2sc * 6 times (24)
R5-R6: 2 rows even (24)
R7: * sc in next 2 st, sc2tog * 6 times (18)
R8: even (18)
R9: * sc, sc2tog * 6 times (12) (pic.37)
R10: even (12)
R11: * sc, sc2tog * 4 times (8)
R12-R15: 4 rows even (8) (pic.38)
Break the yarn and leave a long strand. Insert stuffing.
Attach the head to the body. (pic.39)
Sew the eyes on the head. (pic.40)



ZEBRA:**EARS (x2):**with **Limone 06 White**

R1: Ch4, sc in 2° ch from hook, sc in next st, * sc, hdc, sc * in last ch.

On opposite side, sc in next 2 st, sl st in first st (7)

Break the yarn and leave a long strand. (pic.41)

**MANE:**with **Limone 06 White**

R1: Ch16, sc in 2° ch from hook, sc in next 14 ch, turn (15)

Change color (**Limone 24 Black**)

R2: Ch1, even (15)

Break the yarn and leave a long strand. (pic.42)

**HEAD:**with **Limone 24 Black**

R1: Magic ring, 6 ch in ring (6)

R2: * sc, 2sc * 3 times (9)

R3: even (9)

Change color (**Limone 06 White**)

R4-R5: 2 rows even (9)

R6: * sc in next 2 st, 2sc * 3 times (12)

R7-R8: 2 rows even (12) (pic.43)

R9: * sc, 2sc * 6 times (18)

R10-R14: 5 rows even (18)

R15: * sc, sc2tog * 6 times (12)

Insert stuffing.

R16: * sc, sc2tog * 4 times (8)

Break the yarn and fasten off. (pic.44)

**BODY:**with **Limone 06 White**

R1: Magic ring, 6 ch in ring (6)

R2: 2sc in each ch (12)

R3: * sc, 2sc * 6 times (18)

R4: * sc in next 2 st, 2sc * 6 times (24)

R5-R7: 3 rows even (24)

R8: * sc in next 2 st, sc2tog * 6 times (18)

R9-R11: 3 rows even (18)

R12: * sc, sc2tog * 6 times (12)

R13-R14: 2 rows even (12)

R15: Ch1, turn, skip 1° st, sc in next 6 st, turn (6) (pic.45)

R16: Ch1, skip 1° st, sc in next 5 st, turn (5)

R17: Ch1, skip 1° st, sc in next 4 sts, turn (4)

R18: Ch1, skip 1° st, sc in next 3 sts (3)

Break the yarn and leave a long strand. (pic.46)



Insert stuffing.

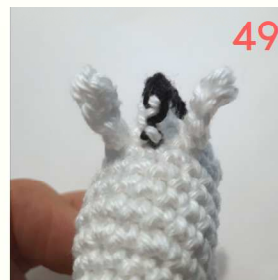
Attach the head to the body. (pic.47)

Attach the mane to the head. (pic.48)

Attach the ears to the head. (pic.49)

Sew the eyes to the head (between R9 and R10) (pic.50)

With a long strand of Limone 24 Black, embroider the zebra stripes on the head and the body. (pic.51-58)



TIGER:

EARS (x 2):

with Limone 157 Mandarin

R1: Magic ring, 3 ch in ring, turn (3)

R2: Ch1, 2sc in each ch, turn (6)

R3: Ch1, even (6)

Break the yarn and leave a long strand. (pic.59)

HEAD:

with Limone 73 Natur

R1: Magic ring, 6 ch in ring (6)

R2: * sc, 2sc * 3 times (9)

R3: sc in next 2 st, 2sc, sc in next st. Change color (Mandarin): sc in next st, 2sc, sc in next st. Change color (Natur): sc in next st, 2sc (12)



R4: even (sc in next 5 st with Natur, sc in next 4 st with Mandarin, sc in next 3 st with Natur) (12)

R5: even (sc in next 5 st with Natur, sc in next 5 st with Mandarin, sc in next 2 st with Natur) (12)

R6: with Mandarin, * sc, 2sc * 6 times (18)

R7: * sc in next 2 st, 2sc * 6 times (24)

R8-R11: 4 rows even (24)

With a long strand of Limone 149 Blute, embroider the nose: from inside the head, pull the needle out of the center of the magic ring (**pic.60**). Insert the needle under the first row of Mandarin (in the middle) (**pic.61**). Pull the needle out of the following st on the left (**pic.62**). Insert the needle in the center of the magic ring. Pull the needle out under the first row of Mandarin (in the last st on the right) (**pic.63**). Insert the needle in the center of the magic ring. Keep filling all the spaces until a triangle is formed. Pull the needle out of the left corner of the triangle (**pic.64**). Insert the needle in the right corner of the triangle (**pic.65-66**). Fasten off inside the head.



R12: * sc in next 2 st, sc2tog * 6 times (18)

R13: * sc, sc2tog * 6 times (12)

Insert stuffing.

R16: * sc, sc2tog * 4 times (8)

Break the yarn and fasten off. (**pic.67**)

Attach the ears to the head (**pic.68-69**)

BODY:

with Limone 157 Mandarin

R1: Magic ring, 6 ch in ring (6)

R2: 2sc in each ch (12)

R3: * sc, 2sc * 6 times (18)

R4: * sc in next 2 st, 2sc * 6 times (24)

R5: even (sc in next 4 st with Mandarin, sc in next 4 st with Natur, sc in next 16 st with Mandarin) (24)

R6-R8: 3 rows even (sc in next 4 st with Mandarin, sc in next 5 st with Natur, sc in next 15 st with Mandarin) (24)

R9-R11: 3 rows even (sc in next 5 st with Mandarin, sc in next 5 st with Natur, sc in next 14 st with Mandarin) (**pic.70**) (24)



R12: * sc in next 2 st, sc2tog, sc * with Mandarin, * sc, sc2tog, sc in next 2 st * with Natur, sc2tog with Mandarin, * sc in next 2 st, sc2tog * 3 times with Mandarin (18)

R13: * sc , sc2tog, sc * with Mandarin, * sc2tog, sc, sc2tog * with Natur, * sc, sc2tog * 3 times with Mandarin (12)

R14: even (sc in next 3 st with Mandarin, sc in next 3 st with Natur, sc in next 6 st with Mandarin) (12)

Break the yarn and leave a long strand.

Insert stuffing.

Attach the head to the body. (pic.71)

Sew the eyes to the head (pic.72)

With a long strand of Limone 24 Black, embroider the tiger stripes on the head and on the body. (pic.73-81)



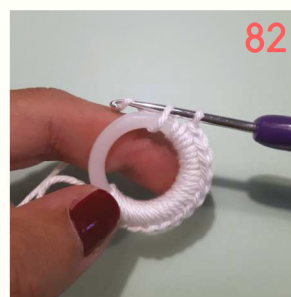
MOBILE FRAME:

PLASTIC RING:

with Limone 06 White:

R1: Ch1, sc around the ring until it's all covered. (pic.82)

Break the yarn and fasten off. (pic.83)



WOODEN FRAME:
with **Limone 06 White:**

R1: Ch210, sl st in first ch to form a ring (make sure that the chain isn't twisted when you close the ring) (210) (pic.84)

R2-R10: Ch1, sc in same st, sc in next 209 st, sl st in fist st (210) (pic.85-87)

R11: Ch1, sl st in both sides (the foundation chains and the last row of sc together) to close, with the wooden frame inside. (pic.88-90)

Break the yarn and fasten off.

Join white yarn in a random point of the frame (on the side opposite to the closing sts) (pic.91). Ch48, pass the hook through the little ring, skip 8 ch, sl st in next 40 ch (pic.92-93). Break the yarn and fasten off. Do the same thing other 2 times, leaving a space of 8.7 inches (22 cm) between each thread. (pic.94)

Join yarn in a random point on the opposite side of the frame (pic.95), Ch20, pass the hook through the top of a hot air balloon (pic.96), sl st in every ch (pic.97), break the yarn and fasten off.

Do the same thing other 3 times, spacing out the balloons evenly on the frame. If you like the balloons at different heights, you can hang 2 of them at a 20ch height and the other 2 at a 10ch height.

